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In the run-up to the summit, the Embassy of France in Ethiopia and to the African Union opened the debate on urbanization in Africa, and offered a venue for discussion on the challenges of sustainable cities in Ethiopia. This seminar was an occasion to discuss the priority sectors for businesses and citizens, the ways to improve life for precarious neighborhoods, the elements contributing to the attractiveness of Africa cities, the role of innovation, and the contribution of the different stakeholders of cities. The goal was to contribute to a list of tentative 100 ideas for sustainable cities. SOURCE Embassy of France in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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