

Second Local and Regional Governments Forum on the 2030 Agenda
“Connecting global ambition and local action”

Special High-Level Event on the occasion of the United Nations SDG
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Conference Room 3, United Nations Headquarters, New York

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| 15.00 – 15.30 | Opening |
| 15:30 – 16:15 | <p>Session 1 - High Level Multi-Stakeholder Panel – The localization of the 2030 Agenda: triggering the transformation needed to address the climate challenge</p> <p>This session will focus on how cities and local and regional governments are implementing the climate-related commitments within the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement and how national governments and other stakeholders are contributing to local climate action. The session will bring keynote speakers from national, regional and local governments as well as stakeholders.</p> <p><i>Proposed Guiding questions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The climate agenda is perceived as a priority for most citizens. How is your institution taking advantage of this fact to advance in moving the public agenda to fight climate change? What tools and policies are you implementing and how do you communicate your actions back to citizens? ✓ Climate actions are a great opportunity for renewed governance mechanisms. Is your country/city actions on climate provoking any kind of change in the way local and national governments interact? Can you describe any new legislation, financing, or improved dialogue that climate actions spearheaded in your country? ✓ How do you think the SDGs related to climate are interacting with all the other SDGs at the local level? What are the challenges? What could be done better? |
| 16.15 – 17.00 | <p>Session 2 - Localizing the SDGs – Good practices and experiences on implementing the 2030 Agenda at local level</p> <p>New integrated solutions are needed to implement the development challenges reflected at the 2030 Agenda, engaging different levels of government and aligning political decisions, legal frameworks, policies, practices, and public budgets. Renewed mechanisms of dialogue between all government levels are needed to achieve the SDGs, complemented by innovative tools to connect and engage with all individuals.</p> |

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| | <p>This session will include short presentations of local and regional governments experiences in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda as well as how Member States are localizing the SDGs. The session will bring keynote speakers from national, regional and local governments.</p> <p><i>Proposed Guiding Questions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How are local governments and the national government coordinating to implement the SDGs at the local level? What are the mechanisms? What could be improved? ✓ How are public institutions in your country involving citizens in implementing the SDGs in cities? What are the challenges? What more needs to be done? ✓ What is the added value of local governments in implementing the 2030 Agenda? What can they achieve that no other actors can do? ✓ Has your city established a methodology to measure and report on progress on SDGs locally? ✓ What are your bigger challenges at the moment in establishing a financial strategy for financing the SDGs at the local level? ✓ What are the main difficulties to coordinate implementation between local, regional and national governments? How could such difficulties be overcome? ✓ How are the social and economic actors of your city/territory contributing to Agenda 2030? ✓ What could be done differently to make sure that the SDGs are a reality at the local level? |
| 17.00 – 17.45 | <p>Session 3 - Commitments for Accelerated SDG Implementation</p> <p>The session will be set up in a ‘rapid fire’ format where local and regional government representatives will announce new acceleration actions including on the interconnection between the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement. The session will bring keynote speakers from local and regional governments.</p> <p>SDG Acceleration Actions presented during this session will also be featured here: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgsummit#acceleration-actions</p> <p>Speakers will be asked to present (2 minutes) the following information on their acceleration commitments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The what – What will be done to accelerate SDG implementation at local and regional levels? ✓ The how – How will the acceleration commitment be implemented, including main partners? ✓ How much? – Resources to be allocated for the implementation of the acceleration commitment. ✓ Expected outcomes of the implementation of the acceleration commitment. |

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| | ✓ By when? – Timeline for the implementation of acceleration commitment. |
| 17.45 – 17.55 | Closing session |