Published in late 90’s, the document shows the point of view of World Bank on Local Economic Development Agencies, and it is particularly useful for who want to know how to set up, build and manage such organizations. The text provides answers to crucial questions such as: What is a local economic development agency? What its characteristics? Who belongs to a LED agency? What the procedures to set-up and build a LED agency? What do LED agencies do? What programs do LED agencies implement?

The last chapter illustrates also six case studies of LEDA promoted through United Nations human development programs in Central America (PRODERE), Bosnia Herzegovina (PRINT), South Africa (SEHD), and Mozambique (PDHL). The full text is available in English, in the following link.

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