

Webinar 2018 HLPF: Localizing the SDGs through regional governments

Thursday, 5 July 2018
3pm – 5pm (CEST)

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Summary

The webinar will launch the nrg4SD report ‘Localizing the SDGs: regional governments paving the way’, will showcase experiences and institutional modalities adopted to incorporate and implement the 2030 agenda.

Localizing the SDGs relates to how subnational governments can support the achievement of the 2030 Agenda through bottom-up action and how the SDGs provide a framework for local, urban and territorial development.

Concept note

The success of the 2030 Agenda relies on our capacity to ensure the localization of the SDGs. Regional governments are especially well-positioned to support this process, as they can ensure an integrated territorial approach, and yet enable the active participation of multi-stakeholders and the coordination among all levels of governance.

The webinar will launch the report “Localizing the SDGs: regional governments paving the way”, which was jointly developed by nrg4SD and the University of Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance, and with the support of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR), ORU Fogar and the ART Initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP ART).

As an input to the 2018 HLPF, the report is based on a survey with 47 regional governments throughout the world and maps the processes undertaken by different regional governments in the territorial implementation of the SDGs. Based on the different instruments and actions to establish the necessary institutional architecture to enable the localizing of the SDGs, the report compares trends and stresses a set of clear overall policy recommendations and approaches that could be replicated elsewhere.

Localizing the SDGs relates to how local and regional governments can support the achievement of the 2030 Agenda through bottom-up action and how the SDGs provide a framework for local, urban and territorial development. Throughout the world, several regional governments have already kicked off with the efforts to implement the SDGs in their territories.

Objectives

The localization of the SDGs is not a task that regional governments can or should do on their own. It requires the involvement of all levels of governance, to ensure cross-scale integration and the design of mutually supportive and cohesive national and territorial policies. Moreover, it requires the active engagement of all relevant stakeholders, to join efforts, foster innovative solutions and foment a sense of ownership, which are fundamental to push the 2030 Agenda forward.

Therefore, the webinar will highlight different elements that regional governments should consider in their own efforts towards the localization of the SDGs. Considering the different instruments to be created or adapted, and the actions these should be accompanied, the webinar is an opportunity to share these findings with the world and to collect feedback on the lessons learned.

Agenda

Moderation: Rodrigo Messias, Policy Officer, nrg4SD

Welcome by Natalia Vera, Secretary General, nrg4SD

- **Presentation of report “Localizing the SDGs: regional governments paving the way”**
Prof. Francesco Sindico & Juliana Grigorovski Vollmer, University of Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance
- **The role of the global level and the UN to support the localization of the SDGs**
Gemma Aguado, Programme Analyst, UNDP ART
- **Cohesion and perspectives for the SDGs in Europe**
Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions - CPMR

Moderated debate & experiences of regional governments, invited, among other:

- Government of the Basque Country
- Government of Piauí
- Government of Åland Islands

Q&A

About nrg4SD

The [Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development - nrg4SD](#) - was established in 2002, and currently has 57 members from 29 countries in four continents. The Network acts in three main fields: sustainable development, biodiversity and climate change; and has two main working lines: on the one hand, it seeks to convey a common voice of regional governments at a global level, especially following the UN agendas on these three thematic areas; on the other hand, it promotes cooperation among regional governments from across the world to ensure the engagement and implementation of these agendas, fostering the exchange of information, knowhow and best practices. In the field of Sustainable Development, nrg4SD acts as the Organizing Partner of the Local Authorities Major Group, and contributed to the whole intergovernmental process, bringing the perspective of subnational government. Since the approval of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, nrg4SD works with members to support the subnational implementation of the SDGs, and to encourage their engagement in national processes of implementation, follow-up and review.

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