

# LOCAL 2030

## LOCALIZING THE SDGS

*Scaling local-level implementation and coalescing United Nations system collaboration to localize the Sustainable Development Goals*

### **LOCAL 2030 Concept note**

#### **COP Madrid 2019**

#### **“LOCAL 2030: A Decade of Action to stem Climate Change and foster Sustainable Development”**

**Friday, 6 December, from 4.30 PM to 5.45 PM at the SDG Pavilion (Blue Zone)**

World leaders have committed to a Decade of Action to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. Meanwhile, Member States pledged to mobilize financing, enhance national implementation and strengthen institutions to achieve the SDGs by the target date and leave no one behind. But not just Member State action is needed—all sectors of society need to be mobilized to implement the 2030 Agenda.

At the United Nations climate change conference in Paris, COP 21, governments agreed that mobilizing stronger and more ambitious climate action is urgently required to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement. As the Sustainable Development Goals are closely linked to action on climate change, it is urgent that action on the ground harnesses synergies and minimizes potential trade-offs to build stronger economies and safer, healthier, and more liveable societies everywhere and tackle poverty.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Madrid is a key opportunity to assess the actions undertaken so far and to map actions and opportunities ahead. Against this background, the goal of this event is to convene key partners for a discussion on potential commitments to support the decade of action, with a focus on climate change.

Acknowledging that the achievement of both the SDGs and the goals of the Paris Agreement will depend on their mainstreaming and ownership in every neighbourhood, community, and city, the event will focus on local action and commitments. It will take place under the banner of LOCAL 2030. LOCAL 2030 is a global multi-stakeholder initiative that supports the implementation of SDGs at the local level. It brings together UN agencies and related Intergovernmental Organizations, as well as national

governments, associations of local and regional governments and partners from the private sector, civil society, research, and philanthropic institutions.

The purpose of the LOCAL 2030 session is to mobilize local action in support of the Decade of Action with a special focus on climate change. With this aim, the LOCAL 2030 event will map upcoming opportunities in 2020 to accelerate 2030 commitments that maximize potential synergies and common outcomes. Examples of such events in 2020 include the UN Sustainable Transport Conference, the UN Ocean Conference, and the 14th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

The LOCAL 2030 event will convene local authorities, the private sector, media, academia and young people, contribute to mobilize partnerships and hold leaders to account with the view to accelerating action on the Sustainable Development Goals. The session will be held as conversations, an easy-to-use method for creating a living discussion of collaborative dialogue among key Local 2030 partners around questions on Climate change and SDGs Localization.

#### **Objectives of the session:**

1. To highlight opportunities and challenges faced by local governments and local stakeholders in fighting against climate change and achieving the SDGs
2. To present key upcoming 2020 events that will provide opportunities to strengthen local responses to climate change while accelerating sustainable development
3. To share views on current strategies, innovative and transformative solutions and good practices that address both climate change and wider economic, social and environmental challenges at the local level

#### **Structure of the LOCAL 2030 session**

<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
4h30 pm-4h40pm	Introductory remarks on Local 2030 and Climate action	Speaker
4h40 pm-4h50 pm	Opening statement	Speaker
4h50 pm-5pm	Opening statement	Speaker
5pm-5h10 pm	Presentation	Speaker
5h10 pm-5h30 pm	Debate with the audience	All the participants
5h30 pm-5h45 pm	Conclusions and final remarks	Speaker

The Local 2030 session will take place on Friday 6th December from 4.30- 5h45 pm at the Pavilion (Blue Zone). **Accreditation is needed to participate in the event.**

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