

LOCAL 2030

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Multilevel governance for climate, food, and biodiversity action

10 December 2023 | 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm GST

Venue: SDG Pavilion, Blue Zone - COP28, Expo City, Dubai

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Background

The Local2030 Coalition is the UN System-wide platform and network for supporting and accelerating the localization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It was established on the knowledge that global goals require multilevel and multisector engagement and action to achieve and need to have a local impact to be meaningful. It views inclusive multilevel governance and engagement as fundamental to SDG achievement and that mobilizing investment and financing must be integral to localization efforts.

Multilevel governance plays a crucial role in addressing the interconnected challenges of climate change, food security, and biodiversity conservation. As global issues transcend national borders, a multilevel governance approach involves collaboration between different levels of government, as well as with international organizations, and local communities. This approach recognizes that effective action requires coordinated efforts at various scales, from local and regional to national and global.

At the local level, community engagement and decentralized decision-making are essential components of multilevel governance. Local governments and communities often possess unique insights into their ecosystems and can contribute valuable knowledge to sustainable practices. Subnational and national governments, in turn, play a vital role in creating policies that support and incentivize sustainable practices, ensuring a harmonized approach across diverse local contexts. Internationally, collaboration between governments, NGOs, and international bodies becomes imperative to address overarching challenges that require a unified global response.

In the realm of climate, food, and biodiversity action, multilevel governance fosters the integration of diverse perspectives and expertise. Policies and initiatives developed through this approach are more likely to be effective and adaptable, considering the complexities of ecological systems and the varying needs of communities. By fostering collaboration between stakeholders at different levels, multilevel governance provides a comprehensive framework for tackling the interconnected issues that threaten our planet's sustainability.

The side event aims to spotlight the pivotal role of multilevel governance in crafting and implementing comprehensive solutions to the interconnected challenges of climate change, food security, and biodiversity loss. Recognizing that these issues are inherently cross-cutting and require a collaborative approach, the event will explore success stories, lessons learned, and innovative strategies from diverse regions worldwide.

Session Overview

Co-lead by:



The side event, co-lead by the Local2030 Coalition, FAO, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UCLG and the Global Task Force for Local and Regional Governments, aims to explore and promote the significance of multilevel governance in addressing the interconnected challenges of climate change, food security, and biodiversity conservation. As nations strive to meet their climate commitments and ensure sustainable development, understanding the role of diverse stakeholders and different governance levels is crucial. The event will feature a combination of discussions, case study presentations, and an interactive Q&A session. Participants will include representatives from national governments, subnational and local governments, local communities, research institutions, private sector and international organizations. The aim is to encourage cross-sectoral dialogue, knowledge sharing, and the development of actionable recommendations. This event seeks to facilitate a dynamic discussion on how effective multistakeholder and multisector collaboration can enhance the resilience of ecosystems and communities.

a) Goals of the session:

- **Local Innovation and Adaptation:** Showcase successful examples of locally driven initiatives that have effectively addressed climate change impacts, ensured food security, and promoted biodiversity conservation. Discuss the importance of empowering local communities and integrating indigenous knowledge into policy frameworks.
- **Policy Integration:** Examine the need for integrated policies at subnational and national levels that align climate action, food systems, and biodiversity conservation. Highlight best practices in policy development that consider the interconnected nature of these issues and foster synergies between different sectors.
- **International Collaboration:** Discuss the role of international cooperation in promoting multilevel governance. Explore opportunities for collaborative efforts between governments, international organizations, and non-governmental entities to address global challenges and achieve the targets set in international agreements.

b) Outcomes:

- **Identification of Best Practices:** Share and document successful multilevel governance practices that have positively impacted climate resilience, food security, and biodiversity conservation.
- **Policy Recommendations:** Generate policy recommendations and guidelines for integrating climate, food, and biodiversity concerns into national and international governance frameworks.
- **Strengthened Networks:** Foster collaboration and networking opportunities among participants to facilitate ongoing partnerships for effective multilevel governance.

By focusing on multilevel governance, this side event aspires to contribute to the COP28 agenda by highlighting the need for integrated, collaborative approaches to address the complex challenges posed by climate change, food security, and biodiversity loss. Through meaningful discussions and knowledge exchange, participants will be encouraged to take collective action towards building a more resilient and sustainable future.

Participants Member states, local and regional governments, UN entities, civil society representatives, and Local2030 Hubs.

Format The event will be in-person and web-streamed.

Co-lead by:



Registration All in-person attendees attending the Blue Zone must be accredited through their own entities. More information can be found [here](#).

Language English

Tentative Programme

Section and Time	Speakers
Moderator: Jean-Baptiste Buffet, Head of Global Policy and Advocacy, United Cities and Local Governments	
Opening Remarks	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Welcome and introduction of the speakers</i> • <i>Setting the context for the discussions on climate, food, and biodiversity action and the role importance of multilevel governance.</i> 	
Speaker's interventions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government of Italy (TBC) • Interim Governor of Jakarta (TBC) • Kata Tüttö, Vice-Mayor, Budapest, Hungary • Francisco Mendonça, Araucaria Foundation and NAPI-Climate Emergency and UFPR Professor • Sid Mehta, Sr. Director Ancillary Services, Simon Fraser University • Paz Gonzalez, Coordinator for Climate Action, Water and Biomes Programs, Fundación Avina • Lea Ranalder, Specialist, Sustainable Cities, UN-Habitat 	
Panel Discussion	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q&A session with the audience to encourage active participation and diverse perspectives.</i> • <i>Opportunities for participants to share their experiences and insights.</i> 	
Closure	
Close of the event by the Moderator	

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