

We know that funds for a worthy cause - whether social, medical, environmental, religious or cultural - can be raised from both public and private sources in every single country on earth. We also know that it is still difficult for some of these sources to appreciate that local government is a worthy cause even though it looks after them from the cradle to the grave. In some continents, commerce and industry as well as trusts and foundations are approachable to give support to local government. However, this situation cannot be taken for granted in the developing commonwealth states in Africa.

I thank you.

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