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An international conference on

"The impact of oil price fluctuations on the  
financing of local communities in Algiers"

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## The Problematic of the conference

Local communities are considered the pillar of the local territories development, since they have expanded their areas of interest in dealing with issues relating to the implementation of local development. In order to achieve this objective it becomes urgent for them to find new financial resources appropriate to the nature of the existing political and economic systems.

Ordinary fiscal resources of local authorities, those derived from the tax imposed at the local level, are generally not able to finance all the needs of the local population. This obviously requires Governments to help local authorities either through transfers from the government budget or through a mechanism of financial solidarity between local communities.

In Algeria, like in the other oil producing countries, oil prices recorded during the last 15 years very large fluctuations, which caused a direct negative impact on macroeconomic indicators and especially on the balance of the government budget and the balance of payments.

If the oil shock during the 1998-2008 period was in favour of exporting countries of oil, where prices have risen from \$40 a barrel in 1998, to a historic price of \$ 147 a barrel in July 2008. But this situation did not last, as the price of oil tumbled to a price less than 32 dollars because of the American subprime crisis, which generated a global crisis, causing a significant slowdown in global economic activity.

Following the resumption of economic growth at the global level, and the accelerating pace of global trade in 2009, there was an upward trend in oil prices shown in the price of oil which reached 70 dollars in 2009 and \$ 110 in 2011 exceeding the threshold of \$ 120 in 2013.

However, prices began to decline again in October 2014, the average rate of decline having reached 60%, and at the beginning of 2015 the price of Brent recorded a steep decline to reach 50 dollars per barrel.

In these circumstances of disturbing uncertainties, the Algerian economy like most oil-exporting countries remains dependent on its oil revenues, especially after the decline in domestic production of hydrocarbons, despite the efforts of the Algerian government to increase its production capacity in order to offset or mitigate the impact of falling prices, and to enable it to finalize its economic development plans.

The collapse in oil prices led to a decline in resources as the result of the drop in oil taxation, considered as the main source of revenues of the government. In these circumstances local communities that depend to a great extent on the government budget to fund their activities, have also been seriously affected, the budgets of some of them have experienced acute deficits.

This situation requires us to reflect on the implementation of new financing policies, complementary to the financing from the state budget.

This leads us to propose the following problematic:

**How can local authorities overcome the financial problems caused by fluctuations in oil prices?**

## Conference topics

- 1-Global trends for the financing of local communities;
- 2- The decentralization and the sources of funding local governments;
- 3- Reality of financing of the local authorities in exporting oil countries;
- 4- Financial Governance of local authorities;
- 5- The impact of oil price fluctuations on local development in Algeria;
- 6- New Potential sources of funding for local governments budgets in Algeria.

## Instructions to authors

- 1-Authors should ensure that their work is clearly within one of the themes of the conference.
  - 2-work should not have been exposed in another scientific event, or published in a review.
  - 3- The text should be written in single-spaced, in Times New Roman font, 12 points, for communications written in a foreign language, and in the Traditional Arabic font, 14 point for the Arabic language. The paper size is "A4 (21 x 29.7 cm)."
  4. Papers should not exceed 20 pages and must be written with a satisfactory scientific approach. The sources used must be referenced with care at the end of the paper presented at the conference.
  - 5- Works are accepted in the following languages: Arabic, French, and English.
  - 6- A summary, not exceeding one page in the language used, and a keywords list must precede the introduction of the paper.
  - 6- A summary not exceeding one page in the language of drafting of the paper and in English, and a list of keywords, should precede the introduction of communication.
  7. It is requested from all participants to the conference to send a CV.
- Any paper not meeting these conditions will be rejected.

## Participation fees

The number of participants should not exceed two persons for each communication, knowing that the organizing parties of the conference support the accommodation, food and transport in the city of Algiers during the conference period for one person only.

## of the conference

Deadline for receipt of the conference papers: **10-10-2015**.

Notification of acceptance of the papers: **10-11-2015**.

Accepted applicants must confirm their participation in the conference, within **48 hours** after receipt of the notification of acceptance.

Participants are invited to submit their papers in Word format, by email to the following address:

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