

# BRIDGING KNOWLEDGE AND ACTION: ENHANCING SDG LOCALIZATION WITH THE LOCAL2030 KNOWLEDGE AND SCIENTIFIC NETWORK

**18 JULY 2024 | 8 AM TO 9.30 AM EDT**

## CONTEXT

The Local2030 Coalition is the UN system-wide platform and network for supporting and accelerating SDG localization. It brings together the UN-system, national, regional and local governments and their associations, businesses, and community-based organizations to foster collaboration and innovation, share solutions, and implement strategies to support local stakeholders in achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

The Local2030 Knowledge and Scientific Network (KSN) is an innovative component of the UN Local2030 Coalition, aimed at fostering the integration of scientific research into policymaking to localize the SDGs. As we move into the second half of the 2030 Agenda, achieving the SDGs has become increasingly urgent. The KSN bridges the gap between the wealth of knowledge generated by academia, think tanks, and practitioners on SDG localization and the needs of policymakers to formulate effective strategies at local, national, and international levels.

The KSN operates on two levels. At the local level, it aims to promote cooperation between academia and local authorities to produce tailored knowledge supporting evidence-based policymaking. At the global level, its purpose is to contribute to building a global Knowledge Community on SDG localization, by exchanging ideas, sharing data and research results, disseminating innovation and practices as well as to advise on the Local2030 Coalition's normative production.



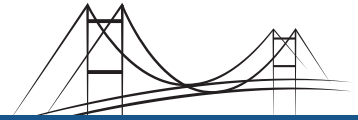
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## OBJECTIVES

The primary goal of the event is to introduce the Network and its potential to support SDG localization strategies by connecting scientific knowledge with policy needs. The KSN aims to engage a wide network of academic and research institutions as well as young researchers, particularly PhD students, aligning their action-research with SDG localization priorities all over the world. This alignment ensures that policies are informed by global standards while being adaptable to local contexts.

The webinar will serve as a platform for stakeholders from academia, research institutes, civil society, local and national governments, and the UN system, to discuss and explore effective strategies for supporting SDG localization policies with a pivotal role of academia and research community. It will highlight the importance of evidence-based policymaking and interdisciplinary skills, presenting the network's activities and discussing some concrete examples of the proactive role of academic and scientific communities in driving SDG localization.



# TENTATIVE AGENDA

<b>Moderator: Lucia Graf Rojo, Partnerships and Programme Management Associate, UN-Habitat</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>
<b>Opening Remarks</b>	
<b>3 min</b>	Ms. Francine Melchiorretto, Officer-in-Charge, Local2030 Coalition Secretariat
<b>3 min</b>	Ms. Olena Ovchynnikova, Technical Officer, Office of Sustainable Development Goals, FAO
<b>3 min</b>	Mr. Pietro Ceppi, Associate Expert, UN-Habitat
<b>3 min</b>	Couns. Luigi Diodati, Chief of Office, General Directorate for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy
<b>Presentation of the Knowledge and Scientific Network</b>	
<b>10 min</b>	Prof. Marco Zupi, Scientific Coordinator, Local2030 Knowledge and Scientific Network
<b>Panel Discussion: Integrating Knowledge into SDG Localization in practice: concrete experiences and innovative insights from young researchers</b>	
<b>5 min</b>	Ms. Nakita Aboya, PhD Student at La Sapienza University and Member of the Local2030 Coalition Steering Committee, Cameroon
<b>5 min</b>	Prof. Ni Lar Myint Htoo, Rector, Monywa University of Economics, Myanmar
<b>5 min</b>	Ms. Laila Bouziane, PhD candidate in Economics at Université Hassan II de Casablanca, International Doctoral School on the SDGs Network scholar, Morocco
<b>5 min</b>	Prof. José Antonio Puppim de Oliveira, Fundação Getulio Vargas, Brazil
<b>5 min</b>	Ms. Annita Kirwa, PhD candidate in Public Administration and Policy Group at Wageningen University and Member of the European Association of Development and Training Institutes (EADI) Working Group on SDG localisation, Kenya
<b>5 min</b>	Prof. Giovanni Caudo, Urban Planning/Architecture Professor at Roma Tre University, former Councillor for Urban Transformation of Roma Capitale, Italy
<b>5 min</b>	Prof. Maximiliano Koch, Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, University of Deusto, Spain
<b>30 min</b>	Q&A
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	
<b>5 min</b>	Prof. Marco Zupi, Scientific Coordinator, Local2030 Knowledge and Scientific Network