

# The UNDP ART Initiative

*Articulation of Territorial and Thematic Networks for Human Development*

Promotes a **territorial approach** to development, with **resilient cities** at the core of the territory's development

Offers a **multilateral framework** appraising the role of cities in the context of effective multilevel governance

Facilitates the global exchange of **knowledge and expertise** among cities/local authorities

# The UNDP ART Initiative mechanisms (country-level)

ART offers an institutional framework for sustainable human development



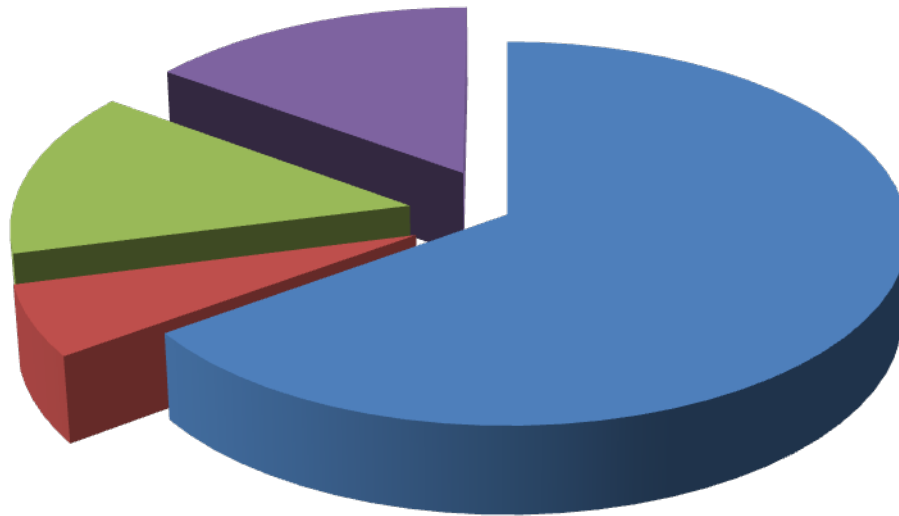
*The ART Morocco Framework Programme: more than 75 development partners respond to the demands identified by local communities of the Tanger Tetuan region*



## The UNDP ART Initiative mechanisms (global level)

- **ART promotes exchanges between cities/local authorities on issues of common interest**
  - More than **600 decentralized partners** (cities, regions, academia, private sector) using ART for integrated action at country level and globally.
  - South-South and triangular cooperation.
  - Mobilization of the cities /local social capital and expertise.
- **Global debates:** ART works with global networks of local and regional governments to position the local perspective in global debates:
  - **Busan HLF-4:** consultative process on aid effectiveness at the local level and joint organization with UCLG, FOGAR and DeLoG of a HLF-4 side event.
  - **Rio + 20:** territorial level consultations and joint events with FOGAR and UCLG to include the sub national perspective in the Rio+20 debate.
  - **Local Economic Development:** more than 1.200 participants in the I World Forum of Local Development Agencies. A Permanent forum for promoting LED established between UNDP ART and Spanish and Brazilian decentralized partners.
  - **Development Cooperation Forum:** for the first time Decentralized Cooperation is included in the discussions. ART organizing a DCF side event on the topic.

## ART multi-stakeholder partnership base



- Decentralized cooperation: cities - local and regional authorities
- Bilateral (Spain, Italy, Canada, Belgium, Monaco, Switzerland, Sweden, EU)
- UN System
- CSO / private sector

# ART in action

## ART Lebanon: a framework for decentralized cooperation partners for promoting sustainable development in Lebanese territories

- **Local Economic Development:** four LEDAs established that facilitate integrated economic development through active involvement of all relevant economic institutions/actors in the territories, e.g. South Beirut. The *regions and cities of Europe support the LEDAs* through a partnership with their own Development Agencies.
- **Water management and water infrastructures improvement:** established sustainable water maintenance centers in South Lebanon and trained water technicians.  
*Lebanese water engineers and technicians were trained in Italy by specialized Italian (Turin) experts.*
- **Waste management project:** rehabilitation of waste treatment facilities in South Lebanon, with the support of European Decentralized Cooperation, priority identified by the regional working groups.

