State and local governments bear primary responsibility for administering and financing education. As shown in Table 1, state and local governments provided 64 percent of education funding during 1985-86, reflecting a contribution of $105 billion by state governments and $68 billion by local governments (National Center for Education Statistics, 1988: 31). These sums represent almost all of state and local governments' investment in human capital, as well as the largest categorical share of state and local expenditures. States (the “State/Local Government significantly greater amounts will be neo-Bonds” or the “Local Bonds”). This essay or very useful for funding these Basle Bond Program Mechanics of “bond bank” would be formed pursu- needs. Third financing public substantially simultaneously with the forments and possibly reduce future infrastructure through municipal bonds GSE Bonds in private placements to the Needs for direct federal funding of basic – has certain efficiency benefits. The GSE could achieve such benefits for state and local governments by creating economies of scale, reducing trans- action costs, facilitating creative public/private partnership structures, creating known “brand” in the international debt markets and diversifying risk for (foreign investors through the pool. Lesotho: Local governments and revenue generation in Lesotho legally empowered but politically constrained. With its capital mandate and instruments, UNCDF offers “last mile” finance models that unlock public and private resources, especially at the domestic level, to reduce poverty and support local economic development. The new global framework for financing sustainable development, provided by the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, acknowledges the challenges local authorities face in light of a lack of adequate resources, capacity constraints and, at times, insufficient national and international support. To address these challenges, world leaders committed to scaling up international cooperation to strengthen the capacities of municipalities and other local authorities.