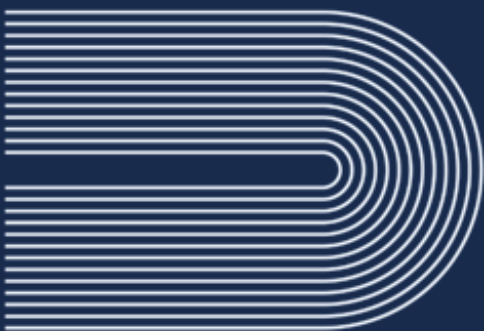# LOCAL 2030
LOCALIZING THE SDGS

LOCAL2030 COALITION

Accelerating the progress on the sustainable development goals at the local level

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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PREFACE

This report presents the activities and achievements of the Local2030 Coalition in 2023 according to the 2023 Work Plan approved by its Steering Committee in July 12.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2023 was a pivotal year for the Local2030 Coalition to advance as the UN System's platform for SDG Localization. Its main achievements include launching the nominations of the Steering Committee's next cohort (2024 – 2025); creating a Technical Focal Points (TFPs) group for the UN Directors Group to bolster engagement of UN entities; developing the ToR of the Local2030 Hubs; improving its advocacy efforts by organizing, co-organizing and participating in a range of high-level events on SDG localization, such as the Local2030 Coalition Special Event and the Sixth Local and Regional Government Forum (LRGF) at the 2023 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), the SDG Summit where the Local2030 Coalition was presented as one of the High Impact Initiatives (HII) and short-, medium- and long-term targets up to 2030 were agreed; the UN Food Systems Summit, the Global Refugee Forum, COP28, the organization of a High-level Event in Bilbao to showcase the Coalition's results one year after the Secretariat's opening, etc. Moreover, the Local2030 Coalition launched a call for seed funding proposals to fund catalytic initiatives in partnership with the Joint SDG Fund. The Coalition also advanced the operationalization of the Secretariat Office in Bilbao while agreeing to launch a Knowledge Hub with the support of the Government of Italy, along with a range of activities to bolster new and long-standing partnerships.

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ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2023

The Local2030 Coalition Strategy for the Decade of Action, launched in December 2021, clusters the Local2030 Coalition's work into three main areas:

Advocacy: to implement the 2030 Agenda at the local level as a roadmap to overcome crises and their subsequent effects by raising awareness and enhancing bottom-up and inclusive processes.

Action: to build and nurture a support platform system for SDG localization and increase and channel finance to multi-partner, multi-stakeholder initiatives backed by Local2030 Coalition members and partners.

Monitoring: to encourage monitoring and reporting by subnational actors and increase opportunities for them to exchange knowledge and perspectives on this theme.

The sections below highlight the concrete activities that the Local2030 Coalition undertook to achieve the objectives set in the 2023 Work Plan structured around its three working areas, as mentioned above, in addition to Governance, which has been one of the main focuses of the Coalition in 2023.

ADVOCACY

OUTCOME 1.1 Increased local actors' engagement to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs within the decade of action

Steering Committee

The Local2030 Coalition is governed by a Steering Committee (SC), which makes key strategic decisions and ensures effective governance oversight. The SC members represent different constituencies: national governments, local and regional governments, local and regional governments associations, youth and civil society and the private sector. Two United Nations entities are co-chairing the Steering Committee: the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) as the permanent Co-chair tasked with leading its Secretariat, and a two-year rotational Co-chair, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for 2022-2023, to be followed by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 2024-2025.

The Steering Committee's first cohort for the period 2022-23, included:

- Mr. Edmondo Cirielly, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy;
- Ms. Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr OBE, Mayor of Freetown, Sierra Leone;
- Ms. Emilia Saiz, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG);
- Ms. Esther Muiruri, Founder of the Gold Ribbon Initiative, Kenya; and
- Ms. Clara Arpa Azofra, CEO of Arpa Equipos Móviles de Campaña, Spain, and a member of the Board of the UN Global Compact.

Terms of Reference

In 2023, the Local2030 Coalition Co-chairs, with the support of its Secretariat, the UN Directors Group and EOSG, have proposed the amendment of the terms of reference of the Steering Committee to include as members the host of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat and a rotational representative of the Local2030 Hubs. This has been approved by Steering Committee during their second meeting in New York, in July 2023. (Annex 1).

Launch of the nomination process of the Steering Committee next co-hort 2024-2025

In November 2023, the Local2030 Coalition launched the nomination process for the next cohort of Steering Committee members for 2024-2025 to represent the following constituencies:

- Member States representative;
- Local and Subnational Government representative;
- Local and Subnational Governments Association representative;
- Civil Society Organization representative;
- Private Sector representative

Nominations were made through an online form and the decision was made in December by the principals of the Local2030 Coalition co-chairs guided by the principles of inclusiveness and balanced representation, with consideration for gender and geographic diversity.

Meetings with Steering Committee Technical Focal Points in 2023

The Local2030 Coalition Co-chairs (UN-Habitat and UNDP) held three meetings with the technical focal points of the Local2030 Coalition Steering Committee on April 13, June 28, and November 29.

The Local2030 Coalition's state of play, along with its upcoming milestones and events, such as the Second Steering Committee meeting, the High-Level Political Forum and the SDG Summit, were presented on these occasions.
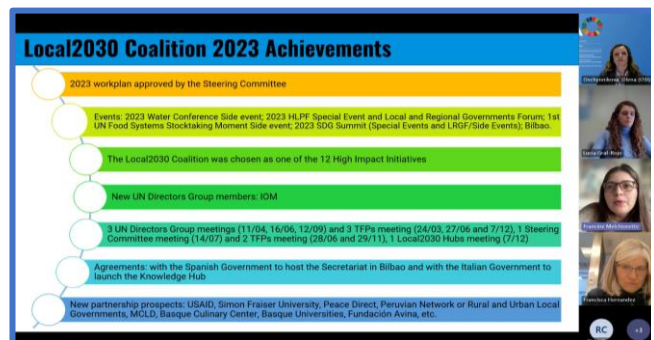
Second meeting with the Steering Committee

The Local2030 Coalition Co-chairs hosted the second Steering Committee (SC) on July 14 in New York. On this occasion, the meeting presented the Coalition's main achievements since the first Steering Committee meeting in April 2022, discussed relevant issues such as the SDG Localization window, the High Impact Initiative on Localization, the Steering Committee priorities, and the new SC's cohort (2024-2025). Members also approved strategic documents, such as the Local2030 Hubs ToR, the updated SC ToR and the 2023 work plan. (Annex 2).

UN Directors Group (*UN Agencies, Offices, Funds, and Programmes)*

The UN Directors Group was established in 2021 as an advisory body for the Local2030 Coalition, comprised of director-level members of UN agencies, offices, funds, and programmes. The group meets regularly to provide strategic direction and inputs for the consideration of the Steering Committee and shares how their institutions can contribute to delivering Local2030 Coalition's activities.

It currently counts on the participation of 15 members: UN-Habitat, UNDP, DCO, ESCAP, FAO, ILO, IOM, UN-WOMEN, UNDESA, UNECE, UNEP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, and WHO with the close support of EOSG and the Joint SDG Fund.

UN Directors Group meetings in 2023

Convened by the Local2030 Coalition Co-chairs (UN-Habitat and UNDP), the Directors Group meetings took place on April 11, June 16 and September 12

The meetings aimed at discussing several key topics of the Local2030 Coalition, such as the call for seed funding proposal for SDG Localization of the Joint SDG Fund within the SDG Localization Window, the High Impact Initiative on Localization, the Coalition's Work Plan and the potential contribution of members of the UN Directors Group to the 2023 Work Plan and the key engagements. In addition, the meetings shared relevant updates, results, and upcoming milestones and high-level events, such as the High-Level Political Forum or the SDG Summit.

UN Directors Group Technical Focal Points meetings in 2023

Convened by the Local2030 Coalition Co-chairs, the Directors Group meetings took place on March 24, June 27 and December 7.

The Local2030 Coalition's state of play, along with key information on ongoing activities were presented on these occasions, helping to inform the director-level representatives and steer their engagement with the Local2030 Coalition.

The contributions from the UN Directors Group are helping to shape the work of the Coalition, reassuring that the Local 2030 Coalition is truly an inclusive, global initiative.

The Local2030 Coalition encouraged directors to continue engaging with the Coalition by creating a Technical Focal Points group and coordination and reporting mechanisms to ensure a strong engagement of UN entities beyond biannual meetings. Creating the Technical Focal Points group has ensured a more substantial commitment of UN entities to the Coalition.

As next steps, the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat will work together with UN entities to develop the Terms of Reference for the UN Directors Group and draft the upcoming 2024 Work Plan.

In addition, the Co-chairs along with the Secretariat are convening a retreat in Bilbao during the week of February 6-9, 2024. This gathering represents a significant opportunity for the UN Directors Group to provide their thought leadership, vision, and direction to the work on the Coalition for 2024. This will also include defining strategies to advance the High Impact Initiative on Localization launched in September 2023 at the SDG Summit and actively engaging with the local and regional governments. Lastly, the retreat will approve the Terms of Reference of the UN Directors Group (including the criteria to select upcoming co-chairs) and discuss the roadmap towards the 2024 Summit of the Future, among other high-level events in 2024.

OUTCOME 1.2 Increased participation of local actors and the use of their experiences in localizing the SDGs to inform national, regional, and global sustainable development fora

One of the Local2030 Coalition's priorities is to increase concrete engagement and enhance bottom-up and inclusive processes to apply the 2030 Agenda locally as a roadmap to overcome crises and their subsequent effects and foster sustainable development.

To bring this perspective to the discussion tables, the Local2030 Coalition facilitated the participation of local governments and actors, as well as SC members and partners of the Coalition, in several events on SDG localization that took place in 2023 in the framework of local, national, regional, and global events.

In addition, the Coalition organized high-level events on SDG localization and related themes to facilitate exchanges of ideas and practices and create new partnerships. As we have approached the midpoint to achieve the 2030 Agenda, the Local2030 Coalition called for more significant commitment, financing, and technical support to leverage the power of local action to achieve the SDGs.

This continuous work demonstrates the Coalition's effort to raise awareness and boost the implementation of the SDGs at the local level through multilevel governance and multistakeholder partnerships, which is reflected in the different events and sessions reported below.

UN 2023 Water Conference Side Event

The Local2030 Coalition co-organized, together with GWOPA members and partners, a side event during the UN 2023 Water Conference titled "Forget about SDG6 without strong local water organizations: commitments to capacitate and finance efficient, climate resilient and inclusive water service and management agencies" on March 24.

The session showcased inspiring examples, promising approaches and commitments of transformative action that can raise utilities and water authorities up to the height of their mandates and emphasized the role of water management organizations in maintaining essential infrastructure and optimizing water resources to ensure the sustainability of services. In addition, it showcased new financing facilities and initiatives critical for accelerating utilities and water authorities in their improvements and transitions.

GWOPA
Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance
UN@HABITAT
FOR A BETTER URBAN FUTURE
UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE
NEW YORK 22–24 MARCH 2023

SIDE EVENT

Friday, 24 March, 12:30 — 13:45
Conference Room 11

Forget about SDG6 without strong water management organizations: commitments to capacitate and finance professional, climate-resilient water

2023 High Level Political Forum

1. Local2030 Coalition Special Event

The 2023 High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development (HLPF) was held in New York from the 10th to the 19th of July under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Taking advantage of this high-level moment, the Local2030 Coalition organized a side event on 12 July titled "Local2030 Coalition Special Event: Actions, solutions, and partnerships to foster multilevel governance and unlock financing to accelerate SDG localization"

The session gathered experts and partners from across sectors to explore how multilevel governance can be enhanced and unlock financing for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The special event aimed to foster greater collaboration, drive transformative actions and solutions, and pave the way for the acceleration of SDG localization (Annex 3).

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General and Chair of the UN Development Group delivered a keynote speech at the Special Event.

Along with the keynote speech of Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General and Chair of the UN Development Group, Mr. **Haoliang Xu**, UN Under Secretary-General, UNDP Associate Administrator, and Director of Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, Ms. **Maimunah Mohd Sharif**, UN Under Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and Ms. **Eva del Hoyo**, Director General for Sustainable Development Policies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation participated in the opening.

Dr. **Shipra Narang Suri**, Chief of Urban Practices at the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and Head of the Secretariat for the Local2030 Coalition was the Master of Ceremonies.

The first panel, moderated by Ms. Emilia Saiz, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), brought together different perspectives from national governments, local and regional governments, and civil society to discuss how to enhance multilevel governance that streamlines vertical and horizontal governance systems and fosters coherent policy-making and cohesive action for SDG acceleration from the national to the local level.

The second panel, moderated by Ms Lisa Kurbiel, Head of the Secretariat of the Joint SDG Fund, brought together different perspectives from philanthropy, development banks, national governments and local and regional governments. The discussion focused on addressing the need of short-term and long-term sustainable development finance and the urgent need for impactful local action backed by robust and predictable resources.

2. Sixth Local and Regional Governments Forum

The [sixth edition of the Local and Regional Governments Forum](#) took place on 12 July as a Special High-Level Event of the 2023 HLPF. The debates were centered on the interconnected importance and breadth of SDG11 to the whole 2030 Agenda, as well as how local and regional governments are localizing the SDGs through high-impact localization policies. This Special Event was an opportunity for the constituency of local and regional governments to share localization policies, key messages and inputs towards the SDG Summit in September 2023.

The LRGF brought together local, regional, and national governments as well as representatives from the United Nations and other stakeholders to discuss how high-impact localization policies, partnerships, multilevel governance and financing can close the gap in the implementation of the SDGs.

The Local2030 Coalition Secretariat team was part of the Task Force of partners (UN-DESA, UN-HABITAT, UNDP the Global Task Force for LRGs, and Local2030) behind the event's organization ([Annex 4](#)).

3. Localization Track at the 2023 HLPF

The Local Track listed relevant events dedicated to the localization of SDGs taking place in the margins of the 2023 HLPF compiled by the Local2030 Coalition and partners. The purpose of the Local Track was to provide HLPF participants with a comprehensive understanding of the diverse range of events, focusing on the crucial role of local action in achieving the SDGs from different angles ([Annex 5](#)).

Local2030 Side event at the UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment

The 2023 UN Food Systems Stocktaking Moment took place in Rome, Italy, from 24 – 26 July 2023, at the premises of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). It was hosted by Italy in collaboration with the Rome-based UN Agencies (FAO, IFAD, WFP), the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub and the wider UN system.

The Local2030 Coalition, together with the Urban Food Systems Coalition and the Politecnico di Milano, co-organized a side event on 24th July titled: "City, subnational and national government join actions with multiple actors towards healthy, inclusive, sustainable and resilient food systems".
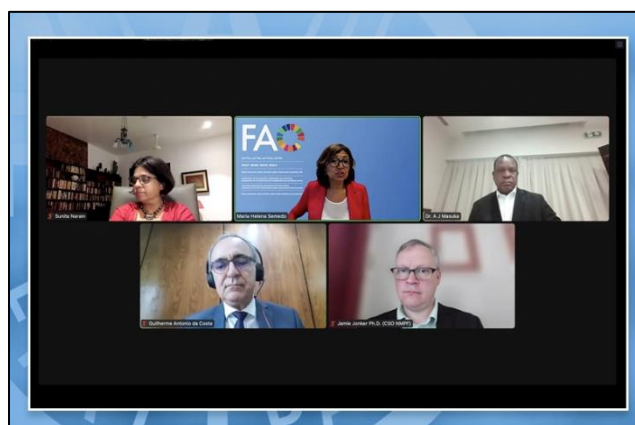
The event shared success stories on how cities, subnational, local and national governments can join forces to deliver interconnected solutions for a healthy diet, food losses, waste reductions, prevention and management, and resilience against shocks and stresses.

It promoted innovative multistakeholder and multilevel nutrition and food systems governance mechanisms, bringing the perspective of national, subnational and local governments, businesses, non-profit/community-based organizations, and the scientific community (Annex 6)

2023 SDG Summit

The 2023 SDG Summit was convened on 18-19 September 2023, during the United Nations General Assembly high-level week. Heads of State and Government gathered at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to follow-up and review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

The SDG Summit carried out a comprehensive review of the state of the SDGs, responded to the impact of multiple and interlocking crises facing the world, and provided high-level political guidance on transformative and accelerated actions leading up to the target year of 2030 for achieving the SDGs.

The 2023 SDG Summit marked the mid-point of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in July 2022 under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council called for the Summit to "mark the beginning of a new phase of accelerated progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals."

The Summit was chaired by the President of the General Assembly and the outcome was a negotiated political declaration.

In the context of the SDG Summit, and to generate additional opportunities for the engagement of all actors, including civil society, the private sector, youth, women, scientists, local and regional governments, and other stakeholders, the United Nations convened an **SDG Action Weekend** on 16-17 September 2023, divided into two main events: the SDG Mobilization Day and the SDG Acceleration Day

SDG Mobilization Day

The SDG Mobilization Day was held on September 16 and created an opportunity for stakeholders from all sectors to convene inside the United Nations Headquarters and mobilize towards an ambitious SDG Summit and UN General Assembly High-Level Week. It consisted of a High-Level Opening and Closing segments, mobilization sessions held in parallel and Side-Events.

In this context, Local2030 Coalition co-organized two events:

Local and Regional Governments Forum

The Local2030 Coalition, along with the Global Task Force Of Local And Regional Governments, United Cities And Local Governments, UNDESA, UN-Habitat and UNDP co-organized the Local and Regional Governments Forum to highlight the commitments of local and regional government constituencies towards the 2030 Agenda.

The forum brought together local, regional, and national governments as well as representatives from the United Nations and other stakeholders to announce strong commitments, present coalitions for policy change, illustrate high-impact localization policies and launch the constituency's political declaration to close the gap in the implementation of the SDGs and the UN Policy Brief on Voluntary Local and Voluntary Subnational Reviews (Annex 7).

Women Led Cities side-event

Local2030 Coalition, together with UN-Habitat, UNCDF and Ella Impacta co-organized a side event titled "WOMEN LED CITIES - Bringing Gender Responsive Actions, Solutions, and Partnerships from the Local Level to Scale".

This event provided a forum for discussion and contribution to key commitments, announcements, and solutions to build a solid coalition for women led cities. It aimed at discussing how women leaders of businesses, cities and communities can join forces to drive positive local transformation through inclusive leadership, economic empowerment, and reduced inequality.

SDG Acceleration Day

The SDG Acceleration Day was centered around 12 the High Impact Initiatives (HII) aimed at mobilizing further leadership and investment to bring progress to scale between now and 2030. It consisted of high-level opening and closing segments, a dedicated session on each of the high-impact initiatives, parallel sessions on SDG Digital, development in crisis settings, gender equality, and side events.

The Local2030 Coalition participated and co-organized in two events:

High Impact Initiative on Localization Session

The Local2030 Coalition was chosen as one of the twelve High Impact Initiatives presented on the 17th of September at the SDG Action Weekend, on the margins of the 2023 SDG Summit.

In this context, with the leadership of UN-Habitat, UNDP and FAO, the Local2030 Coalition organized a dedicated session to present the High Impact Initiative on Localization during the SDG Acceleration Day, titled "Local2030 Coalition: Pushing the Key Transitions and Achieving the SDGs by 2030".

A diverse group of Ministers, Governors, Mayors, Development Banks, and civil society representatives participated in the event and spotlighted practices, initiatives, and solutions to enhance local actions and multi-level governance approaches towards achieving the 2030 Agenda.

The main goal of the session was to ensure that the United Nations and SDG localization champions can join forces to catalyze inclusive and co-created local actions that leave no one and no place behind (Annex 8).

The session counted on an Opening Segment, Panel debate 1 "Multi-level governance driving SDG transition at the local level" Panel debate 2 "Financing localization and leaving no-one behind, a section denominated "A hope for the Future", a Storyteller and a final conclusion.

Marketplace at the 2023 SDG Summit

The High-Impact Initiatives launched at the SDG Summit were shown at the HII Marketplace during the full High-Level Week (September 16th-22nd) in the Vienna Café in the UN Headquarters in New York.

The HII Marketplace had two primary goals:

- Information sharing and networking: Provided a space in which UNGA attendees could network and learn more about the High-Impact Initiatives (HIIs).
- General interest for future commitments: It was also an opportunity for HII teams to generate Member State interest in the HIIs and pursue collaborations.

To achieve these goals, the Marketplace was designed to facilitate connections across and between SDG Action Weekend attendees and HII experts in a casual setting. Two senior-level representatives of the Local2030 Coalition, together with the Coalition's staff, were on-site during SDG Action Weekend and the 2023 SDG Summit to promote the Local2030 Coalition.

Local2030 Coalition video for the SDG Summit

Lead by UNDP, the Local2030 Coalition prepared for the SDG Summit a video message showing the importance of localization and the Coalition to push for the achievement of key SDG transitions at the local level.

The video was produced in three languages:

- English: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbGnZQbMf2w&t=22s
- Spanish: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLjm4m9Z4Cw&t=26s
- French: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKkkp4VW09k

"Financing localization or localizing finance?" side event

The Egyptian Ministry of Planning and Economic Development (MPED), in cooperation with the Local2030 Coalition, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA), and UNDP organized a side event at the SDG Action Weekend.

The side event brought together experts, government officials, international organizations, civil society groups, and local governments. It delved into the interdependence between localization and finance for development and shared instrumental experience in acceleration the path toward the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

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Save the Date

Side Event at the SDG Action Week 2023

"Financing Localization or Localizing Finance?"

Sunday, 17th of September, 2023

13:30 – 15:00 PM (EST)

Conference Room (11)

UN Headquarters, NYC

High-level event in Bilbao: "Local2030 Coalition – Joining forces to accelerate SDG Localization"

The Local2030 Coalition Secretariat was opened on 31 October 2022 in Bilbao, Spain, by the United Nations, the Government of Spain, the Basque Government, the City Council of Bilbao, and the BBK Foundation.

One year after the opening of the Secretariat, the Local2030 Coalition convened an event on October 24, to showcase its main results and milestones in Bilbao, Spain.

The discussion covered the main outcomes of the High Impact Initiative on Localization Session and the 2023 SDG Summit. It also presented the roadmap until the 2024 Summit of the Future and up to 2030. It was agreed by speakers and participants that the Coalition must ensure that the United Nations and SDG localization champions join forces to catalyze inclusive and co-created local actions that leave no one and no place behind. It was also highlighted the importance of engaging the private sector, universities, and citizens (Annex 9).

The event counted on the participation of the Government of Spain, the Basque Government, the City Council of Bilbao and the BBK Foundation.

COP28

The Local2030 Coalition co-organized an official COP28 side event, along with FAO, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UCLG and the Global Task Force for Local and Regional Governments. The event, titled "Multilevel governance for climate, food, and biodiversity action" took place on December 10, at the SDG Pavilion in the Expo City, Dubai.

Moderated by Jean-Baptiste Buffet, Head of Global Policy and Advocacy, United Cities and Local Governments, the discussion promoted an exchange of knowledge, best practices, and transformative solutions contributing to addressing climate change impacts, ensuring food security, and promoting biodiversity conversation.

The panel discussion consisted of Kata Tüttő, Vice-Mayor of Budapest, Hungary; Francisco Mendonça, General Coordinator of the New Research and Innovation Arrangements for Climate Emergence (NAPI CE), Paraná State, Brazil; Sid Mehta, Sr. Director Ancillary Services, Simon Fraser University; Paz Gonzalez, Coordinator for Climate Action, Water and Biomes Programs, Fundación Avina; and Lea Ranalder, Specialist, Sustainable Cities, UN-Habitat.

The side event explored and promoted the significance of multilevel governance in addressing the interconnected challenges of climate change, food security, and biodiversity conservation. The event sought to facilitate a dynamic discussion on how effective multistakeholder and multisector collaboration can enhance the resilience of ecosystems and communities (Annex 10).

Global Refugee Forum

The Global Refugee Forum (GRF) 2023 took place from 13 to 15 December at Palexpo in Geneva, Switzerland.

Held every four years, the Forum is the world's largest international gathering on refugees. It is designed to support the practical implementation of the objectives set out in the Global Compact on Refugees, providing the opportunity for States and stakeholders to announce concrete pledges and contributions, highlight progress made, share good practices and take stock of the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Local and Regional Governments Day

On the margins of the GRF, the Global Taske Force facilitated by UCLG, together with the Mayors Mechanism and in partnership with the Local2030 Coalition, Cities Alliance, Civil Society Action Committee, Migration Youth and Children Platform, and the Global Cities Hub co-organized the Local and Regional Governments Day on December 14.

On the LRG Day, the organized constituency of local governments came together to share their concrete contributions to the implementation of the Compact on Refugees through a people-centred approach, reinforced local action and enhanced cooperation, fostering its connections with the acceleration of the 2030 Agenda and with the renewal of the multilateral system through the lens of the protection and inclusion of refugees and other forced displaced persons (Annex 11).

REINVIGORATE THE LOCAL 2030 HUBS

The Local2030 Hubs hold a wealth of experience in local governance and development. In 2023, a total of 8 Local2030 Hubs are active:

1. Liverpool 2030hub: The 2030hub seeks to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs by fostering sustainable entrepreneurship. In addition to a co-working space, the hub offers support to businesses and non-profit initiatives with a focus on the SDGs and related impact investing.

2. Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG): HGG develops local solutions to global sustainability challenges, building on island culture and values, and indigenous knowledge. With the Global Island Partnership, this hub highlights islands as laboratories for innovation that catalyze and scale integrated ridge-to-reef projects, cutting across the energy, water, food, and urban nexus.

3. Paraná Hub: Hosted by the Paraná State Government, the Hub focuses on supporting all municipalities within the state in localizing the SDGs.

4. Shizuoka Hub: Hosted by the local government, the Hub's main priorities.

are: 1) raise awareness of the SDGs and engage with other cities; 2) promote the SDGs among citizens, businesses, and schools; and 3) incorporate the SDGs into the city's five general policies and develop local indicators.

5. Local2030 Sweden Hub: The hub's purpose is twofold. Geographically, it is a platform to gather Swedish experiences of local implementation of the 2030 Agenda. And thematically, to improve inter-regional and North-South collaboration and highlight local challenges and local solutions in adapting the SDGs to local governance and urban settings.

6. Malmö Local Ocean Action Hub: The Hub focuses on coastal cities, oceans, ocean literacy, and the effect of land-based activity on marine and coastal environments.

7. Red de Ciudades Cómo Vamos Hub: A network of 35 Colombian municipalities to support SDG monitoring and sharing best practices.

8. Sahel Hub: Hosted by SOS SAHEL, the Hub focuses on the local-level promotion of climate resilience, evergreen agriculture, and sustainable livelihoods for agricultural outgrower communities.

The main objective in 2023 was to develop a collective understanding of what it means to be a Local2030 Hub, to deliberate on what structure would ensure the effectiveness of the Hubs, and to explore how the Hubs could contribute and benefit from the Coalition.

Close communication was reestablished between existing Hubs and the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat, and the Terms of Reference for the Local2030 Hubs were concluded and endorsed by the Steering Committee.

Moreover, to leverage the knowledge and experience of the Hubs, the Local2030 Coalition has facilitated the participation of Local2030 Hubs in several high-level discussions, such as the Local2030 Side events at the 2023 High Level Political Forum.

Paraná Hub in 2023

The State of Paraná has demonstrated remarkable commitment to sustainable development through various initiatives such as the Program for the Promotion of Integrated Local Objectives for Sustainable Development (POLIS), the "Caravan Paraná United for Women" Programme, the finalization of the last phase of the Report "A territorial Approach to Sustainable Development Goals" and the development of a New Research and Innovation Agreement – NAPI for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Local2030 Hubs Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference of the Local2030 Hubs were endorsed by the Steering Committee in its second Steering Committee meeting, on July 14 in New York (Annex 12).

The Local2030 Hubs ToR introduce changes for the Hubs to become a Local2030 Hub. It stablishes standard requirements including a financial contribution to the Local2030 Coalition to ensure adequate support and a real flow of coordination between the Coalition and the Hubs.

To ensure a constant contribution of the Hubs to the Local2030 Coalition, one Hub will be chosen to represent the others as a member of the Local2030 Coalition's Steering Committee on a rotation basis.

This rotation-based representation mechanism will ensure that all Hubs actively participate and contribute to the Local2030 Coalition's Steering Committee in a fair and transparent manner.

Meeting with Local2030 Hubs

The Local2030 Hubs meeting took place as an online workshop on December 11, 2023. During the session, the Terms of Reference were carefully reviewed by all participants and all the questions and concerns were addressed.

The meeting counted on the presence of 4 hub representatives: Liverpool 2030hub, Sweden Hub, Paraná Hub and Red de Ciudades Como Vamos Hub (Annex 13).
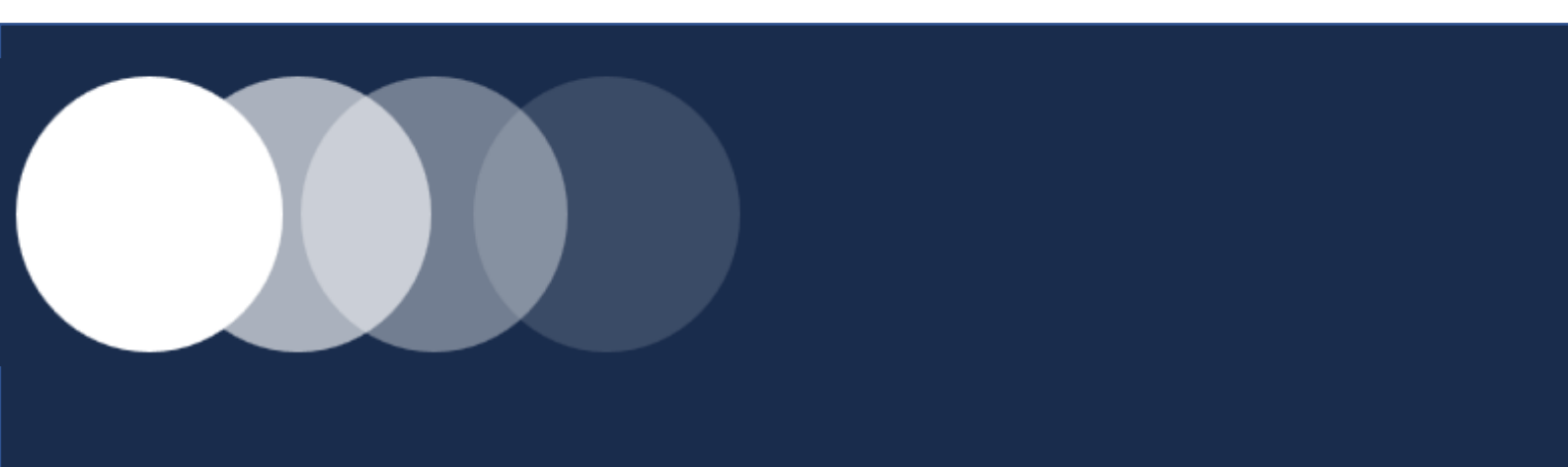
Compilation and sharing of good practices on SDG Localization

SDG Localization Baseline

The Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) was commissioned to develop a global baseline study, based on relevant literature, research and a selection of case studies from around the world linked to the localization of the SDGs.

This exercise pinpointed significant gaps in SDG localization efforts, which are clustered into three distinct categories - advocacy, action, and monitoring - and highlighted the need for a holistic approach and additional support to local authorities and actors. The baseline is the substantive basis that has oriented the definition of the Strategy of the Coalition.

In 2022, following the guidance of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat, SEI started a validation process with all stakeholders interviewed in the case studies to ensure that the SDG Localization Baseline rightly documents their experiences. The final version of the SDG Localization Baseline is under review by different cities and once the feedback is provided, the SDG Localization Baseline will be officially published and available for a wider audience.

OUTCOME 1.3. Improved knowledge-sharing and capacity building opportunities for local actors on SDG localization as an integral part of the Local2030 Coalition's work

Local2030 Coalition online platform, communication, and social media channels

Online Platform

The Local2030 online platform is the leading knowledge and information sharing platform in the localization of the SDGs. The platform gathers cutting-edge knowledge and disseminates best practices, relevant events, and stories.

- *Maintenance*

During the reporting period, meetings were held with Reverse Thought, the maintenance company, to ensure the Local2030 website was properly updated. Improvements related to the events page were performed to add a hybrid event option and correct how key information (organizers and dates) were displayed.

Publications

Likewise, new events, publications, and stories were published, and the ones submitted by partners were reviewed and published in English, Spanish, and French.

Here is a selection of publications released in 2023:

Events:

- The UN 2023 Water Conference: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/557
- UN 2023 Water Conference side event: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/558
- First Voluntary Local Review of the City of Madrid: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/559
- High level meeting of the midterm review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/567
- Virtual Dialogue: Independent group of scientists for the 2023 GSDR and representatives from local and regional governments: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/561
- Informal Stakeholder Dialogue – Zero Draft Political Declaration for the SDG Summit: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/562
- Second Session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/560
- Executive Bureau of the United Cities and Local Governments: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/575
- Brussels Urban Summit: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/574
- 14th Metropolis World Congress: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/573
- High-Level Political Forum: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/566
- Local2030 Coalition Special Event at the High-Level Political Forum: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/572
- Sixth Local and Regional Governments Forum: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/571
- UN Food Systems Stocktaking Moments: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/570
- 2023 SDG Summit: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/568
- Women Led Cities: Bringing Gender Responsive Actions, Solutions and Partnerships from the Local Level to Scale: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/585
- HII on Localization Session: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/582
- Local and Regional Governments Forum at the SDG Acceleration Weekend: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/584
- Financing Localization or Localizing Finance? https://www.local2030.org/event/view/583
- World Urban October: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/588
- World Habitat Day 2023: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/586
- Urban Resilience Week: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/580

- Local2030 Coalition: Joining forces to accelerate SDG Localization: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/590
- Boosting the Localization of the 2030 Agenda: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/591
- World Cities Day: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/587
- Leveraging the participation of (young) migrants and refugees to co-design inclusive local policies and reshape public narratives on urban mobility: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/596
- Smart City Expo World Congress: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/592
- Online city to city peer learning: Local responses to address discrimination and foster participation for migrants and refugees: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/597
- 2023 Cities and Regions for International Partnerships Forum: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/593
- Global Refugee Forum: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/565
- COP28 side event: Multilevel governance for climate, food, and biodiversity action: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/598
- COP28 – UN Climate Change Conference: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/564
- Local and Regional Governments Day: https://www.local2030.org/event/view/599

Stories:

- G20 Plic: Platform on SDG Localization and Intermediary Cities: https://www.local2030.org/story/view/374
- Secretary General's Advisory Group on Local and Regional Governments: https://www.local2030.org/story/view/375
- Acting together: City, Subnational and National Governments reshaping agrifood systems:
  https://www.local2030.org/story/view/376
- Global Gateway: Commission launches Civil Society and Local Authorities Dialogue Platform: https://www.local2030.org/story/view/377
- Support monitoring SDG Indicator 11.3.2 Civic Engagement in urban planning and management: https://www.local2030.org/story/view/378
- Local2030 Coalition side event at COP28: https://www.local2030.org/story/view/379

Local2030 corporate communication strategy

As part of the communication strategy, the Local2030 Coalition intends to formulate an outreach plan, primarily supported by FAO. The key result of this outreach initiative will be the establishment of a Trello board containing comprehensive information pertinent to the Local2030 Coalition.

PUSHING KEY TRANSITIONS AND ACHIEVING THE SDGS BY 2030

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ABOUT US

The Local2030 Coalition is the **UN System-wide platform and network for supporting and accelerating the localization of the 2030 Agenda** for Sustainable Development.

We bring together the UN-System, local and regional governments and their associations, national governments, businesses, and community-based organizations **to foster collaboration, incubate innovation, share solutions, and implement strategies to support local stakeholders** in achieving the 2030 Agenda everywhere.

We are governed by **two co-chairs, UN-Habitat**, our permanent co-chair and leader of our Secretariat, and **UNDP**, together with a **Steering Committee** composed of representatives of different constituencies. We also work closely with several **UN entities, Local2030 Hubs, partner institutions**, and **governments**.

OUR GOALS

Provide spaces for more local participation at regional and global stages related to SDG implementation.

Create opportunities for representatives of UN entities, local government city networks, and other local actors to advance SDG implementation effectively.

Develop strategies to facilitate more access to SDG financing by local actors.

Support the efforts of UN Country Teams and UN Resident Coordinators to work at the local level with local actors, and to promote joint programming and initiative that leverage UN assets.

OUR PRIORITIES

ADVOCACY:
Advocating for concrete engagement and bottom-up and inclusive processes to apply the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a roadmap to overcome complex and interlocking challenges.

ACTION:
Building and nurturing an SDG localization platform to leverage existing and new initiatives, alliances, and solutions for policy alignment and planning, while offering an enabling environment for obtaining SDG funding.

MONITORING:
Supporting efforts by diverse local actors, including civil society actors on the frontlines, to monitor and report on SDG implementation, including exchange of knowledge and perspectives.

WHY JOIN FORCES WITH THE LOCAL 2030 COALITION?

If you are a **local or sub-national government**, you will access a wealth of innovations, tools, and networks to support your SDG localization efforts and build new partnerships.

If you are a **national government**, you will strengthen multilevel coordination with your local counterparts and accelerate SDG achievement nationwide.

If you are a **community organization**, you will have the right platform to showcase your experience and connect with public and private institutions worldwide.

If you are a **private sector entity**, you will strengthen your positioning on the SDG and find innovative initiatives and opportunities to partner with governmental and non-governmental actors.

If you are a **UN or international institution**, you will benefit from the knowledge and experience of a global network on SDG localization that will make your work more effective and allow you to build new partnerships.

To learn more about the Local2030 Coalition and be part of our platform and network, please visit
www.local2030.org

Social Media

Throughout 2023, tweets were published to highlight significant information from the Local2030 Coalition and its partners and cover key events. Examples can be found here: https://twitter.com/Local2030

Communication

Communication materials (flyers, briefings, etc.) were developed to promote the Local2030 Coalition and its events. Likewise, press releases were produced during 2023 to inform the public about the major challenges facing cities and the ingredients for a sustainable city. Some of these press releases were posted at El Diario and Noticias de Guipuzkoa

Facilitate cooperation between UN agencies and UN mechanisms to advance SDG localization

The Local2030 Coalition aims to foster collaboration on SDG localization among UN entities. Thus, the Coalition continued to promote coherent and integrated actions across the UN System. In 2023, the Coalition concentrated its efforts in engaging with the UN Directors Group, as reported earlier, such as defining the 2023 work plan, drafting the call for seed funding proposals on SDG Localization and collaborating in high-level events and shaping the High-Impact Initiative.

Working Groups

The UN System came together to define how to build the local track for the SDG Summit. The goal was to ensure that the most relevant priorities and themes for local actors to achieve the 2030 Agenda were central at the 2023 SDG Summit.

The Local2030 Coalition Members proposed the establishment of Working Groups to help build the Local Track towards the Summit.

Working Groups were supposed to gather discussions across 5 transversal themes:

- Financing for SDGs at the local level
- Gender equality and leaving no one behind
- Local Data for SDGs
- Local response to complex crisis
- Just Green Transition

ACTION

However, as the work evolved and guidance from EOSG was received, the Local2030 Coalition was invited to be one of the High Impact Initiatives. Hence, it was decided that the results on the Working Groups were important to inform the High Impact Initiative, but the launch of those groups was delayed and a taskforce working on the HII was created.

High Impact Initiatives

The United Nations development system sought to rally all actors behind a set of high impact initiatives aimed at demonstrating that transformative progress is possible despite challenging global circumstances and at mobilizing further leadership and investment to bring progress to scale between now and 2030.

As part of this effort, the UN development system mobilized behind 12 high impact initiatives which provided a platform to help take SDG progress to scale.

The selected initiatives facilitate a strengthened offer from the UN development system in partnership with government and an array of key stakeholders on crucial dimensions of SDG acceleration: six major SDG transitions, five critical means of implementation and the transversal priority of gender equality.

HIGH IMPACT INITIATIVES

HIGH IMPACT INITIATIVES
Digital Public Infrastructure. Scaling inclusive and open digital ecosystems for the SDGs
Energy Compacts. Scaling up ambition to deliver SDG7
Food System Transformation. Transforming food systems for a sustainable world without hunger
FutureGov. Building public sector capabilities for the future
Global Accelerator. The Global Accelerator on jobs and social protection for just transitions
Local2030 Coalition. Pushing key transitions and achieving the SDGs by 2030
Nature Driving Economic Transformation. Leveraging the power of biodiversity and nature to drive equitable economic progress
Power of Data. Unlocking the data dividend for the SDGs.
Spotlight Initiative. To eliminate violence against women and girls
The SDG Stimulus. Scaling up long-term affordable financing for the SDGs.
Transofrming4Trade. Paradigm shift to boost economic development
Transforming Education. Learning to build a better future for all

High Impact Initiative on Localization

The Local2030 Coalition was chosen as one of twelve high impact initiatives led by UN-system entities that showcase select programmatic offerings and initiatives to support Member States' efforts towards just development transitions and SDG achievement.

To this end, with the support of the 13 UN entities (UN-Habitat, UNDP, FAO, ESCAP, IOM, UN DESA, UNECE, UNEP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN WOMEN, WHO, Joint SDG Fund), members of the Steering Committee (Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, the Government of Italy and the Host of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat – Government of Spain, Basque Government and the city of Bilbao) and Local2030 Hubs (Hawai'i Green Growth and Liverpool 2030Hub, Paraná Hub, and Local2030 Knowledge Hub), the Local2030 Coalition Co-chairs and the Secretariat have worked close with the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and the guidance of the Boston Consulting Group to shape the high impact initiative on localization. As a result of this process, a Brochure (Annex 14) containing key elements of the HII was finalized.

B. Goals

By fostering multilevel governance structures, bridging various sectors to address multiple territorial scales of the urban-rural continuum, helping to build coherence across policies and actions, strengthening multistakeholder capacities and enhancing their collaboration, leveraging resources to finance a pipeline of local-level initiatives and broadening avenues for inclusive participation the Local2030 Coalition will ensure the SDGs are fully localized.

The key transitions that the High Impact Initiative portfolio seeks to bring about have local components requiring local solutions. Among others, the Local2030 Coalition will advocate and provide resources for local government capacity to:

- Accelerate the transformation of food systems, ensuring that national commitments cascade down to the territorial and local level.
- Direct their efforts toward inclusivity across a range of substantive policy areas, including education, social protection, and jobs.
- Support the elimination of violence against women and girls through the scaled-up implementation of the Women-Led Cities initiative.
- Ensure localized impact of biodiversity and nature focused investments.
- Complement national data and statistics through systematic collection of local data on SDG achievement.

C. Targets

The HII on Localization also outlines the agreed short-, medium- and long-term targets up to 2030.

Members of the Local2030 Coalition (UN Directors Group, Steering Committee and Local2030 Hubs) are encouraged to continuously consider how they can contribute to the existing targets as well as adding additional ones.

	TARGETS	Deadline
HIGH IMPACT INITIATIVE ON LOCALIZATION	**By 2023**	
	Target 1: 50 national and subnational governments committed to supporting locally-driven actions by joining the Local2030 Coalition	Dec-23
	By 2024	
	Target 1: Additional commitments of USD 25 million secured for the Joint SDG Fund's SDG Localization Window, including through commitments from at least 5 IFIs	Dec-24
	Target 2: Women-led Cities Window established (including taskforce, donors, cities selected)	Dec-24
	Target 3: All members of the UNSDG have joined the Local2030 Coalition	Jun-24
	By 2025	
	Target 1: Network of Local2030 Hubs expanded by ten Hubs across four continents	Dec-25
	By 2028	
	Target 1: Major private sector investment has been contributed in at least 100 cities aligned with the SDGs	Dec-28
	Target 2: 100 Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) demonstrate a link with Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs)	Jun-28
	Target 3: 25 Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) demonstrate a link with Voluntary Subnational Reviews (VSRs)	Jun-28
	Target 4: The role of SDG localization, VLRs and VSRs fully recognized within the UN political declarations and outcome documents	Dec-28
	By 2030	
	Target 1: 1000 local governments have joined the SDG Cities initiative	Dec-30
	Target 2: USD 150 million has been invested in catalytic initiatives at the local level through the SDG Localization Window	Dec-30
	Target 3: USD 50 million has been mobilized under the Women-Led Cities initiatives to support cities led by women leaders to accelerate SDG achievement with a focus on reducing social inequality, achieving gender equality, and eradicating violence against women	Dec-30

The Local2030 Coalition and the Joint SDG Fund have joined forces to launch the SDG Localization Window, which counts on the strong support of the Spanish Government.

By rapidly mobilizing and disbursing funding to UN Country Teams across the globe, the Window aims to push for a collective UN System response to accelerating SDG Localization, particularly in vulnerable countries across the globe.

A call for seed funding was launched in 2023, marking the preparatory phase for the development of the Localization Window.

CALL FOR SEED FUNDING PROPOSAL

A. Description of the Call for Seed Funding Proposal

With the support of the 15 UN entities from the UN Directors Group, the Local2030 Coalition developed the description of the Call for Seed Funding Proposal.

The call was designed to:

- Accelerate SDG achievement at the local level through strategic interventions that advance multilevel capacities and governance.
- Strengthen the enabling environment for integrated policymaking, financing solutions, and coherent SDG monitoring and reporting from the national to the local level.

The goal was to fund catalytic activities that clearly demonstrate the role of SDG localization to accelerate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. This approach would enhance context-specific comprehension of SDG localization and attract further investments from development partners.

Areas of intervention

The Call for Seed Funding Proposal emphasized flexibility and deployed financing in alignment with the triple focus areas of the Local2030 Coalition 10-year Strategy for the Decade of Action: Advocacy, Action, and Monitoring.

Thus, Joint Programmes defined interventions in the following areas:

A) **Advocacy**: Increase awareness and enhance bottom-up and inclusive processes to engage local stakeholders on the 2030 Agenda to address interlocking crises and development challenges.
1. Boosting awareness and local actors' engagement.
2. Capacity development on SDG localization.

B) **Action**: Build and nurture a support platform to advance an effective multi-level governance system for SDG localization as well as increase and channel financing to multi-stakeholder initiatives.
3. Identifying and supporting innovative actions at the local level and scaling up from local to global.
4. Local action at the heart of development plans and strategies.
5. SDG financing towards local action.

C) **Monitoring**: Increase monitoring and reporting by subnational and local actors and opportunities for them to exchange knowledge and perspectives and contribute to national frameworks.
6. Localized SDG monitoring and reporting.

The call for seed funding proposals totaling up to USD 4 million was distributed into 2 groups of countries.

GROUP A	GROUP B
UNCTs where SDG Localization is at an advanced level and anchored in the UNSDCF and local-national engagement is viable.	UNCTs that are fully aligned with the UNSDCF, where awareness of SDGs or localization approaches is limited, or progress on the SDGs is stalled.
Max $350,000 per joint program and 12-15 months for implementation.	Max $150,000 per joint program and 9-12 months for implementation.
16 proposals received: Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Egypt, Fiji, Georgia, Ghana, Honduras, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Philippines, Serbia, Uganda, Thailand and Zambia.	11 proposals received: Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bosnia y Herzegovina, Cameroon, Gambia, Kyrgyzstan, Micronesia, Nepal, Palestine and Tajikistan.
Areas of intervention: Advocacy, Action and Monitoring.	Areas of intervetion: Advocacy.

B. Launch of the Call for Seed Funding Proposal

Based on the inputs received from the UN entities, 27 UNCTs (Annex 18) were preselected and invited to participate in the first round of the call for seed funding proposals (Annex 15).

The Local2030 Coalition Secretariat and the Joint SDG Fund Secretariat organized 2 webinars in August to instruct the UNCTs and RCs on the Call, its areas of intervention, evaluation criteria and timeline. A SharePoint portal was created with all the available information (guidelines, templates for evaluators, etc.).

The proposals were reviewed independently by 3 experts (2 UN experts and 1 independent expert) to ensure objective and transparency. Only proposals that scored a minimum of 75% on the technical review were considered for funding.

UN Experts		Non – UN Experts	
UN-Habitat	FAO	Barcarena, Pará, Brazil	Gov. Paraná, Brazil
UN WOMEN	UNHCR	IGES, Japan	Local 2030 Islands Network, USA
UNDP	UNEP	CESOP/ PUC Lisbon	Liverpool Hub
UNICEF	WHO	United Cities and Local Governments	BLENDlab
EOSG	ESCAP		

Timeline of the Call for Seed Funding Proposals

26 July
Launch of call for seed funding proposal

Webinar session to evaluators on evaluation process
29 August

04 September
RC, on behalf of UNCT, submitted proposal

Assignment of each proposal to 3 evaluators
05 September

11 September
Deadline for submission of scoring by evaluators

Joint SDG Fund's OSC pre-approved the JPS
20 September
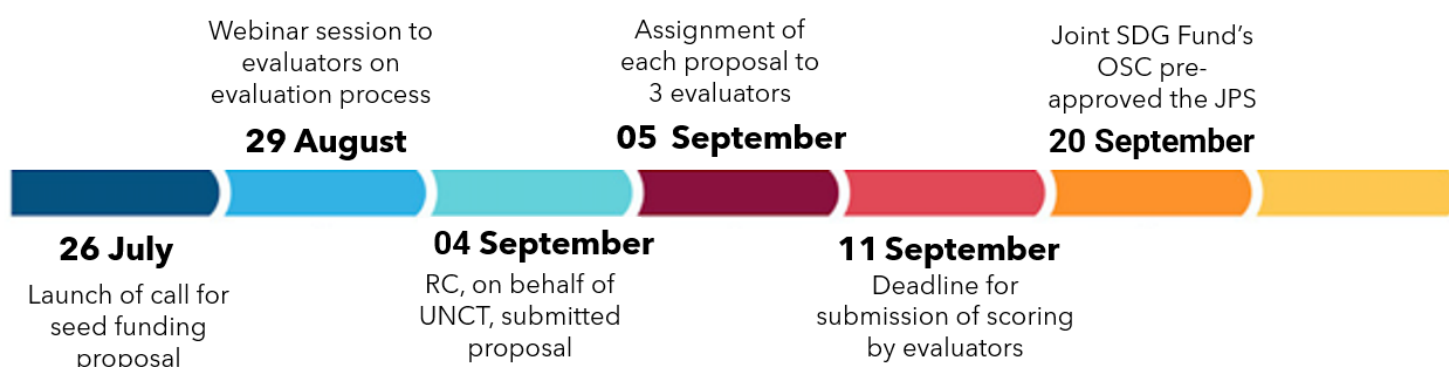
Approval process and next steps

As a result of the evaluation process, 11 countries were recommended to receive the funds. On the 20th of September, the Technical Joint SDG Fund's Operational Steering Committee pre-approved the selected Joint Programmes. The final decision was expected to take place by the Operational Steering Committee. However, the Operational Steering Committee meeting was postponed, given the need to revise the Joint SDG Fund's strategy by its Strategy Advisory Group SAG.

The Deputy Secretary-General chaired the Joint SDG Fund's SAG meeting in September to determine the future strategy of the Joint SDG Fund. The SAG agreed on a new strategic approach fully aligning the Fund to the six key SDG transitions, while emphasizing the importance of localization as a pivotal driver of all transitions to be

pursed through a portfolio approach. Based on the SAG's strategic guidance, the Fund realigned all its ongoing efforts, including the Call for seed funding proposals on SDG Localization, to fully align with this new vision and provide clear pathways to achieve transformative impact for the SDGs.

As a result, it will be necessary to revise the SDG Localization Window narrative and revamp the call for proposals process to design transformative joint programmes that effectively localize the key SDG transitions. In addition, it was decided to lay the foundation for piloting a localization marker for the Fund. Furthermore, with Spain's additional pledges to Localization and wider donor support for the transitions more broadly, there is an opportunity to align these proposals to the broader funding envelope of the Fund across the six transitions as we move into programming for 2024.

Given this scenario, the Local2030 Coalition actively explored avenues to ensure that localization is integrated into the new strategy. Regular meetings are being held with the Joint SDG Fund Secretariat to find a way in which localization can have its own portfolio and be featured as one of the main pillars of the strategy. The goal for 2024 is to contibue the collaboration with Member States, raise additional funds, support the design and implementation of joint programmes, and monitor results to present under the High Impact Initiative on Localization.

MONITORING

In 2023, the Local2030 Coalition promoted the inclusion of local and subnational governments in preparing voluntary national reports or existing national reporting mechanisms by raising awareness on this issue during various high-level events that were organized by or included the participation of the Coalition.

In 2024, the goal of the Coalition is to strengthen this work further, by bringing together the work of the UN System to monitor and report SDG localization. This will include reinforcing the link between voluntary local reviews and voluntary national reports on SDGs.

Monitoring has also been included as a pillar of the High Impact Initiative on Localization, having dedicated targets to strengthen it.

GOVERNANCE

In 2023, the critical strategic documents produced by the Local2030 Coalition's Co-chairs in 2022 were reviewed and updated by the Secretariat in consultation and coordination with the Coalition's main implementing partners:

- the Terms of Reference of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat (Annex 16)
- the Terms of Reference of the Local2030 Coalition Steering Committee (Annex 1)
- the Terms of Reference of the Local2030 Hubs (Annex 12)

The 2023 Work Plan

Based on the areas mentioned earlier – Advocacy, Action, and Monitoring - the Local2030 Coalition's Co-chairs (UN-Habitat and UNDP) and its Secretariat, with the support of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG), drafted the Local2030 Coalition 2023 Work Plan. After consultations with the UN Directors Group, the 2023 Work Plan was presented to the Local2030 Coalition Steering Committee, which unanimously endorsed it in April 2023 (Annex 18).

The main objectives in 2023 were to better design the Coalition's governance structure and operationalize its Secretariat, launch the High Impact Initiative and call for seed funding proposals, and mobilize resources.

Moreover, to take stock of the several sustainable development events in 2023, the Local2030 Coalition's activities were geared towards bringing the SDG localization approach to several high-level debates and conveying local governments' and actors' voices and experiences in these discussions.

Operationalization of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat

a) Agreements

Following the acceptance of the whole-of-government proposal made by Spain's administrations and the ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat office in Bilbao, which took place on October 31st, 2022, the Local2030 Coalition concentrated its effort in 2023 on operationalizing the Secretariat office in Bilbao.

The Bilbao office aims to energize the work of the Local2030 Coalition and further advance the localization of the SDGs within the UN system and at the territorial and local levels. Its partnership with the Government of Spain, the Basque Government, the Bilbao City Council, and the BBK Foundation is maximizing the transformative impact of the Coalition and strengthening its strategic and catalytic capacities.

An important milestone took place on the 6th of July, 2023, when the International Administrative Agreement (IAA) was signed between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Spain and UN-Habitat as the lead of the Secretariat. The IAA established the terms of the administrative, financial, and programmatic provisions for the office of the Secretariat of the Local2030 Coalition in Bilbao, totalling 9 million euros and an in-kind contribution of 1 million euros for the premisses of the Bilbao office. A second Inter-Administrative Agreement was signed on the 1st of December, 2023, between the General Administration of the Kingdom of Spain, the General Administration of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country, the Bilbao City Council, and the BBK Foundation to state the commitments acquired by all parties included in the proposal for Bilbao's candidacy to host the headquarters of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat. Following the signature of the agreements, the first tranche of funds was received by the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat in early December 2023.

Moving forward, an agreement needs to be signed with the Basque Government to allow the use of premises in Bilbao. The terms of this agreement have been agreed upon by the Basque Government, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union, and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Spain and UN-Habitat, which is currently being revised by the legal department of the Basque Government.

b) Human Resources

As of the current date, the Coalition has two full-time staff members, a Programme Officer (P3) and a Partnerships and Programme Management Associate (IUNV), guided and supported by the co-chairs (UN-Habitat, UNDP as 2022-2023 co-chairs, and FAO as the next co-chair). With the agreements and funds in place, the Local2030 Coalition initiated

the hiring process for the Secretariat staff. The Secretariat drafted Terms of Reference for the main staff that will be engaged:

- Senior Programme Officer (P5) ([Annex 19](#))
- Programme and Partnership Manager (P4) ([Annex 20](#))
- Programme Management Officer (P3) – Partnerships and Networks ([Annex 21](#))
- Programme Management Officer (P3) – Technical Advisor ([Annex 22](#))
- National Coordinator ([Annex 23](#))
- Administrative Assistant ([Annex 24](#))

Resource Mobilization

In 2023, one of the main priorities of the Local2030 Coalition was to reach out to potential donors that are championing the localization of the SDGs to support the Coalition, its Secretariat, and activities. Please find below a summary of resource mobilization achievements:

Whole-of-government Spanish Proposal

Within the framework of a whole government proposal presented by the Government of Spain, Basque Country, and the city of Bilbao and the BBK Foundation in July 2022, the Local2030 Coalition signed on 6th July 2023 an International Administrative Agreement. The first tranche of funds was received in early December 2023.

Following these advancements, the Secretariat will be hosted by the city of Bilbao for three years, starting its operations in the city in the second quarter of 2024.

Local2030 Knowledge Hub (Government of Italy)

The partnership with the Government of Italy to launch "Knowledge Hub" has advanced in 2023. The Agreement with

the Government of Italy was signed in the first quarter of 2023 and the 1 million euros were received in July 2023.

The Local2030 Knowledge Hub, coordinated by UN-Habitat, in partnerships with CeSPI ETS and the support of the Government of Italy, aims at connecting Academia with policy making processes. The Knowledge Hub will specifically create a multidisciplinary cluster of PhD candidates and young researchers in the selected pilot countries, who will benefit from training and capacity building and will be linked to territorial and national authorities to inform SDG-related strategic planning, policy, and reporting. The knowledge produced by the Knowledge Hub will inform the development of global knowledge material on SDG localization as well as UN-led and international processes on SDG localization.

Partnerships

The Local2030 Coalition has discussed new partnership perspectives with bilateral donors, philanthropies, universities, local government networks and NGOs during 2023 to promote SDG Localization.

USAID

The Local2030 Coalition established a routine of bi-monthly calls with USAID. The discussions covered several key points, including:

- Local2030 Coalition as an entry door for USAID to engage with the UN and public institutions, promoting a unified approach to Localization.
- Develop good practices and guidelines on access to financing for local actors to advance the SDGs in collaboration with the Planning, Finance and Economy Section team within UN-Habitat:
  - I.   Building Absorption Capacity of Local Actors
  - II.   Breaking Down Financing Barriers
- Joint engagement in high level events to promote localization, being WUF12 a key opportunity to emphasize localization efforts and showcase experiences of locally led development.
- Explore opportunities to collaborate at the 2024 HLPF and the Summit of the Future.
- Streamline the concept of localization to address the existing disconnect and build a common understanding of the work on localization.
- Explore the possibility of signing an MoU between USAID and the Local2030 Coalition, with a focus on advancing SDG localization.
- Explore the joint development and launch of an innovation challenge (with World Food Programme innovation hub) with funding opportunities for cities, focused on SDG Localization.

Government of Egypt

The Local2030 Coalition Secretariat is nurturing relations with the Government of Egypt. In 2023, the Local2030 Coalition co-organized a side event in the margins of the 2023 SDG Summit: "Financing Localization or Localizing Finance?"

The Government of Egypt, through the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development is currently working with UN Habitat, UNDP and the Local2030 Coalition to establish a Local2030 Hub in Cairo. The Hub will be people-centred, practice-based and use innovative knowledge to accelerate the localization of SDGs locally, nationally and regionally in Africa. Discussions to shape the Hub are ongoing and the Hub should be launch in 2024, at the 12th World Urban Forum.

Fundación Avina

The Local2030 Coalition and Fundación Avina are exploring partnership opportunities. A framework for concrete collaboration will be finalized in 2024. In the meantime, the Foundation has agreed to contribute to the Coalition's high-level events.

Ms. Paz Gonzalez, Coordinator for Climate Action, Water and Biomes Programs of Fundación Avina participated as a speaker at the Local2030 Coalition Side Event at COP28: "Multilevel governance for climate, food, and biodiversity action".

Basque Universities

The Local2030 Coalition met with the three Basque Universities (University of the Basque Country, University of Mondragon and University of Deusto) to learn more about the Agenda2030 & SDG Postgraduate Degree. Among potential opportunities for collaboration are the possibility of holding joint events once the Local2030 Coalition is operative in Bilbao, as well as to co-host an internship programme.

Simon Fraiser University

The Local2030 Coalition and Simon Fraser University hold meetings to explore synergies. The first collaboration was the participation of Sid Meha, Director Ancillary Services of Simon Fraser University, in the Local2030 Coalition side event at COP28: "Multilevel governance for climate, food, and biodiversity action". There also ongoing discussions on how to link the University's Action labs for SDG localization to the Local2030 Coalition HII.

LIST OF ANNEXES

Annex 1: Steering Committee's ToR

Terms of Reference of the Local2030 Coalition Steering Committee

Aim and Composition

The Steering Committee (SC) is the governing body of the Local2030 Coalition and provides strategic leadership and governance oversight. The SC is responsible for making key strategic decisions and ensuring the effectiveness of the Coalition's operations through regular review of reports and results facilitated by the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat.

The SC should have a maximum of seven members, comprising five members representing different constituencies, the host of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat, and one rotational Local2030 Hub representative. The SC composition will ensure the principles of inclusiveness and balanced representation (gender, age, and geographic), as well as the need for a manageable size for decision-making effectiveness. Two United Nations entities will co-chair the Steering Committee and, together with the Secretariat, will ensure the active engagement of UN entities through the UN Directors Group. The Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG) will also closely accompany the work of the Local2030 Coalition.

Membership

1. Co-chairs

Purpose

The Local2030 Coalition is co-chaired by Principals from two UN Entities – with UN-Habitat as the permanent co-chair, tasked with leading its Secretariat, and a two-year rotational co-chair. The rotation of the co-chair is intended to diversify the leadership of the Coalition across different parts of the United Nations and promote a whole-of-system approach.

Co-chairs have the overall responsibility to (a) represent, supervise, and guide the work of the Local2030 Coalition, (b) act as contact points between the Secretariat, the SC, the UN Directors Group, and the Local2030 Hubs, and (c) serve as chairs for the meetings.

Appointment of co-chairs

After a consultation process to define the strategic orientation of Local2030, held in 2021 by the Executive Office of the Secretary General, under the guidance of the UN Deputy Secretary General, UN-Habitat was appointed as permanent co-chair, while UNDP was invited to be the first rotational co-chair for 2022-2023, followed by FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization). For future mandates, UN agencies, offices, funds, and programmes will be invited to express an interest in taking on the role of the rotational co-chair through a competitive, fair and transparent selection process.

2. Members

Purpose

The members of the Steering Committee represent a diverse group of relevant stakeholders, who will bring to the work of the Local2030 Coalition different perspectives on how to implement global agendas and achieve sustainable development at the local level.

Appointment of members

Members of the Steering Committee include one representative each from:

Member States	Local and Subnational Governments	Local and Subnational Governments Associations
Civil Society/Youth	Private Sector	Host Government of the Secretariat
	Rotational Local2030 Hub	
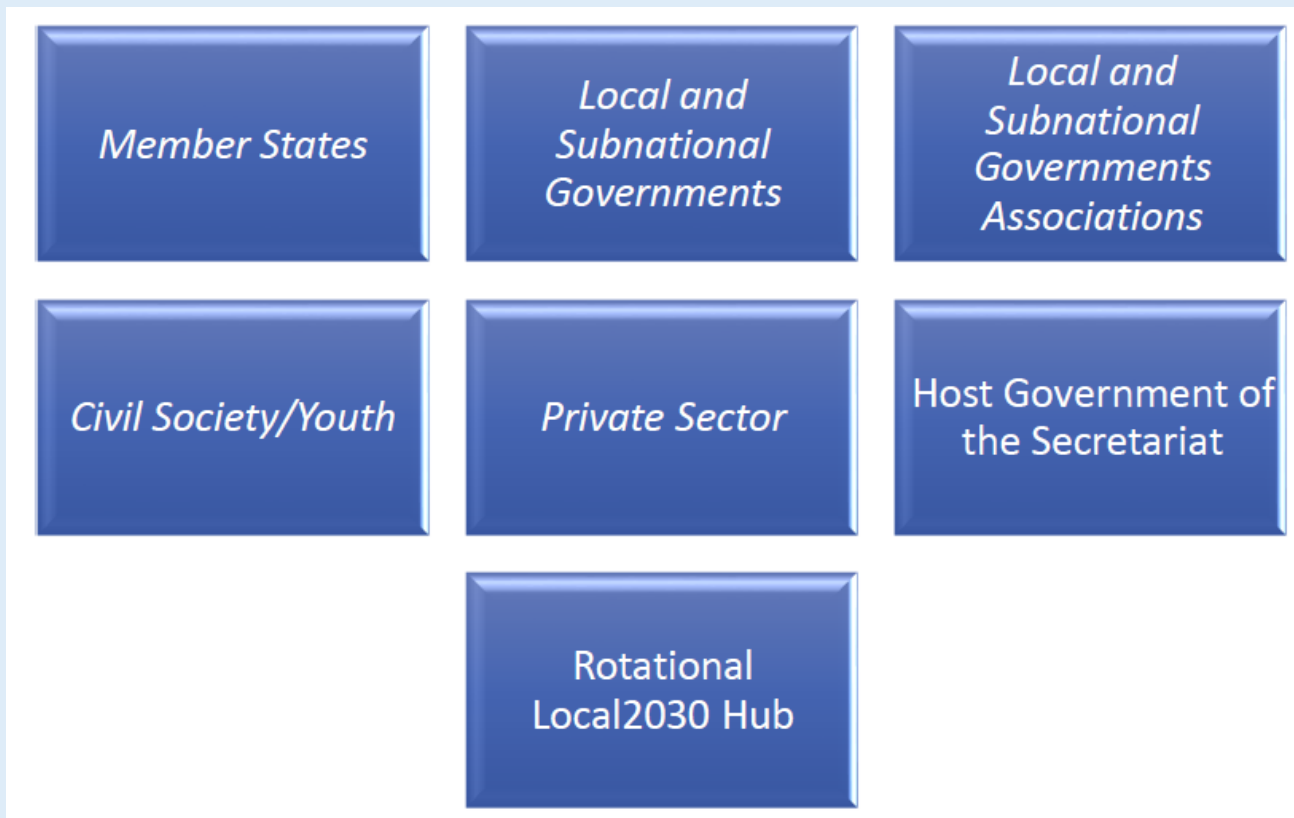
The members of the Steering Committee will be appointed by the co-chairs of the Local2030 Coalition for a period of 2 years, with the strategic guidance of the EOSG and according to the following criteria:

- Competence and experience in sustainable development, multi-level governance, or local action.
- Recognized leadership in their fields of action.
- Capacity to represent their peers at global and regional debates.
- Ability to meaningfully contribute to the work of the Local2030 Coalition by linking their ongoing initiatives and connecting relevant platforms and partners.
- Gender, age, and geographical balance.
- Readiness to contribute to the work of the Local2030 coalition and its Steering Committee

UN entities and partners of the Local2030 Coalition will be invited to submit nominations for SC membership every 2 years.

The country hosting the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat and one rotational representative of the Local2030 Hubs will be invited to join the Steering Committee as an ex-officio member.

3. Observer members

The Local2030 Coalition will also grant observer status to former and future rotational UN Co-chairs. This status will be conferred on a time-bound basis of one year. The objective is to contribute to a smooth membership transition and ensure continuity and coherence of activities of the Coalition.

The members of the SC should begin their terms of office at the closure of the SC meeting at which they are appointed and should remain in office for two years. Members of the SC may be reappointed if the Co-chairs receive such a request.

Should a member of the SC resign or be unable to exercise their functions, the SC will designate a replacement for the remainder of the term based on the established criteria and procedure for the appointment of SC members.

Commitment

Steering Committee members are required to participate in the annual Steering Committee meeting and serve as dedicated advocates for the Local2030 Coalition throughout their tenure.

In addition, all entities who are members of the Steering Committee will be expected to formally appoint a focal point at the Director/working level to be the liaison with the work of the Local2030 Coalition, who will advance the implementation of strategies and various activities as part of the Local2030 Coalition work plans.

Steering Committee members can also provide secondments and contributions to the functioning of the Local2030 Secretariat.

Key tasks and Responsibilities

- Review and approve these Terms of Reference and update and/or modify them, as necessary, in case of compelling requirements.
- Provide strategic guidance to the work of the Local2030 Coalition.
- Approve the work plans and annual reports of the Local2030 Coalition and review their objectives and indicators as necessary.
- Review and ensure the alignment of the fund allocations earmarked by donors to specific activities or UN Entities.
- Lead a stocktaking every year at the Principal level to refine the priorities, reflecting the most impactful action areas that will cumulatively accelerate the progress towards achieving the SDGs.
- Review changes to the thematic or work focus; ensure their conformity with the 10-year strategy of the Coalition.
- Review and approve the periodic progress reports (programmatic and financial) consolidated by the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat.
- Advocate for enhanced and accelerated SDG action, especially at the local level.

Decisions

- The Steering Committee makes decisions by consensus. Decisions of the Steering Committee shall be duly recorded.
- Prior to presenting the Secretariat3 position on a significant issue to the members of the SC, the Secretariat and Co-Chairs must ensure that it is endorsed internally by participating UN Entities and is in line with the Secretariat's regulatory requirements.
- The Steering Committee can decide to establish working groups for specific work streams that the Local2030 Coalition might prioritize in its work plan.

- Make sure that the decisions made by the Steering Committee are in accordance with the regulatory requirements of the Secretariat and agreements with the participating Member States and donors.
- Ensure that the decisions made by the Steering Committee are duly recorded and promptly communicated to the members of the Local2030 coalition, including participating Agencies, the UN country teams, and donors, as appropriate.
- Appoint the members of the Steering Committee
- Monitor the implementation of the decisions of the Steering Committee.
- Make the full power and expertise of the participating UN Entities available to the Local2030 Coalition.
- Convene members, partners, Local2030 Hubs and Steering Committee for regular Coalition meetings.
- Provide an efficient platform for engagement amongst Coalition members.

The Structure

Annex 2: Minutes of the second meeting of the Local2030 Coalition Steering Committee

Minutes of the second meeting of the Local2030 Coalition Steering Committee

Date: 14 July 2023

Time: 17:00 to 19:00 EAT | 16:00 to 18:00 CEST | 10:00 to 12:00 EDT
Place: Hybrid (Room 0943, UN-Habitat New York Liaison Office, 2 UN Plaza, 44th Street, New York, United States and via Microsoft Teams)

Participants

o **<u>Co-chairs</u>**: Mr. **Haoliang Xu**, Under Secretary-General of the United Nations and Associate Administrator, and Director of Bureau for Policy and Programme Support of UNDP (in-person); Ms. **Maimunah Mohd Sharif**, Under Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of UN-Habitat (in-person); Ms. **Adriana Dinu**, Senior Advisor to the Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support of UNDP (in person).

o **<u>Presenters</u>**: Ms. **Francine Melchioretto**, Programme Officer of UN-Habitat and Local2030 Coalition Secretariat (in-person); Mr. **Rafael Tuts**, Director of the Global Solutions Division of UN-Habitat (in-person); Ms. **Renata Rubian**, Lead in Cities and Urbanization of UNDP (in person); Ms. **Shipra Narang Suri**, Chief of the Urban Practices Branch of UN-Habitat and Head of the Local2030 Coalition (in-person).

o **<u>Steering Committee members</u>**: Ms. **Clara Arpa Azofra**, CEO of Arpa Equipos Móviles de Campaña, Member of the UN Global Compact Board and President of the UN Global Compact Spain (online); Ms. **Emilia Saiz**, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments (in-person); Ms. **Esther Muiruri**, Founder of the Gold Ribbon Initiative (in-person); Ms. **Eva del Hoyo Barbolla**, Director-General for Sustainable Development Policies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Spain (in-person); Mr. **Marco Ricci**, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Directorate General for Development Cooperation, Italy (online); Mr. **Stefanos Fotiou**, Director of the Office of Sustainable Development Goals of FAO (online);

o **<u>List of Participants</u>**: Mr. **Adrian Martin**, Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Spain to the UN (in-person); Ms. **Belen Verdeguer**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation (in-person); Ms. **Claudia Garcia**, Partnership and Project Officer of UN-Habitat (in person); Mr. **Christian Williams**, Director of New York Liaison Office of UN-Habitat (in-person); Ms. **Lara Blanco**, Deputy Director of the Sustainable Development Unit of EOSG (online); Ms. **Lucia Graf**, Partnership and Programme Management Associate of UN-Habitat (online); Mr. Martino Miraglia, Human Settlements Officer of UN-Habitat (in-person); Mr. **Pablo Fernandez**, Chief of Staff of United Cities and Local Government (in-person); Mr. **Runze Wang**, Special Assistant to the Executive Director of UN-Habitat (in-person); Ms. **Stella Mungai**, Programme Management Assistant of UN-Habitat (in-person).

Goal of the meeting:

Convened by the Local2030 Coalition's Co-chairs (UN-Habitat and UNDP), the second Steering Committee (SC) meeting presented the main achievements of the Coalition since the first SC meeting in April 2022, approved strategic documents and discussed relevant issues such as the 2023 work plan, the SDG Localization window, the High Impact Initiative on Localization, SC member's priorities and the new SC's cohort (2024-2025).

Agenda item 01: Report of the state of play

Key points presented:

Ms. Shipra Narang Suri.
Main achievements of the Local2030 Coalition: Agreement between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Spain and UN-Habitat that formally establishes the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat in Bilbao was signed on July 6th, 2023; The SDG Localization Window's initial concept is finalized and the call for seed funding proposals, the incubation phase of the window, will be launched in the coming weeks; Participation in main high-level events in 2022 and 2023, such as the 2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, WUF11, HLPF22, 77 UNGA, COP27, Water Conference and HLPF23; Partnership with Italy to operationalize the Knowledge Hub has advanced and a contribution of €1,000,000 was received in May 2023; The Government of Egypt is developing a proposal for an African Hub in Cairo with the support of UN-Habitat and UNDP; the 2023 work plan and the revised SC's ToR were approved on 30 June 2023; Strategic meetings were organized with the Local2030 Coalition's members (UN Directors Group and focal points, SC members and focal points, Local2030 Hubs, EOSG, UN-Habitat, UNDP and FAO).

Agenda item 02: Approval of the Local2030 Hub's Terms of Reference (ToR)

Key points highlighted:

Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif. The critical decision that required the SC's consensus before the approval of the ToR were the following: 1) Signature of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat; 2) Rotational chair at the SC; Financial contribution to the Coalition's Secretariat.

Ms. Emilia Saiz agreed with the importance of having a ToR to organize and create a structure for the Hubs. However, she stressed the need to include a further explanation of how the rotational SC chair will be defined. She also suggested that voluntary financial contributions from the Hubs are considered to ensure representation of the Global South.

Ms. Shipra Narang Suri emphasized the importance of having standard criteria for Hubs to ensure they have the functional capacity to deliver what it promises to the Coalition. For this reason, establishing financial criteria is also crucial. She also underlined the importance of signing an MoU with the Hubs to set out the terms of their relationship with the Local2030 Coalition.

Mr. Rafael Tuts stressed the importance of the Hub's financial contribution to the Secretariat, as this will ensure constant coordination and support of the Local2030 Coalition to the Hubs.

Mr. Marco Ricci and **Ms. Clara Arpa** reiterated the importance of the ToR to regulate their responsibilities better. Mr. Ricci also suggested that the financial contribution could be assessed considering the Hubs' size and budget.

Outcomes:

The SC members have officially approved the ToR for the Local2030 Hubs. Notwithstanding, the points and concerns the SC raised during the discussion will be incorporated as amendments to the ToR. The revised version of the document will be circulated among all SC members for their final review before being distributed to the Local2030 Hubs and the UN Directors Group.

A) The approved 2023 work plan

Key points presented

Ms. Renata Rubian and Ms. Francine Melchioretto

Main priorities until December: Launch the first call for seed proposals of the SDG Localization Window and select Joint Programmes (Jul. and Sep. 2023); HII on SDG Localization at the SDG Summit (Sep. 2023); Operationalize the Secretariat in Bilbao (Oct. 2023); Rebrand the Local2030 Coalition (Dec. 2023); Organize high-level events (ongoing); among others.

Key upcoming events co-organized by the Local2030 Coalition and members in 2023: Side-event at UN Food Systems Summit +2STMs on multilevel governance and multistakeholder partnerships to enable transformative food systems at the local level (24 Jul.); Local and Regional Governments Forum (16 Sep.) and HII on Localization (17 Sep.) at SDG Summit/UNGA; Spain's Event in Madrid on SDG Localization (11 Oct.); Local2030 Hubs event in Honolulu (25 Oct.); Local2030's side event at COP28 (TBC); Local2030's side event at the Global Refugee Forum (TBC).

Key points highlighted:

Ms. Eva del Hoyo reaffirmed that localization is one of the priorities of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU. She invited SC members to the high-level meeting in Madrid in October.

Ms. Emilia Saiz mentioned the importance of civil society to the Coalition and the link between the voluntary local reviews and the voluntary community reviews. She also suggested that the Coalition should be more prominent in the LRGFs.

Mr. Marco Ricci declared the opportunity to promote localization in the G20 agenda with the Brazilian Presidency in 2024. He also noted that the Italian G7 Presidency next year will likely include urban issues as one of its main priorities. In addition, he stressed Italy's commitment to pushing the localization agenda into key global discussions such as the Food Systems Summit and +2 STMs, and the Rome Expo.

Next steps:

Ms. Shipra Narang Suri reminded the attendees that the SC officially approved the 2023 work plan on June 30th. She emphasized that the work plan is a living and dynamic document, open to further contributions as the work progresses. The Secretariat will incorporate the suggestions presented during the meeting and encouraged all SC members to continue adding their contributions to the agreed outcomes on an ongoing basis through their respective focal points.

B) SDG Summit

Key points presented

Mr. Rafael Tuts

The Local2030 Coalition has been chosen as one of the 12 UN High Impact Initiatives (HIIs) after undergoing a competitive selection process held by EOSG with over 124 applications.
Main pillars of the HII on Localization: 1. Integrated urban planning, financing, and implementation for the SDGs; 2. Strengthening SDG data for evidence-based policymaking; 3. Financing local action for the SDGs; 4 Inclusive local actions to leave no one behind.

11 UN agencies, 3 Local2030 hubs, and 1 SC member have submitted deliverables proposals.
Champions Member States being mobilized: Spain, Italy, Brazil, Ghana, and Malaysia (to be mobilized). In addition, the Hawai'i Green Growth Hub will support in approaching the USA.
Defining the scope of the HII's outcomes in a short timeframe is challenging, but this is an opportunity to accelerate and scale up the Coalition's work and achievement.
The weekend event at the SDG Summit includes a mobilization day on Sep. 16 and the SDG Acceleration Day on Sep. 17, where each HII will have 90 minutes to convene its main messages.

Key points highlighted

Mr. Christian Williams reinforced the point that this is an amazing opportunity to show the Local2030 Coalition as an accelerator of the transitions and its potential to contribute to other HIIs.
Ms. Esther Muiruri stressed the importance of involving civil society in the process.
Ms. Adriana Dinu stressed the need to showcase how the four pillars will be linked to the six transitions.
Mr. Rafael Tuts mentioned the methodology and approach of the Coalition will be reflected in the HII. He also emphasized that although the pillars of the HII on localization may not directly center on the six transitions, they will track their impact on delivering the transitions.
Ms. Shipra Narang Suri highlighted the Coalition sparked the interest of potential champions Member States during the 2023HLPF. She also suggested using the Bilbao office to trigger the post-summit discussion on the HII to expand the scale of deliverables and engage more partners.
Ms. Lara Blanco highlighted that transitions will be the core of the work to be done in the next seven years towards 2030. She also mentioned the importance of linking the events on 16 and 17 Sep., suggesting that Ms. Emilia Saiz would be well-placed to support us on this front.

Next steps:

- The Secretariat will provide comprehensive updates on the progress of the HII to the SC through their focal points, seeking further guidance on the concept and the event scheduled at the SDG Summit
- The Secretariat will contact the Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments, UN-Habitat, UNDP, and UN DESA to ensure the connection between the Local and Regional Government Forum and the presentation of the HII on localization. The goal is to provide a strong link between both events, scheduled for the weekend preceding the SDG Summit on September 16th and 17th.
- The Secretariat will contact the SC members to add, refine and shape the deliverables post-summit, aligning them with the agreed-upon objectives of the Coalition's strategy and work plans.
- SC members are encouraged to actively mobilize Member States and other stakeholders, as well as additional support and resources to drive the successful implementation of the HII on Localization.

C) SDG Localization Window

Key points presented:

Ms. Shipra Narang Suri.
The SDG Localization Window will enhance catalytic funding for SDG Localization and enable joint UN action at the country level in the Coalition priorities: advocacy, action, and monitoring.

Resource mobilization: initial funding to launch the incubation phase of the window was secured thanks to Spain's financial contribution, but support is still needed from SC members to ensure the multi-year funding of around USD 100 million needed to launch the window.

Call for Seed Funding Proposals: the call will enable an initial push for a collective UN System response to accelerate SDG Localization and inform the Window on SDG Localization. The funding is not for implementing large-scale projects but focuses on upstream work, such as capacity development, programming, mobilization, and consultation. Thus, support should be channelled to critical processes and activities often lacking funding.

The SDG Localization Window and call for seed funding proposal will be featured as part of the HII on Localization under the pillar dedicated to financing. However, due to delays in the launch of the call, it will not be possible to bring to the event representatives of the Joint Programmes that have been selected.

Key points highlighted

Mr. Marco Ricci pointed out the absence of the youth focus in the window and suggested that it should consider the principle of intergenerational equity. He also asked for more information on how the selected joint programmes will be evaluated at the end of their implementation. It was clarified that the Joint SDG Fund will do this evaluation.

Next steps:

-   The Secretariat will provide updates on the progress of the SDG Localization Window and the call for seed funding proposals to the SC through their focal points.
-   SC members are encouraged to actively mobilize additional support and resources from Member States and potential donors to launch the SDG Localization Window.

D) New Steering Committee co-hort 2024-2025
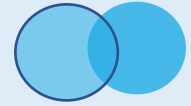
Key points highlighted:

Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif.

Mentioned that Co-chairs see the members of the SC as the Coalition's champions and expressed gratitude for their support to deliver the Coalition's ambition in these initial years.

Emphasized the significance of the current moment for the Local2030 Coalition, stressing that the time for us to act is now, and invited members to join forces to promote initiatives that can be adapted and scaled up through the call for seed funding proposal and the HII on SDG localization.

Requested SC members to remain champions of the Local2030 Coalition beyond their membership, suggesting their continuous engagement. She noted that as FAO was invited to this meeting, she expected UNPD to join as an observer member next year.

Recommended that moving forward, there is a need for a systematic approach to ensure global diversity and strategic involvement of other countries and cities in the Coalition.

Announced that if current SC members are interested in continuing to be a member or would like to make recommendations of partners to join the SC next year, they should share a notification via email with the Secretariat team.

Mr. Marco Ricci stressed the need to consider a new national government representative in the upcoming cohort to ensure regional balance.

Ms. Clara Arpa expressed interest in further supporting the Coalition in the following months, including raising awareness of her partners. She is also available to meet in September during the GA.

Ms. Adriana Dinu proposed including HII on Localization champions as potential national government representatives.

Ms. Emilia Saiz stressed the importance of establishing structured criteria for selecting new SC members. She advocated for a permanent seat to be allocated to a Global Task Force representative. Moreover, considering the importance of continuity and transition, Ms. Saiz expressed her willingness to extend her current role as an SC member for an additional two years. Finally, she added that the Global Task Force would like to receive the framework with further details on the SC membership.

Ms. Shipra Narang Suri clarified that there are already permanent SC seats for the Global Task Force, as the LRG association and the host of the Coalition's Secretariat in the SC structure, and therefore, both will decide their representative for the upcoming term and inform the Co-chairs. Moreover, nominations for local and regional governments and civil society representatives will be meticulously gathered for the next cohort from various sources, including UN entities and other relevant partners. The selection process for the private sector seat previously relied on guidance from the Global Compact. However, this time, we can extend nominations to include emerging partners. Finally, the suggestion to invite a champion of the HII on localization as the national government representative was well noted.

Next steps:

- The updated ToR for the SC will incorporate the defined criteria and procedures for selecting new SC members.
- Nominations for new SC members must be submitted by October 2023 via the Secretariat. The selection process will conclude by the first week of December 2023, and the newly appointed members will be announced in mid-December 2023. The new SC members will assume their roles on January 1st, 2024.

Annex 3: Local2030 Coalition Special Event at the 2023 HLFP Report

Local2030 Coalition Special Event:

"Actions, solutions, and partnerships to foster multilevel governance and unlock financing to accelerate SDG localization"

12th JULY 2023, 15.00 - 17.00

Conference Room 6

Background

Our world faces multiple and interlinked shocks that hinder progress on the achievement of SDGs, from the setbacks caused by the COVID-19 pandemic to the impact of the war in Ukraine, to the debt crises and the escalating climate emergency, among others. The combined and compounding impact of these shocks are worsening deep-rooted and multidimensional inequalities, putting the vulnerable at greater risk of being left further behind. They are also straining the capacities of governments from the national to the local level to ensure even progress on development priorities.

The Local2030 Coalition was established on the knowledge that global goals require local engagement and action to achieve, and need to have local impact to be meaningful. It views inclusive multilevel governance and engagement as fundamental to SDG localization and SDG achievement, and mobilizing investment and financing as integral to efforts particularly at the local level where concrete actions are carried out.

It is in this context that the Local2030 Coalition convenes this side event as contribution to the HLPF processes.

Objectives:

By centering the discussions around multilevel governance and financing, the Special event aims to foster greater collaboration, drive transformative actions and solutions, and pave the way to accelerate SDG localization. To this end, the session will:

- Explore the principles and models of multilevel governance, emphasizing its importance for efficient policymaking, service delivery, and cohesive leadership across various levels of governance.

- Highlight the significance of financing for the SDGs at the local level and the need to mobilize resources for effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- Facilitate dialogue and collaboration among government representatives from all levels, private sector, civil society organizations, and international institutions to develop transformative partnerships for delivering the SDGs.
- Discuss policy guidance and best practices for multilevel governance and financing frameworks that support SDG localization.

Summary of the Session

Session title	Local2030 Coalition Special Event: *"Actions, solutions, and partnerships to foster multilevel governance and unlock financing to accelerate SDG localization"*
Date & time	Wednesday 12th of July 2023 15:00-17:00
Contact person from partner institution(s)	Francine Melchioretto Francine.Melchioretto@un.org
Name of the rapporteur/notetaker	Lúcia Graf Lucia.graf-rojo@un.org

The event explored how we can enhance multilevel governance and unlock financing for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It gathered experts and partners from across sectors to foster greater collaboration, drive transformative actions and solutions, and pave the way to accelerate SDG localization.

PANEL 1. Multilevel governance and engagement

Ms. Emilia Saiz, Secretary-General of the United Cities and Local Governments, highlighted that transforming action requires addressing multilevel governance differently, as it stands as a crucial cornerstone. The participation of Local and Regional Governments (LRG) alone is insufficient in the VNR process, with only 36% of reports having been consulted with them.

Hon. Iñigo Urkullu, President of the Basque Government – Lehendakari, Spain, reaffirmed through the signature of the agreement with the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat, the Spanish and Basque commitment to localization and multilevel governance, along with engaging stakeholders at various levels. The Now, 2030 Proposal aims to create a consensus that will mark a pivotal moment this year. It calls for an enhanced UN Summit format, clearly defining and prioritizing the most pressing Goals for 2030 and promoting a Declaration of Commitment from institutions and social partners.

Dr. Eeva Furman, Secretary General of the Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development, Prime Minister's Office, Finland, mentioned that achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires integrating different levels effectively. According to the

Global Sustainable Report 2019, collaborative efforts across various levels are crucial. However, there are several challenges in this process: 1. Developing a complex policy framework for sustainable development in Finland is difficult due to the involvement of numerous actors. Overlapping roles create complications, given the existence of not only regional, local, and national levels but also various networks. It is essential to engage everyone and align all levels of governance; 2. The presence of numerous sectoral policies makes it challenging to have a comprehensive perspective. To support different levels effectively, a holistic picture is necessary, linking the higher levels with the local ones; 3, While it is easier to focus on individual SDGs, grasping the overall complexity of the SDGs can be challenging. Encouragement is needed to promote a broader understanding and vision.

To address these challenges, making legislation more coherent and long-term is vital. Requiring municipality legislation instead of leaving it voluntary would facilitate joint efforts. Integration across all levels is essential, necessitating system transformation. Establishing an integrated link from Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) to Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) and to Voluntary Regional Reviews (VRRs) in an inclusive manner is crucial.

Platforms, peer learning, and workshops play a significant role in bringing different levels together, working on indicators, and developing a comprehensive vision.

Hon. Joshua Green, Governor of Hawai'i highlighted that Hawai'i, being an isolated state within the US, shares closer ideological proximity with island nations in the Pacific region. During the presentation of the Second Voluntary Local Review (VLR) for the State of Hawai'i, they expressed a strong commitment to integrating their approach. Notably, Hawaii is the only state in the US presenting a VLR. This unique position allows them to draw inspiration from two different directions - the Pacific region and the rest of the US.

Furthermore, he emphasized the significance of data in monitoring and planning processes.

Hon. Wim Dries, Mayor of Genk, Flanders, Belgium, and President of VVSG, discussed the positive developments regarding the integration of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Flanders, where 200 Flemish municipalities have embraced the SDGs, indicating a growing interest in SDG localization. The cornerstones of this progress in Flanders involve aligning policy planning processes with the SDGs and presenting Agenda 2030 as a strategic and moral compass for local governments. The VVSG (Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities) has played a pivotal role by providing practical tools to include the SDGs at every stage of local policy planning. These tools include a comprehensive set of possible local SDG indicators for writing local contests or policy proposals, as well as methodologies for using the SDGs as a framework for citizen participation.

He recommends shifting the focus from thematic knowledge building to understanding the importance of the 2030 Agenda as a strategic framework for local policies.

To strengthen the strategic approach to localization, especially at the regional level, Wim suggested that the Flemish administration responsible for regulating local policymaking should integrate the SDGs into their communication and policy tools.

In June 2023, the VVSG and VVP published their first VSR, the process of which started in April 2023. The aim is for SDG integration to become a natural and automatic process, supported by concrete tools for policymakers.

Given Belgium's complex institutional structure, Wim acknowledged the importance of aligning strategies at the national, regional, community, province, and local government levels, as they all seek the same goals. VSRs could make a difference in the future, especially for communities unable to develop VLRs, promoting a dual methodology that is both bottom-up and top-down.

Considering the global aspect of the 2030 Agenda, he stressed the need for international partnerships to foster cooperation and progress. Some of the recommendations mentioned included: 1. Structurally incorporating the SDGs into local policy planning processes. 2. Involving local governments in intergovernmental consultations on sustainable development worldwide. 3.Recognizing the significance of international partnerships in fulfilling the global component of the 2030 Agenda.

Ms. **Esther Muiruri**, Founder of the Gold Ribbon Initiative, emphasized the importance of involving individuals while addressing localization. To ensure that local communities drive SDG actions at the local level, they need to be empowered with technical support, resources, and tools to monitor and track progress in implementation. Additionally, fostering knowledge exchange and establishing a platform for dialogue is crucial. Esther stressed the need to play a facilitative role in local communities, understanding their unique context and not imposing preconceived ideas.

In delivering services, understanding the context of the people being served and actively involving the community is essential. By addressing the vulnerabilities of these communities and collaborating with local actors, interventions can be targeted and more effective.

She also highlighted the need of having a robust coordination mechanism that includes both governance and non-governance stakeholders for accelerating progress towards the 2030 Agenda.

Considering that 40% of Africa's population is under 24 years old, Esther highlighted the significance of investing in young people. Scaling up innovations developed by young individuals can accelerate SDG achievement, and creating an enabling environment for young people is crucial for their active participation in achieving the SDGs.

Hon. Fatimetou Abdel Malick, President of the Nouakchott Region, Mauritania, noted that there is a significant need to reconstitute the architecture of world governance as it has been observed that major institutions are weak and unable to find solutions for vulnerable communities. Non-resilient systems required assistance, and financing poses a major challenge in many countries, especially low-income ones. Reconstructing world governance structures and reformulating dialogues among local, regional, and national governance are deemed necessary. The goal is to change the rules of the game, shifting from a lateral approach to a more localized one through the reform of the international governance system. The objective is to manage all state and non-state actors in sustainable development efforts, prioritizing human rights as a central concern. To illustrate these points, examples were provided, such as the Feed and Growth Project in Nouakchott, which aims to create jobs and ensure food security for the young population involving different levels of actors in its implementation (state, municipality, civil society).

She emphasized the need for decentralization and shared responsibilities. Establishing trust within communities and organizations is crucial. Once all these aspects are addressed and resolved, political measures can be effectively put in place.

PANEL 2. Financing for SDGs Localization

Mr. Antônio da Costa e Silva, Chief International Advisor Office of the Minister of Cities, mentioned that coordinating among all the branches of government (federal, national, and local, each with its judiciary, executive, and legislative level) in Brazil is not always simple, creating barriers for private investors who must navigate various regulations and legislations. The primary role of multilevel governance is to establish normative integrity, providing investors with a comprehensive view of how they can contribute to investments related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

To encourage private investment, a normative framework is needed. In areas where the private sector chooses not to invest due to factors like cost, distance, or structure, the state must step in. This complementary approach ensures that public and private investments do not compete and that both sectors have secure spaces.

Organizations like C40 and UN-Habitat's Cities Investment Facility provide climate change financing and support local governments that lack financial capacity. The national level's second role is to assist and support local projects, providing proper benchmarking to make them attractive to the private sector.

For private investors, benchmarking the execution of these projects provides assurance that their investments will be financially rewarding or contribute to various developmental aspects like environmental, social, and governance goals.

Ms. Kelly Larson, Director Road Safety Program, Bloomberg Philanthropies, believes that philanthropy investment plays a crucial role in inspiring local action and increasing government commitment. Bloomberg Philanthropies focus on funding cities worldwide in five core areas aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): public health, arts, education, government innovation, and environment. The organization firmly believes in the power of cities. Their approach goes beyond financing; it involves supporting local action and demonstrating what can be achieved. By following data-driven insights, obtaining high-level political commitment, and garnering support from various agencies and communities, they aim to create a ripple effect of support.

Bloomberg Philanthropies also supports evidence-based practices and ensures cities actively engage in promoting best practices. They also prioritize building capacity for sustainability by investing in people and communities because they believe local action can still influence national policies, and they advocate for change at the national level.

Hon. Hélder Souza Silva, Mayor of Mafra, Portugal, highlighted that in May 2022, Mafra made a strong commitment to implement the 17 SDGs by formalizing its collaboration with UN-Habitat through a letter of intent. The municipality understands financing services at four levels: the municipal budget, national budget, EU budget, and the role of the private sector.

The private sector plays a vital role, using its own funds and participating in public-private partnerships. The SDGs serve as motivation for all citizens. During the preparation of the Voluntary Local Review (VLR), which was approved last April, a diagnostic process was carried out in consultation with various stakeholders, including local authorities, municipal experts, civil society, and business leaders. The consultation work identified the challenge of promoting SDG literacy, which involves engaging people in the process.

Another challenge is to define a clear vision for 2030 and identify concrete and realistic projects that the community may not initially recognize. He believes that collective involvement and motivation are crucial for mobilizing financing resources. Although Mafra's SDG localization process is relatively recent, the third challenge highlights the need to scale up actions involving both municipal and external partners (public and private) to meet SDG objectives.

The municipality took the first step by promoting the SDG culture within its territory, and the second step involved national and international exchanges to integrate the global movement for implementing the 2030 Agenda. To further this goal, some municipalities such as Mafra and Braga signed a letter of intent last September to create regional laboratories in the context of SDGs. These laboratories will function as centres for applied research, training, capacity building, financing, and knowledge sharing with other territories in Portugal and other Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa and Brazil.

Mr. Pablo López, Housing and Habitat Coordinator in the Urban Development, Water and Creative Economies Division, CAF-Development Bank, Latin America explained that CAF Development Bank operates in Latin America and the Caribbean, where there is still a significant gap between reality and the achievement of the SDGs, and there is a high demand for financing. Public resources alone are insufficient to address the necessary investments to close this gap. The bank has limited capacity to provide financing, so they need to catalyse resources and seek international partners. To achieve this, transparency is crucial, with clear medium-term objectives, strategies to reach those objectives, and instruments to materialize them. Working with partner organizations requires demonstrating medium to long-term plans and tangible results to build trust and facilitate the coordination and catalysation of resources.

As an example, in 2021, the bank underwent a transformation to become a green and economically recovering institution for Latin America and the Caribbean, setting comprehensive goals for the next four years. All these strategies are aligned with the SDGs and include a commitment to allocate a significant portion of the funding over the next four years to subnational governments.

To contribute to the efforts, building capacity is essential for better financial management of local governments and to support more efficient projects. Once this capacity is established, financing becomes a natural step to facilitate progress.

Ms. Norliza Hashem, Chief Executive of Urbanice Malaysia, Ministry of Housing and Local Government, highlighted that Malaysia is highly committed to implementing the SDGs, and this commitment aligns with a 5-year economic plan. The national budgets are also geared towards achieving some of the socioeconomic targets and development outcomes.

The adoption of the Eleventh Malaysia Plan has mainstreamed the SDGs in the national development planning. Many cities have already started working on SDG roadmaps, and around 43 cities out of 155 have initiated the Voluntary Local Review (VLR) process.

Norliza identifies some key gaps at the local government level, particularly financial constraints in implementing the SDGs. To secure financing; evidence, data, and detailed plans are required. To address this, the Malaysia SDG Cities Program, in collaboration with UN Habitat, supports cities not only in blueprint preparation but also in aligning local budgets to meet financing requirements.

Another issue is the lack of knowledge and capacity in SDG program management, leading to difficulties in defending budget requirements. Building this capacity, especially at the local level, is crucial.

Malaysia heavily relies on the private sector as a key actor in SDG implementation, with a strong focus on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Efforts are being made to align Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices with the SDGs to ensure that cities can achieve their local goals.

Inclusivity is emphasized, and Malaysia is supporting its smallest cities in preparing SDG roadmaps and blueprints. The country has also announced the first Voluntary Community Review (VCR) in a small community, highlighting the importance of a bottom-up approach to accelerate localization efforts.

Main Conclusions

1. The achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 requires immediate action and a sense of urgency.
2. Effective localization of the SDGs necessitates efforts to build awareness, knowledge, capacity, and empowerment among various stakeholders at all levels of governance.
3. Successful integration of the SDGs requires collaboration and coordination among all levels of governance: national, international, local, metropolitan, and territorial, recognizing the importance of each actor in the process.
4. Local communities' actions can significantly impact and influence national policies, emphasizing the importance of engaging and empowering local actors in SDG implementation.
5. The SDGs play a crucial role as a benchmarking tool, allowing for the monitoring and evaluation of progress, providing valuable insights for policy adjustments and improvements.
6. To secure financing for SDG initiatives, there is a need for upstream support and mechanisms that tag finance to specific projects, enabling access to the necessary funding for sustainable development efforts.

Annex 4: Local and Regional Governments Forum at the HLPF

Local and Regional Governments Forum (LRGF) on the 2030 Agenda

"Harnessing high impact localization policies to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals through SDG 11 and towards the 2023 SDG Summit"

Special High-Level Event on the occasion of the 2023 United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)
12 July, 10AM – 1:00 PM - UNHQ CR1

DRAFT AGENDA

10:00-10:30 - <u>OPENING</u>: Accelerating the Achievement of SDG 11 to Close the Gaps Towards the SDG Summit

This segment will set the scene presenting SDG 11 as the key enabler of all other the Sustainable Development Goals with high-level contributions of our organized constituency

- **Ms. Amina Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations (Video Message)
- **Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif**, Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-Habitat
- **Mr. Achim Steiner**, Administrator, UNDP
- **Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano**, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs on behalf of Mr. Li Junhua Under Secretary-General, UN DESA
- **Ms. Fatimetou Abdel Malick**, President of Nouakchott Region (Mauritania)

10:30 – 12:45 - <u>INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES</u>

The interactive dialogues will provide a thematic overview of how local and regional governments have been playing a key role in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda through the lens of SDG 11, the

critical provision of public services to address inequalities and innovative policy making and emergency response.

This section will be chaired from the podium and all other delegates will intervene from the floor.

10:30 – 11:00 - Dialogue 1 - SDG 11 as a key enabler for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda

The first dialogue will be structured by an opening by the moderator, who will then engage with the floor through a short thematic session before a general debate.

- *Chaired by Ms. Gunn Marit Helgesen, Councilor of Vestfold and Telemark (Norway)*
- *General Debate*
    - *Mr. Yucel Yilmaz, Mayor of Balikesir (Turkey)*
    - *Mr. Leendert Verbeek, President of Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe*
    - *Mr. Toshihiko Ota, Mayor of Toyota City (Japan)*
    - *Mr. Helder Sousa Silva, Mayor of Mafra (Portugal)*
    - *Mr. Ravinder Bhalla, Mayor of Hoboken (US)*
    - *Mr. Iñaqui Carnicero Alonso-Colmenares, Secretary General of Urban Agenda, Housing and Architecture, Spain*
    - *Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)*

Themes under review:
- Key SDG 11 and its crosscutting connections with all other SDGs, including those under review.
- Sustainable urbanization, urban planning, affordable housing, cultural heritage, universal access to inclusive green and public spaces, affordable and sustainable transport, urban disaster risk reduction, climate justice

11:00 – 11:30 - Dialogue 2 - Local public services to address inequalities, promote innovation and foster sustainability

The second dialogue will follow the same structure as the first one, structured by an opening and a general debate with the floor.

- *Chaired by Berry Vrbanovic, Mayor of Kitchener (Canada)*
- *General Debate*
    - *Mr. Wilber Ottichilo, Governor Vihiga County (Kenya)*
    - *Mr. Juan Schiaretti, Governor of Córdoba (Argentina)*
    - *Mr. Wim Dries, Mayor of Genk (Belgium)*

- o *Ms Anne-Marie Jean, Vice-President, Eurométropole de Strasbourg (France)*
- o *Mr. Wiliam Patricio Maldonado, Mayor of the Municipality of Nabón (Ecuador)*
- o *Ambassador Antonio Francisco da Costa e Silva Neto, Special Advisor of International Relations, Ministry of Cities, Brazil*
- o *Tatu, Child Advocate*

Themes under review:
- SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation, 7 on affordable and clean energy, SDG 9 on industry, innovation and infrastructure; cutting across all of the SDGs
- Public services delivery, governance and access to water and sanitation at local level, transforming financing ecosystems to ensure the provision of local public services

11:30 – 12:00 - Dialogue 3 - Local and regional governments and the future of production and consumption

The third dialogue will follow the same structure as the first two, structured by an opening and a general debate with the floor.

- ● *Chaired by Mr. Fernandes Barasa, Governor of Kakamega County (Kenya)*

- ● *General Debate*
    - o *Mr. Josh Green,Governor, Hawai'i (US)*
    - o *Ms. Luisa Salgueiro, Mayor of Matosinhos (Portugal)*
    - o *Mr. Leonardo Orlando, Prefect of the Manabí Province (Ecuador)*
    - o *Mr. Ababacar Kalifa Ndao, President of the Department of Dagana (Senegal)*
    - o *European Union representative (TBC)*
    - o *Mr. Florencio Venté, Co-Director, Migration Youth and Children Platform (invited)*

Themes under review:
- SDG 9 on industry, innovation and infrastructure, SDG 11 on Sustainable Cities and Communities; cutting across all the SDGs
- Issues to be discussed: Future of work, role of local and regional governments in strengthening local industry and services, smart cities and territories, digital rights

12:00 – 12:45 - Localization and Innovation Exchange

The marketplace will present the transformative power of local action through a dynamic showcase of initiatives, policies and products that seek to close the gap for accelerated action in SDG localisation.

Open moderated debate

- *Ms. Minna Karhunen, Association of Finnish Municipalities (Finland)*
- *Mr. André Viola, Councillor, Department of Aude (France)*
- *Mr. Rory Nisan, Councillor, Burlington (Canada)*
- *Ms. Meritxell Serret, Regional Minister for Foreign Action and European Union, Government of Catalonia (Spain)*
- *Mr. Luís Mariano Fernández, Tucumán State-Secretary for International Relations (Argentina)*

Themes under review:
- Interactive segment showcasing platforms, videos, initiatives
- SDG 17 on partnerships for the goals; all other SDGs crosscutting
- Renewed multilevel governance, the relationship between spheres of government and other stakeholders, including the private sector, role of local and regional governments in the lead-up to the SDG Summit and the Summit for the Future

12:45 – 13:00 - CLOSING

- **Ms. Lotta Tahtinen,** Chief, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UN DESA
- **UNDP representative**
- **Ms. Shipra Narang,** Chief, Urban Practices Branch, UN-Habitat
- **Ms. Lucy Slack,** Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum

HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

LOCAL 2030
LOCALIZING THE SDGS

THE HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 2023

LOCAL TRACK

NEW YORK
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LOCALIZATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AMIDST MULTIPLE CRISES

TIME: 8.00-9.30
VENUE: CR2
ORGANIZED BY: PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC KENYA

11TH

MAYORS GO DIGITAL: PROMOTING THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE OF MAYORS FOR DIGITAL COOPERATION TO LEVERAGE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

TIME: 8.00-9.30
VENUE: CR12
ORGANIZED BY: UN-HABITAT, UN OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S ENVOY ON TECHNOLOGY

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SDGS AT SUBNATIONAL LEVEL

TIME: 15.00-16.15
VENUE: CR4
ORGANIZED BY: REGIONS4 IN COLLABORATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS

TRANSFORMATION FROM THE GROUND-UP: ACTING AT LOCAL LEVEL

TIME: 15.00-16.15
VENUE: CR4
ORGANIZED BY: UN-HABITAT, UNDESA
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11TH

VNR LAB: MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE FOR SDG IMPLEMENTATION: THE ROLE OF VNRS AND VLRS

TIME: 13.00-14.00
VENUE: CR11
ORGANIZED BY: UN-HABITAT, UNDESA
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10TH

VNR LABS
HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE VLR? A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT OF SDG LOCALIZATION AND VOLUNTARY LOCAL REPORTING (VIRTUAL EVENT)

TIME: 18.30-20.00
VENUE: CR11
ORGANIZED BY: INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (IISD)

11TH

LOCALIZING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND ACHIEVING SDG11 THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA (NUA) IN THE SICA REGION

TIME: 8.00-9.30
VENUE: CR5
ORGANIZED BY: PERMANENT MISSION OF EL SALVADOR

12TH

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SDGS IN THE REGIONS OF RUSSIA

TIME: 8.00-9.30
VENUE: ONLINE
ORGANIZED BY: MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

LAUNCH OF THE STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2023

TIME: 10.00-12.00
VENUE: CR4
ORGANIZED BY: FAO
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THE STATE OF
FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2023

12TH

6TH LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS FORUM

TIME: 10.00-13.00
VENUE: CR1
ORGANIZED BY: UCLG, UN-HABITAT, UNDESA, UNDP, LOCAL2030
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12TH

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Local and Regional Governments Forum
on the 2030 Agenda
Harnessing high-impact localization policies to accelerate the achievement
of the Sustainable Development Goals through SDG 11 and towards the 2023 SDG Summit

12 July, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - CR1

GLOBAL TASKFORCE   UCLG   LOCAL 2030

THE IMPACT OF INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT ON CITIES AND TOWNS: THE NEED FOR NATIONALLY-OWNED DEVELOPMENT APPROACHES TO PROGRESS TOWARDS SDG 11 TARGETS

TIME: 13.15-14.30
VENUE: CR12
ORGANIZED BY: PERMANENT MISSION OF SOMALIA

12TH

DELIVERING ON THE SDGS IN CITIES AND REGIONS AMID GEOPOLITICAL UNCERTAINTY

TIME: 13.15-14.30
VENUE: CRB
ORGANIZED BY: OECD

LOCAL2030 SPECIAL EVENT: ACTIONS, SOLUTIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS TO FOSTER MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE AND UNLOCK FINANCING TO ACCELERATE SDG LOCALIZATION

TIME: 15.00-17.00
VENUE: CR6
ORGANIZED BY: LOCAL2030 COALITION
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12TH

LOCAL 2030
LOCALIZING THE: SDGS

SPECIAL EVENTS

LOCAL2030 COALITION SPECIAL EVENT:
ACTIONS, SOLUTIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS TO FOSTER MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE AND UNLOCK FINANCING TO ACCELERATE SDG LOCALIZATION

12 July 2023, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Conference Room 6

AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES AND SDG 11 – A TEMPLATE FOR EVERYONE
TIME: 18.30-20.00
VENUE: CR8
ORGANIZED BY: STAKEHOLDER GROUP ON AGEING

12TH

URBAN REGENERATION: INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES TOWARDS

TIME: 18.30-20.00
VENUE: CRA
ORGANIZED BY: MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING (MOCH) OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE GOVERNMENTAL URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY (URA), UN-HABITAT

12TH

WASTE WISE CITIES: MOBILIZING 1000 CITIES THROUGH CLEANUP ACTIVITIES TO ACHIEVE SDG 11.6.1

TIME: 18.30-20.00
VENUE: CRB
ORGANIZED BY: PERMANENT MISSION OF ESTONIA

LOCALIZING THE SDGS: TRANSFORMATIVE PARTNERSHIPS TO ACCELERATE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GLOBAL GOALS AT LOCAL LEVEL

TIME: 8.00-9.30
VENUE: CR8
ORGANIZED BY: PERMANENT MISSION OF FINLAND, UN-HABITAT

13TH

EXPLORING THE METAVERSE: A NEW WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES FOR CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

TIME: 8.00-9.30
VENUE: ONLINE
ORGANIZED BY: PERMANENT MISSION OF GREECE

SDGS IN FOCUS: SDG 11 AND INTERLINKAGES WITH OTHER SDGS –SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

TIME: 15.00-17.00
VENUE: CR12
ORGANIZED BY: UNDESA
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13TH

LOCALIZING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 11 BY CENTERING COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE

TIME: 13.15–14.30
VENUE: CRA
ORGANIZED BY: PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES

13TH

BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES: ADDRESSING CLIMATE DISPLACEMENT, HOUSING INSECURITY, AND HOMELESSNESS THROUGH SDGS 11 AND 6

TIME: 18.30–20.00
VENUE: CR9
ORGANIZED BY: SISTERS OF MERCY OF THE AMERICAS

ARGENTINA SIDE-EVENT: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TOWARDS SDG11

TIME: TBC
VENUE: TBC
ORGANIZED BY: BUENOS AIRES, CORDOBA, UN-HABITAT

13TH

VLR-VSR DAYS IN-PERSON LAUNCH

TIME: 16:30–18:00
VENUE: ONE UN HOTEL
ORGANIZED BY: UN-HABITAT, UCLG, UNDESA

LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS DAY

TIME: 18.30–20.00
VENUE: CR5
ORGANIZED BY: LOCAL AUTHORITIES MAJOR GROUP

RESCUING SDG 11 FOR A RESILIENT URBAN PLANET

TIME: 8.00-9.00
VENUE: CR11
ORGANIZED BY: UN-HABITAT

14TH

LOCALISED SDG DASHBOARDS TO STRENGTHEN ISLAND DECISION MAKING

TIME: 8.00-9.30
VENUE: CRA
ORGANIZED BY: PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU

SDG LEARNING, TRAINING AND PRACTICE WORKSHOPS: SDG11: PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, LESSONS LEARNED AND TOOLS FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION OF CITIES

TIME: 8.30-10.00
VENUE: ONLINE
ORGANIZED BY: SDG LEARNING
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14TH

PERSPECTIVES FROM MAJOR GROUPS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS AT THE MID-POINT OF THE SDGS: TOWARDS INCLUSIVE TRANSFORMATION

TIME: 9.00-11.00
VENUE: CR4
ORGANIZED BY:
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14TH

EXPERIENCES OF SDG LOCALIZATION AND THE LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND PRACTICES FOR ACCELERATED DELIVERY OF SDGS IN UGANDA

TIME: 13.15-14.30
VENUE: CRB
ORGANIZED BY: PERMANENT MISSION OF UGANDA

14TH

14TH

INTEGRATED WATER AND ENERGY SOLUTIONS SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

TIME: 13.15-14.30
VENUE: S15-22/23
ORGANIZED BY: UNDESA;SPAIN,GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE WATER AND ENERGY SOLUTIONS NETWORK;CANAL ISABEL II OF MADRID, ASAZGUA, ITAIPU BINACIONAL

BUILDING URBAN RESILIENCE AND RESPONDING TO CRISES INCLUDING THROUGH SDGS LOCALIZATION: REGIONAL APPROACHES

TIME: 18.30-20.00
VENUE: CR11
ORGANIZED BY: ECLAC, ESCAP, UNECA, ESCWA

17TH

MAINSTREAMING VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEWS FOR SDG ACCELERATION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

TIME: 8.00-9.30
VENUE: CR5
ORGANIZED BY: PERMANENT MISSION OF EGYPT

THE STRATEGIC ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO DELIVER ON THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – THE EXPERIENCE OF ARGENTINA.

TIME: 8.00-9.30
VENUE: CRA
ORGANIZED BY: PERMANENT MISSION OF ARGENTINA

SUSTAINABLE URBAN TRANSPORTATION: TOWARDS THE UNGA HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT AND ARKADAG CITY'S MODEL FOR SDG 11

TIME: 13.15-14.30
VENUE: CRB
ORGANIZED BY: PERMANENT MISSION OF TURKMENISTAN

17TH

DRIVING CHANGES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO LOCALIZE THE SDGS – EXPERIENCES, REFLECTIONS, AND WAYS FORWARD

TIME: 18.30–20.00
VENUE: CR8
ORGANIZED BY: PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

18TH

A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH AT ALL LEVELS: AN ESSENTIAL LEVER FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION.

TIME: 8.00–9.00
VENUE: CR8
ORGANIZED BY: PERMANENT MISSION OF FRANCE

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS: MOVING TOGETHER TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SDGS

TIME: 13.15–14.30
VENUE: CR5
ORGANIZED BY: PERMANENT MISSION OF GUATEMALA

LIVEABLE CITIES FOR ALL – BOOSTING THE 2030 AGENDA WITH BLUE URBAN TRANSFORMATION

TIME: 18.30–20.00
VENUE: CR8
ORGANIZED BY: PERMANENT MISSION OF GERMANY

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN EXPERIENCE IN LOCALIZING THE AGENDA 2030

TIME: 18.30–20.00
VENUE: CR9
ORGANIZED BY: UNAIDS REGIONAL OFFICE FOR LAC , FUNDACION PARA ESTUDIO E INVESTIGACION DE LA MUJER, GESTOS

HOUSING AND EQUITABLE CITIES: BOLSTERING LOCAL ACTION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SDG.

TIME: 13.15-14.30
VENUE: CRA
ORGANIZED BY: PERMANENT MISSION OF CHILE

AMPLIFYING THE VOICES OF YOUTH FOR A SUSTAINABLE URBAN FUTURE: LEADING THE WAY TO RECOVERY SESSION

TIME: 18.30-20.00
VENUE: ONLINE
ORGANIZED BY: UN-HABITAT AND UN DESA

19TH

SDG LEARNING, TRAINING AND PRACTICE WORKSHOPS: ENABLING EFFECTIVE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE SDGS

TIME: 15.00-17.00
VENUE: CR5
ORGANIZED BY: SDG LEARNING
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10-14TH

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Annex 6: Local2030 Coalition Side Event Report at the UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment

The Side Event: *"City, subnational, and national governments join actions with multiple actors towards healthy, inclusive, sustainable, and resilient food systems"* that took place in the framework of the UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment in Rome, on 24 July 2023 - led by the Urban Food Systems Coalition, the Local2030 Coalition and the Politecnico di Milano with the support of 20+ partners - brought together experts and leaders to discuss how interconnected and innovative solutions can pave the way for transformative food systems that cater to the needs of all, leaving no one behind.

Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), emphasized the **significance of cities in addressing food systems**, especially when it comes to food insecurity and nutrition, given their high food demand. This requires both horizontal coordination within urban and rural areas and vertical coordination between regional, national, and local entities. Urban-rural linkages are essential for fostering strong, inclusive, resilient and sustainable food systems that provide healthy, diverse and environmentally friendly diets.

The discussion, moderated by **Jane Battersby**, Senior Lecturer at the University of Cape Town, focused on two main questions, as per the perspective of different actors:

- How can cities, subnational and national governments work together to deliver interconnected and innovative solutions to ensure transformative food systems?
- Examples related to key food systems entry points such as food and nutrition security, food losses and waste reduction, resilience to shocks and extreme events.

Mohamed Sefiani, Mayor of the City of Chefchaouen and President of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) Forum of Intermediary Cities, highlighted the **importance of collaboration between national governments and municipalities.** He stressed three main ideas: local authorities' pivotal role during crises, multi-actor collaborations for inclusive resilience, and the significance of partnerships in ending hunger by 2030. Strengthening public governance, involving the third sector, academia, and the private sector, are also crucial in addressing food insecurity comprehensively.

As a representative of the Resilient Local Food Supply Chain Alliance**, Giaime Berti** emphasized the **need for sustainable urban food policies**, which can impact the entire food system from production to consumption. However, the focus should extend beyond just urban centers and consider the entire territory; equal attention should be given to the food environment in both urban and rural areas. Building a reciprocal alliance between cities and the countryside is essential to ensure a fair and local supply chain and improve the living conditions of both farmers and urban dwellers. Therefore, multilevel governance model to bridge the gap between urban and rural regions becomes crucial to enable a transformative environment.

Multistakeholder and cross-sector partnerships were also a strategic feature of the interventions shared by **Giulia Bartezzaghi**, Director of the Food Sustainability Lab at Politecnico di Milano. She emphasized the key involvement of academia, local governments, civil society, and businesses, who mobilize a unique set of resources and capabilities towards the same goal.

These partnerships can play a critical role in food recovery and redistribution in cities, addressing food insecurity while also tackling food waste. Universities, as facilitators and promoters, can bring diverse expertise to, and learn from these initiatives, promoting a systemic change in the urban food landscape.

Maria Renata Siqueira, Cofounder and President of Pacto Contra a Fome, highlighted Brazil's food system challenges, such as food loss, food waste, and food insecurity. Pacto Contra a Fome aims to mobilize society to fight hunger, underscoring the role of public governance, non-governmental organizations, academia, and the private sector. By working together, these actors can identify and scale up sustainable solutions to address hunger and malnutrition in all its forms in both urban and rural areas.

Lastly, **Tidjani Hassoumi**, Director of Environment and Landscape at Niamey Municipality, shared several initiatives aimed at **enhancing food access through resilient food systems**. A pilot project connecting small-scale producers and urban markets in Niamey demonstrates the potential to strengthen farmers' supply chains and promote resilient and sustainable production and healthy diets. Such projects create bridges between food waste reduction, food and nutrition security, and landscape conservation and management.

This side event showcased the significance of cities in driving transformative food systems and underscored the need for collaboration among diverse stakeholders. Multilevel, multistakeholder approaches are essential for creating inclusive, resilient and sustainable, food systems that cater to the needs of all populations. By working together, governments, civil society, academia, and the private sector can foster positive change and ensure food and nutrition security for present and future generations. The actions shared during this event can inform, inspire and further accelerate the implementation of food system pathways and policies into practical, inclusive delivery to pave the way for a better, more sustainable future for all.

Annex 7: Local and Regional Governments Forum at the 2023 SDG Summit Programme

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 Summit 2019
24th September 2019, 15:00 – 18:00
Conference Room 3, United Nations Headquarters, New York

	DRAFT AGENDA
15.00 – 15.30	**Opening**
15:30 – 16:15	**Session 1 - High Level Multi-Stakeholder Panel – The localization of the 2030 Agenda:** triggering the transformation needed to address the climate challenge 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. *Proposed Guiding questions* ✓ 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	**Session 2 - Localizing the SDGs – Good practices and experiences on implementing the 2030 Agenda at local level**
	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.
	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.
	Proposed Guiding Questions
	✓ 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	**Session 3 - Commitments for Accelerated SDG Implementation**
	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.
	SDG Acceleration Actions presented during this session will also be featured here: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgsummit#acceleration-actions

	Speakers will be asked to present (2 minutes) the following information on their acceleration commitments: ✓ 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. ✓ By when? – Timeline for the implementation of acceleration commitment.
17.45 – 17.55	**Closing session**

Annex 8: High Impact Initiative on Localization Session Report

Pushing the Key Transitions and Achieving the SDGs by 2030

Co-organized by UN-Habitat, UNDP, and FAO, with the support of members of the Local2030 Coalition

Background on the event

The Local2030 Coalition was chosen as one of the twelve High Impact Initiatives presented on the 17th of September at the SDG Action Weekend, on the margins of the 2023 SDG Summit. The Local2030 Coalition aims to demonstrate the UN's collective offer on localized SDG action by providing technical and advisory support to strengthen and empower local and subnational governments and boost local stakeholders' capacities. Through these efforts, the Local2030 Coalition supports the acceleration of the six transitions needed to achieve the SDGs, ensuring that specific transitions like food systems, energy access, digital connectivity, education, job creation, social protection, and addressing climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution are achieved by 2030. A diverse group of Ministers, Governors, Mayors, Development Banks' and civil society representatives participated in the event and spotlighted practices, initiatives, and solutions to enhance local actions and multi-level governance approaches towards achieving the 2030 Agenda. The main goal of the session was to ensure that the United Nations and SDG localization champions can join forces to catalyze inclusive and co-created local actions that leave no one and no place behind.

Key Issues discussed

- **Inclusivity in Policy Areas,** such as education, social protection, and job opportunities, is essential to ensure that marginalized and vulnerable groups are not left behind in pursuing SDGs.
- **Innovative Approaches for Local Government Capacity Building** are key to strengthening the capacity of local governments. Building strong local institutions and data ecosystems is critical for achieving multiple SDG transitions.
- **Localizing SDG financing** is crucial if the global goals are to be achieved. The SDGs will not be achieved without scaled-up and inclusive action at the local level, and scaled-up actions are impossible without funding going to the local level, to everyone, everywhere, especially to support the needs and priorities of minorities as well as excluded and vulnerable groups.
- Initiatives like **Women-Led Cities** that empower women leaders and address violence against women can create safer and more inclusive communities and thus accelerate progress towards all SDGs.
- **The transformation of Food** Systems can receive a boost from the local level. It is crucial to speed up the changes required in how food is produced, distributed, and consumed

to achieve sustainable and equitable food systems, and local actors play a central role in this process.

- **Localized Impact of Biodiversity and Nature Investments** must be considered in all local, national and global discussions on biodiversity and the environment.

Key recommendations for action

- **Mobilize Resources for Housing, Sanitation, and Urban Development** to address regional inequalities and localization gaps to create more equitable and sustainable urban environments.
- **Promote gender equality** by addressing the unequal burden of unpaid care work on women and violence against women to create more equitable and supportive communities.
- **Enhance Disaster Preparedness and Resilience-Building** to integrate sustainability efforts and help prepare communities to withstand and recover from various challenges, including climate-related disasters, through access to better and more accurate data.
- **Ensure that improvements in living conditions and opportunities for people in rural areas** is an integral part of the processes of sustainable urbanization, contributing to overall development goals.
- **Establish Localization Hubs** that can serve as focal points for coordinating and implementing SDG-related activities to accelerate the implementation of SDGs at the local level.
- **Prioritize Climate Change Action** by placing cities at the centre of discussions to highlight the need for urban areas to lead in mitigating climate change and adapting to its impacts.

If applicable, please include the link to any commitments registered with the SDG Summit Acceleration and Accountability Platform: https://sdgs.un.org/SDGSummitActions.

For more information, please visit: https://www.un.org/en/conferences/SDGSummit2023/SDG-Action-Weekend/local2030-coalition

Annex 9: High-level event in Bilbao report

LOCAL2030 COALITION

Joining forces to accelerate SDG localization

> **Background on the event**
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> The Kingdom of Spain, the Basque Government, the Bilbao City Council, and the BBK Foundation joined forces with the Local2030 Coalition by presenting a whole of government-whole of society proposal to host the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat in Bilbao. Opened on the 31st of October 2022, the Secretariat in Bilbao aims to energize the work of the Local2030 Coalition and further advance the localization of the SDGs within the UN system and at the territorial level.
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> One year after the opening of the Secretariat in Bilbao, the Local2030 Coalition convened in Bilbao to showcase its main results and milestones. The discussion also covered the main outcomes of the High Impact Initiative on Localization Session and the SDG Summit and presented the roadmap until the 2024 Summit of the Future and up to 2030. The event's main goal was to ensure that the United Nations and SDG localization champions from Spain joined forces to catalyze inclusive and co-created local actions that leave no one and no place behind.

Main takeaways
- **Localization** must be a significant social and political process, with active engagement of both government and society to connect national plans with local actions while keeping communities at the core. Therefore, it embodies a **whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach**, with society playing a crucial role in achieving sustainable development goals.
- The **Local2030 Coalition** is the UN-wide system platform where diverse UN entities, the private sector, local, subnational and national governments, civil society, academia, and financial institutions meet to scale up initiatives, fostering a transformative impact by linking local efforts with global objectives, bridging policy, planning, actions, and investments for SDG localization.
- The **Call for Seed Funding Proposal was launched in June 2023 by the Local2030 Coalition and the Joint SDG Fund** to make available catalytic investments for localization through the UN Resident Coordinators.
- The **Local2030 Coalition was chosen as one of the twelve High Impact Initiatives** presented on the 17th of September at the SDG Action Weekend, on the margins of the 2023 SDG Summit. The High Impact Initiative on Localization aims to demonstrate the UN's collective offer on localized SDG action by providing technical and advisory support to strengthen and empower local and subnational governments and boost local stakeholders' capacities.
- Through these efforts, the Local2030 Coalition will also support the acceleration of **the six transitions needed to achieve the SDGs**, ensuring that specific transitions like food

systems, energy access, digital connectivity, education, job creation, social protection, and addressing climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution are achieved by 2030.

- **The achievement of the 2030 Agenda** relies on a **transformative alliance** and the Local2030 Coalition is a notable illustration of this cooperative multisector and multilevel endeavour.
- The establishment of the **Advisory Group on Local and Regional Governance** by the United Nations Secretary-General in preparation for the Summit of the Future next year will facilitate contributions from subnational and local governments and improve coordination between cities, regions, nations, and international processes to achieve SDGs.
- **The 2030 Agenda** necessitates a robust **indicator system** to measure progress effectively. Informed decision-making policies require integrated, relevant and accessible information, robust data and indicators.
- **The private sector** has proved to be a **key player** in the accelerating efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda. Its investments and innovations are essential to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.
- **Investing in citizen participation** is essential for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. Engaging with communities involves addressing their everyday challenges and expectations using relatable narratives. Society must take ownership of the SDGs to get them back on track.

Key recommendations for action of the Local2030 Coalition

- Strengthen **collaboration with the private sector** to enhance efforts towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Foster closer **partnerships with Academia** to promote research, innovation, and knowledge sharing related to SDGs.
- **Engage actively with communities**, integrating their perspectives into the planning and implementation of projects and emphasizing the importance of society's taking ownership of the SDGs.
- Emphasize **localization as a central driver for policies**, ensuring that national plans are connected with local actions and communities remain at the core of sustainable development efforts.

For more information, please visit: https://www.local2030.org/
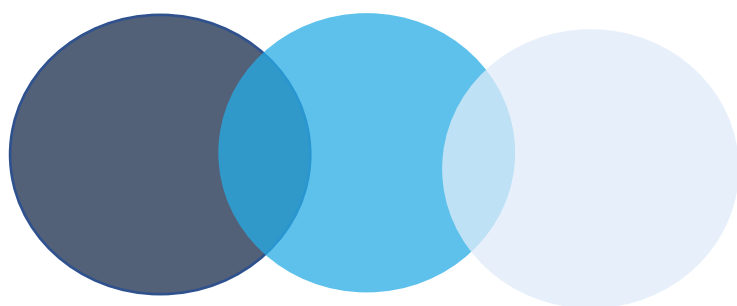
Annex 10: Local2030 Coalition Side Event at COP28

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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SIDE EVENT REPORT

Background

The side event, co-lead by the Local2030 Coalition, FAO, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UCLG and the Global Task Force for Local and Regional Governments, aimed 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 featured discussions, case study presentations, and an interactive Q&A session. Participants included representatives from national governments, subnational and local governments, local communities, research institutions, private sector and international organizations. The aim was to encourage cross-sectoral dialogue, knowledge sharing, and the development of actionable recommendations. This event facilitated a dynamic discussion on how effective multistakeholder and multisector collaboration can enhance the resilience of ecosystems and communities.

Moderator: Jean-Baptiste Buffet, Head of Global Policy and Advocacy, United Cities and Local Governments

Speakers

- **Francisco Mendonça**, Araucaria Foundation and NAPI-Climate Emergency and UFPR Professor
- **Kata Tüttő**, Vice-Mayor, Budapest, Hungary
- **Lea Ranalder**, Specialist, Sustainable Cities, UN-Habitat
- **Paz Gonzalez,** Coordinator for Climate Action, Water and Biomes Programs, Fundacion Avina
- **Sid Mehta**, Sr. Director Ancillary Services, Simon Fraser University

Key messages from speakers:

- Moderator: Jean-Baptiste Buffet, Head of Global Policy and Advocacy, United Cities and Local Governments.

  Three key elements to unlock Multilevel Governance:
  - Importance of collaboration among all actors and sectors.
  - Active involvement of local and regional governments as leaders in climate action.
  - We need to localize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the Local2030 Coalition is our main mechanism to accelerate this endeavour.
- Kata Tüttő, Vice-Mayor, Budapest, Hungary
  - Shed light on the EU mission on Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities as a groundbreaking tool.
  - Highlighted its role in fostering innovation, policy integration, and participatory approaches to achieve climate neutrality by 2030, with strong support from the European Committee of Regions.
- Francisco Mendonça, Araucaria Foundation and NAPI-Climate Emergency and UFPR Professor
  - Emphasized the power of academia to unlock knowledge and amplify awareness.
  - Showcased efforts in Brazil by the Araucaria Foundation and the initiative NAPI-Climate Emergency to bring together multiple actors in the fight against climate change, in collaboration with the government of Paraná. This experience shows that working with universities to make scientific knowledge available and easier to understand and involving the private sector, public institutions and citizens is vital to developing just and green public policies.
- Sid Mehta, Sr. Director Ancillary Services, Simon Fraser University
  - Shared how Simon Fraser University serves as an action lab to implement innovative and scalable solutions. The university environment can be considered a city within a city and has the power to drive impactful changes.
  - Highlighted the crucial role of local procurement and alliances in decarbonization efforts, aiming to build capacity and double the return on investments for local communities.
- Paz Gonzalez, Coordinator for Climate Action, Water and Biomes Programs, Fundación Avina
  - Shared key tools from the Alliance on Voices for Just Climate Action to amplify locally-led climate solutions.
  - Emphasized empowering civil society leadership, co-building narratives, and fostering local innovation as crucial components.
  - Advocated for the need to bring more voices from the global south to COP28.
- Lea Ranalder, Specialist, Sustainable Cities, UN-Habitat
  - Highlighted the key role of COP28 spaces like the Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion and the 2nd Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change, emphasizing their contribution to fostering collaboration for climate action among global actors, governments, and local leaders.
  - Emphasized the role of the Local2030 Coalition as the key UN mechanism to foster multilevel and multistakeholder discussions and partnerships and ensure that everyone joins forces to deliver coordinated climate action at the local level.

Main takeaways

- **Collaborative strategies** are essential to address the interlinked challenges of climate change, food security and biodiversity loss at the local level. Recognizing the importance of cross-sectoral collaboration and coordination among all actors is critical to developing and implementing effective solutions to these multifaceted challenges.
- **Unlocking Multilevel Governance** requires collaboration among all actors and sectors, active leadership from local and regional governments in climate action, and the imperative localization of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Coalitions such as the **Local2030 Coalition** play a crucial role in bringing all actors together by promoting the need for empowerment, capacity building, access to alternative sources of financing, sharing of experiences and innovation for effective climate action at the local level.
- As part of the Horizon Europe program, the EU has launched a Mission "**100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030**"[1] with the support of the European Committee of Regions. The objectives of the mission are to achieve 100 climate-neutral and smart European cities by 2030 and to ensure that these cities act as experimentation and innovation hubs to enable all European cities to follow suit by 2050.
- The **European Green Deal**[2], the EU's strategy to set the EU on the path to a green transition, will not happen without and integrated **social contract** guarantying a close link between the Green Deal and social justice.
- Raising the **voices from the Global South** and enhancing its representation in discussion forums and decision-making processes are vital actions for building capacities, fostering collaboration, and advocating for impactful change.
- **Academia** is pivotal in **unlocking knowledge, raising awareness, disseminating information for public policies**, and serving as **action labs for scalable solutions**, emphasizing collaboration with universities, private sector, public institutions, and citizens for the development of just and green public policies.
- **Local procurement and alliances** have a crucial role to build capacities and double the return on investments for local communities that can be scaled up in many other cities.
- The **Alliance for Voices for Just Climate Action**[3] brings together global and local voices by connecting a diverse range of civil society organizations to act as agents of change to co-create locally relevant, inclusive and financeable climate solutions.
- Empowerment, capacity building, peer learning, innovation in local public procurement, social justice, scaling up successful examples, participatory policies, and raising awareness are key to **coordinated climate, food and biodiversity action at the local level.**

Key recommendations for action

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[1] EU Mission: Climate-Neutral and smart Cities

[2] European Green Deal

[3] Voices for Just Climate Action

- Encourage **collaboration among all actors and sectors for effective multilevel governance** to address the interconnected challenges of climate change, food security, and biodiversity conservation.
- Foster **integrated and collaborative approaches** and strategies to tackle the intricate challenges of climate change, food security, and biodiversity loss at the local level.
- Promote **active leadership from local and regional governments** in climate action.
- Foster closer **partnerships with Academia** to unlock and disseminate knowledge for decision-making processes and public policies.
- Empower **civil society leadership**, co-building narratives, and fostering local innovation to enhance the resilience of ecosystems and communities.
- **Bring voices from the Global South** in discussions and decision-making processes in the challenges of climate change, food security, and biodiversity.
- **Advocate for** coalitions such as the **Local2030 Coalition** as vital platforms to bring together a wide range of stakeholders for effective climate action at the local level.

For more information, please visit: https://www.local2030.org/

Annex 11. Local and Regional Governments Day at GRF

The Global Refugee Forum 2023 will take place from 13 to 15 December at the Palexpo in Geneva, Switzerland, with linked events held in other locations from 12 December onwards. Held every four years, the Forum is the world's largest international gathering on refugees. It is designed to support the practical implementation of the objectives set out in the Global Compact on Refugees: Ease pressures on host countries, enhance refugee self-reliance, increase access to third-country solutions and improve conditions in countries of origin.

It provides the opportunity for States and stakeholders to announce concrete pledges and contributions, highlight progress made, share good practices and take stock of the challenges and opportunities ahead.

The 2023 Forum is co-convened by six States – Colombia, France, Japan, Jordan, Niger and Uganda, and co-hosted by the Government of Switzerland and UNHCR.

Local and Regional Governments Day

With 70 percent of the world's displaced seeking refuge in urban areas, local and regional governments are crucial partners to help advance durable solutions. The Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) recognizes the essential role that local and regional governments play in supporting refugee reception and socio-economic inclusion, and High Commissioner Filippo Grandi has acknowledged 'the leading role of cities in the push towards a new approach to hosting refugees, based on openness and inclusion'.

The Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments (GTF) is the coordination and consultation mechanism bringing together the major international networks of local governments to undertake joint advocacy work relating to global policy processes. The Mayors Mechanism is a partnership between United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the Mayors Migration Council (MMC), and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in partnership with UNHCR.

The Global Refugee Forum is the world's largest international gathering on refugees aimed at supporting the practical implementation of the objectives set out in the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR), promoting the protection of refugees' rights and their long-term inclusion through multi-stakeholder engagement and multilevel cooperation.

In the framework of the second review of the Global Compact for Refugees, local and regional leaders join forces in Geneva around the GTF, facilitated by UCLG, together with the Mayors Mechanism and in partnership with Local2030, Cities Alliance, Civil Society Action Committee, Migration Youth and Children Platform, and the Global Cities Hub, in the Local and Regional Governments Day in a context of increasing emphasis on the need for more solidarity-based responsibility sharing, and long-term and sustainable solutions to displacement.

In the first LRG Day ever taking place within the context of a UN conference in Geneva, and already recognized as an official side-event of the GRF, the organized constituency of local governments will come together to share their concrete contributions to the implementation of the Compact on Refugees through a people-centered approach, reinforced local action and enhanced cooperation, fostering its connections with the acceleration of the 2030 Agenda and

with the renewal of the multilateral system through the lens of the protection and inclusion of refugees and other forced displaced persons.

Objective 1: Promote Local and Regional Governments' Contributions:

Showcase and celebrate concrete contributions of local and regional governments to the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) through people-centered approaches, strengthened local action, and enhanced cooperation.

Objective 2: Foster Multi-level and Multi-stakeholder Action:

Explore and emphasize the importance of partnerships as a critical means for implementing the Global Compact for Refugees (GCR) and the Global Compact for Migration (GCM). Encourage multi-level and multi-stakeholder collaboration to enhance global cooperation and accelerate the implementation of both compacts in harmony.

Objective 3: Highlight the Role of Cities in a Renewed Multilateral System:

Examine the role of cities in the push towards a new approach to hosting refugees, emphasizing openness and inclusion. Connect the local and regional government agenda with the Secretary-General's call for a renewed multilateral system that is inclusive, networked, and efficient.

Objective 4: Human Rights-Centric Approach to Multilateralism:

Place particular emphasis on adopting a human rights approach not only to human mobility but also to the renewal of multilateralism. Explore the intersectionality of the human mobility agenda and the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, highlighting the need for a renewed multilateral system fit for purpose.

Indicative panel questions and talking points

Panel 1. Localizing the Global Compacts and the 2030 Agenda through High-Impact Initiatives. The Call to Local Action for Migrants and Refugees

- How can responses from the ground help to alleviate the current challenges of the refugee rights protection system around the world?
- How does local implementation of the Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees help to meet the goals of the 2030 Agenda?
- What do local governments need in order for their innovative and efficient actions to scale, expand and connect with other solutions implemented around the world by national governments and other actors?

Panel 2. Partnerships for complementarity: Building up multi-level, multi-stakeholder alliances and enhanced global cooperation to accelerate GCM-GCR implementation at unison.

- Local governments have been pioneers in promoting the implementation of the Global Compacts in unison. As the international community works to strengthen complementarity between the two, what can they learn from local governments?
- What types of partnerships with actors in the territories have been most successful in advancing local refugee commitments and which ones would be important to strengthen?

- As local governments expand spaces for dialogue in the international dialogue on migration and refugee issues, what priorities should be prioritised in the face of the proliferation of interconnected conflicts and crises?

Panel 3. Towards a human-rights centered renewed multilateral system in the era of global shocks: framing the contribution of the local human mobility agenda to the Summit of the Future

- Which entry points do you identify to connect the human mobility agenda, in its local dimension, with the Summit of the Future and the topics contained in the UN Pact for the Future? (Sustainable development and financing for development; International peace and security; Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation; Youth and future generations; Transforming global governance)
- Which elements of migration governance and refugee protection and inclusion at the local level can be mainstreamed or used as a blueprint to contribute to the renewal of the multilateral system?
- How can local and regional governments and their partners contribute to the primary goal of Our Common Agenda to renew a multilateral system that is inclusive, networked, and effective with Human Rights at the center?

Speakers

Opening
Emilia Saiz, UCLG
Amy Pope, IOM
Uğur İbrahim Altay, Konya (Mayor)
Yousef Al Shawarbeh, Amman (Mayor)
Vincent Cochetel, UNHCR
Panel 1
Greg Munro, Cities Alliance
Filippo Mannino, Lampedusa (Mayor)
Rosa Irene Urbina Castañeda, Tapachula (Mayor)
Sanya Wilson, Koboko (Mayor)
Jules Hilaire Focka, West Cameroon (president)
Anila Noor, Refugee activist (New Women Connector)
Marvin Rees, Bristol (Mayor)
Panel 2
Sophie Van Haasen, Mayors Mechanism
Meritxell Serret, Catalonia
Eirini Papadaki, Herakleion (Vice Mayor)
Abdoulaye Garba Maiga, Mopti (Mayor)
Aryan Sanghrajka, MYCP
Anh Thu Duong, Global Cities Hub
Lucy Earle, IIED
Rachel Perić, Welcoming America
Luana Medeiros, General Coordinator of Refugee Protection, Brazil

Annex 12. Local2030 Hubs Terms of Reference

LOCAL2030 HUBS

Background information

The Local2030 Coalition

The Local2030 Coalition is the UN System-wide platform and network for supporting and accelerating the localization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Coalition ensures that the UN System has the right tools and mechanisms to engage systematically with local and subnational governments and their associations, national governments, businesses, community-based organizations, and other local stakeholders to foster collaboration, incubate innovation, share solutions, and implement strategies to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that leaves no one and no place behind.

Based on its 10-year strategy4, the Local2030 Coalition builds on existing initiatives and actions to provide concrete support in three priority areas:

1. Advocacy: to increase awareness and enhance bottom-up and inclusive processes to engage local stakeholders on the 2030 Agenda to address interlocking crises and development challenges.

2. Action: to build and nurture a support platform to advance an effective multi-level governance system for SDG localization and increase and channel financing to multi-stakeholder initiatives.

3. Monitoring: to encourage monitoring and reporting by subnational and local actors and increase opportunities for them to exchange knowledge and perspectives and contribute to national frameworks.

The Local2030 Coalition Governance Structure

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4 Stockholm Environmental Institute (SEI), "The Local2030 Coalition 10-year strategy for the decade of Action", December, 2021: https://www.sei.org/publications/local2030-coalition/

The Local2030 Coalition is governed by two co-Chairs, one permanent and one rotational, representing the UN System, and a Steering Committee (SC). Under their overall orientation, the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat coordinates the definition, implementation, monitoring, and reporting of the Coalition's responsibilities and priorities. Moreover, the UN Directors Group, comprised of director-level members of UN agencies, offices, funds, and programmes, provides strategic direction and inputs for the SC's consideration. Together with the Local2030 Hubs, they contribute to delivering the Local2030 coalition's work plans and activities.

The Local2030 Hubs

Purpose

The Local2030 Hubs are centers of excellence established to build capacities for innovative action and nurture the development of and access to methodologies and tools for SDG localization.

Hubs are also expected to promote collaboration and co-creation across local subnational and national governments, community-based, academic, international, and regional organizations, private sector partners, national and subnational networks, development experts, and/or other local stakeholders.

Specific objectives of the Hubs are to:

A. Build technical capacities and expertise on SDG Localization: such as data collection and analysis, inclusive local development planning, urban and territorial planning, local institutional development, subnational finance, etc.
B. Deepen understanding of relevant themes to support innovative action: such as climate change, social equality, local economic development, gender, youth empowerment, urban-rural linkages, etc.
C. Advance specific work to a particular region or language group: such as SIDS, Arab States, Lusophone countries, etc.

While Hubs may fulfil only one of these objectives, they are encouraged to work across them.

Responsibilities

Hubs are expected to facilitate collaboration and implement activities that contribute to the three core roles of the Coalition, which could include:

Advocacy

- Advocating and communicating SDG localization and progress through media and events and engaging politicians and decision-makers.
- Organizing technical workshops and events.
- Facilitating communities of practice and regularly communicating on progress, lessons learned, and case studies.
- Developing and refining training materials and adapting them for specific contexts, ensuring continuous feedback-based improvement.
- Act as platforms for disseminating knowledge and encourage peer-to-peer learning.
- Facilitating linkages between frontrunners and other partners wishing to engage with the Local2030 Coalition.

- Bringing to their territories perspectives from different government spheres, regions, and development contexts and vice-versa.

Action

- Ascertaining specific needs of local partners and curating technical packages of resources, tools, and training materials that meet such requirements.
- Facilitating the establishment of clusters of local partners with similar technical or training needs as 'learning communities' that share experiences and lessons learned, which can be used to feed Local2030 Coalition working groups.
- Undertaking action research and developing, refining, and testing tools, approaches, and processes, ensuring continued improvement based on feedback.
- Building repositories of searchable technical resources and reference material, including regulations, legislation, and case studies.
- Systematizing successful experiences and sharing this relevant knowledge with others.
- Maintaining a register of organizations and companies that are vetted and able to perform specialist functions in line with the SDG localization agenda, including urban and territorial planning, drafting legal documentation, etc., and supporting matchmaking needs with services.

Monitoring

- Building local capacities to collect, use and manage data on SDG localization.
- Developing localized and spatialized SDG monitoring frameworks, such as dashboards and open-data platforms, to track progress.
- Supporting local and regional governments to develop participatory voluntary local and subnational reviews as tools for planning, prioritization of investments, and resource mobilization.
- Helping to increase opportunities for local and regional governments and actors to exchange knowledge and perspectives on SDG monitoring and reporting and contribute to national frameworks.

Standard requirements

Contribution to the Local2030 Coalition | Hubs must directly contribute to the mandate of the Local2030 Coalition in accelerating the progress of the 2030 Agenda at the local level in the Decade of Action. For that purpose, Hubs will be asked to deliver activities that boost the achievement of the Coalition's triple focus areas – Advocacy, Action, and Monitoring, as described above.

ToR | Hubs must submit a Terms of Reference (ToR) outlining its purpose and functioning. All Hubs must demonstrate on the ToR how they integrated the universal values set out in the 2030 Agenda[5]. A ToR template will be provided by the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat, which shall be used as the standard format.

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[5] UN Sustainable Development Group, "The universal values of the 2030 Agenda":
https://unsdg.un.org/2030agenda/universal-values

Governance structure | To become part of the Local2030 Hubs network, Hubs must stipulate its governance structure, ensuring transparency and accountability. Ideally, the Hubs will comprise a small consortium of partners such as local and regional governments, associations and networks, CSO, academic institutions, relevant UN entities, and other international and regional organizations.

Budget | A Hub must be self-funded, ensuring multi-year funding that covers all its operational, human resources, and travel costs.

Staffing | For continuity, each Hub should be staffed by at least one full-time senior staff with over ten years of experience in local development, plus at least one technical staff. The more functions the Hub provides, the higher the minimum staffing required. A flexibly deployable team specifically recruited consultants or seconded staff can be envisioned to supplement the core staffing. Staff could work remotely, but face-to-face meetings for planning, training, and developing tools would be held periodically.

MoU | Hubs must sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat. The MoU will provide the cooperation framework and outline the roles and responsibilities of the Hubs and the Secretariat.

Financial Contribution | To ensure adequate support and a real flow of coordination between the Local2030 Coalition and the Hubs, the Local2030 Coalition charges an annual fee of USD 20,000.00. This fee is necessary to back the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat's operations, providing the Hubs with essential resources and guidance and ensuring the alignment and coordination of activities. The fee also ensures that the Hubs are committed to the Coalition's goals and objectives and are actively working towards achieving them. A waiver fee can be considered for Hubs representing or composed of minority groups, particularly stakeholders from the least developed areas. The Local2030 Coalition Steering Committee will be responsible for granting exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

Space | Hubs require a physical office. They can have their own office or be hosted by governments and other entities.

Coordination of activities | Hubs must designate a focal point to coordinate priorities and activities with the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat and maintain exchange on key information, progress, and/or inform if challenges are being faced.

Meetings | Hubs must participate in meetings held by the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat, which will occur at least twice a year.

Online | Each Hub will own and manage a page within the Local2030 Website and carry on its communication efforts. Minimum expectations would be posting new information in English, Spanish, or French on the page (such as tools, guidelines, systematization and capacity-building materials, stories, and/or events) weekly. To this end, the Secretariat will provide a template to guide Hubs on how to add this information. Finally, each Hub would set up a secure cloud-based system to collect and file data submitted and ensure institutional memory.

Language requirements | Hubs must be adequately resourced with at least one technical expert fluent in English, the working language of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat. This expert will represent the Hub in meetings and other engagements and contribute to technical documents.

Moreover, Hubs should ensure that key documents are available in at least two official UN languages (for example, guidelines, tools, and systematizations).

Marketing and communication | Hubs would be responsible for using the Local2030 Coalition brand identity and keeping their communications package updated and synchronized with the Coalition guidelines. Hubs will be responsible for creating communications for specific situations that apply only within the purview of that Hub.

Reporting | Hubs must report on their activities and results to the Secretariat of the Coalition twice a year by sending interim reports. These reports must highlight the Hubs' contribution to the work plan, working groups, and other relevant activities and results. To this end, the Secretariat will put in place a reporting mechanism and provide a template for Hubs to report back to the Coalition.

Appointment and term of office

Local2030 Coalition Steering Committee Members, UN entities, and strategic partners will be able to submit Hub applications on a rolling basis through the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat. Only proposals based on the above-mentioned standard requirements will be considered.

To ensure a rigorous, transparent, and inclusive review process, identify the most promising proposals, and avoid any bias in the selection process, new Hub submissions can only be approved by the Steering Committee at their annual meeting. This will be essential to ensure that only high-quality and impactful Hubs are selected to become part of the Local2030 Hub network.

Nominations will be granted for three years, which can be extended under mutual agreement.

Benefits of being a Local2030 Hub

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for integrated solutions to break down traditional development sector silos and create horizontal and vertical policy integration, coherence, and partnerships across social, economic, and environmental sectors. No actor alone can achieve all the SDGs. Hubs will be vital in helping the Local2030 Coalition consolidate and connect global, national, regional, and local efforts, as well as tools and mechanisms, to make the SDGs a reality for everyone and everywhere.

In addition to actively contributing to the Local2030 Coalition and pushing the Localization of the SDGs agenda on a global scale, Hubs will have the opportunity to acquire knowledge and exchange experience with local development experts and access alternative funding sources.

Hubs will also be part of the UN networking of SDG Localization champions, getting global visibility and recognition and participating in UN-led processes, events, and discussions. And finally, Hubs can join forces with the Local2030 Coalition to mobilize resources from its member states, private sector partners, and other donors to support their mandates.

Governance contribution

To ensure a constant contribution of the Hubs to the Local2030 Coalition, one Hub will be chosen to represent the others as a member of the Local2030 Coalition's Steering Committee on a rotation basis.

Rotation-based representation mechanism

This rotation-based representation mechanism will ensure that all Hubs actively participate and contribute to the Local2030 Coalition's Steering Committee in a fair and transparent manner.

1. Eligibility Criteria:

   - To be considered, Hubs must be active participants in the Local2030 Coalition and provide progress reports demonstrating how their activities support the Local2030 Coalition.

2. Time-Bound Representation:

   - Each Hub's representation on the Steering Committee will be time-bound, lasting one year.
   - Following the Schedule of the Steering Committee, a clear start and end date for each Hub's term on the Steering Committee will be established.

3. Selection Process:

   - Hubs will be selected based on a consensus among all eligible Hubs.

4. Handover and Information Sharing:

   - Outgoing Hubs will facilitate a smooth handover process by sharing relevant information with the incoming Hub.

5. Accountability and Reporting:

   - Each representative Hub will ensure that the concerns and priorities of all Hubs will be brought to the Steering Committee meetings.
   - Likewise, each representative Hub will be responsible for reporting on the Hub's contributions to the Coalition during its tenure on the Steering Committee. These reports will also be shared with all Coalition members to ensure transparency and accountability.

Engagement with the UN Directors Group and the Steering Committee

Hubs will have the opportunity to engage regularly with the Local2030 Coaliton's UN Directors Group and the Steering Committee to ensure that they are aligned and can collaborate with the Coalition's members. This will also allow Hubs to tap into additional knowledge and expertise, and vice-versa. Moreover, Hubs will have the opportunity to interact with the UN technical teams in the country and/or region where they are located.

Annex 13. Minutes of the meeting with Local2030 Hubs

Minutes of Local2030 Hubs meeting

Date: 11 December 2023
Time: 4 pm to 6 pm EAT / 2 pm to 4 pm CET / 8 am to 10 am EST.
Place: Virtual Conference, Microsoft Teams.
Language: English

Presenters:

- Ms. **Shipra Narang Suri,** Programme Officer, Technical Focal Point Local2030 Coalition, UN-Habitat
- Ms. **Francine Melchioretto,** Programme Officer, Local2030 Coalition Secretariat

Participants:

- Mr. **David Connor**, Founder, Liverpool 2030hub
- Mr. **Stephen Sykes**, Founder, Liverpool 2030hub
- Ms. **Tove Levonen**, Programme Director Sustainable Cities at Global Utmaning, Sweden Hub
- Mr. **Filipe Braga Farhat**, Partnerships Liaison for the 2030 Agenda, Cedes, Government of Paraná, Paraná Hub
- Mr. **Luis Masscarenhas**, Coordinator of International Relations at the Superintendence of Science, Technology and Higher Education, State of Paraná, Brazil
- Ms. **Alejandra Catarina**, Technical Coordinator, Red de Ciudades Como Vamos Hub
- Ms. **Renata Rubian**, Lead in Cities and Urbanization, UNDP
- Mr. **Rishi Chakraborty**, Policy Analyst on Cities and Urbanization, UNDP
- Ms. **Olena Ovchynnikova**, Technical Officer, Office of Sustainable Development Goals, FAO
- Ms. **Elisa Franzo**, Sustainable Development Goals, FAO
- Ms. **Lucia Graf**, Partnership and Programme Management Associate, UN-Habitat

Agenda Item #1 – Local2030 Coalition updates (annex 1)

Key points presented by Ms. Shipra Narang Suri:

- *Local2030 Coalition 2023 Achievements*
  - Advocacy has been the most significant piece of Local2030 Coalition work. The Localization concept and its importance in reaching the SDGs is well accepted and has taken a life on its own.
  - New partnership prospects with bilateral donors, philanthropies, universities, networks of local governments and NGOs have been discussed and will be consolidated in 2024.
- High Impact Initiative on Localization (annex 2)
  - The Local2030 Coalition, seen as an accelerator and enabler for the SDGs, has been chosen as one of the 12 High-Impact Initiatives (HII) launched in the margins of the SDG summit.
  - The Local2030 Coalition seeks contributions from the Local2030 Hubs to deliver the HII collective targets. Ideas on how to add additional targets to scale up Local2030 Coalition efforts and engage new partners are welcome.
  - The progress report of the High Impact Initiative will be shown yearly at the HLPF.
- Call for seed funding proposals for SDG Localization
  - The call for seed funding proposals aims to enable catalytic activities that align with the Work Plan of the Local2030 Coalition. This proposal is designed not to duplicate the Coalition's work but to add value to the ongoing efforts.
  - The technical review of the proposals is finalised, and the proposals are now awaiting approval, which will be done by the Joint SDG Fund's Operational Steering Committee.

- Updated Terms of Reference of the Steering Committee and Nomination process for the new cohort (2024-2025) (Annex 3)
  - Two new members in the Steering Committee: the Host Government of the Secretariat and a rotational Local2030 Hubs (still to be decided).
  - The updated Terms of References underlines the criteria for selecting Steering Committee Members.
  - The Nomination process deadline for the new cohort of the Steering Committee (2024-2025) has been extended until the 13th of December. Support is requested from the Hubs to submit nominations, which should be done through the following online form: https://forms.office.com/e/LeZy8aGfxB.
- Secretariat Set-up and core activities
  - New positions in the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat are expected to be filled in the first quarter of 2024.
- Upcoming events (annex 4)
  - The Local and Regional Government Day will occur on 14th December from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the margins of the Global Refugee Forum.
  - The first in-person meeting of the Local2030 Hubs, jointly proposed with the Hawai'i Green Growth, is planned to take place in October 2024. More details to follow.

Key points highlighted by participants:

- Mr. *Felipe Braga* expressed his interest in partnering with the Liverpool 2030hub.
- Mr. David Connor informed us of the new International Development White paper, which will set up the UK's approach to international development up to 2030.

Agenda Item #2 – Local2030 Hubs Terms of Reference (Annex 5)

Key points presented by Ms. Francine Melchioretto:

- The Steering Committee has approved the Local2030 Hubs Terms of Reference.
- The activities that the Hubs will undertake shall support the scope of work of the Coalition: Advocacy, Action, and Monitoring.
- The Terms of Reference lays out all the Requirements for Local2030 Hubs.
- Appointment of new Hubs: While the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat will collect nominations and ensure proposals meet the requirements, the approval will be granted by the Steering Committee during its annual meeting.

Key points highlighted by participants:

- Ms. *Tove Levonen* asked the group about the Hubs' strategies for adapting to new financial expectations and staff demands.
- Mr. *David Connor:*
  - Questioned whether the identification of new hubs is a reactive approach or if there is a specific preference for geographic targeting.
  - Responded to Ms. Tove Levonen, expressing that being part of the Local2030 Coalition network provides different opportunities, including the potential for Hubs to secure funding.
  - Suggested that the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat could collect information from each Hub on key achievements and future plans. This could facilitate knowledge of what has worked or failed and uncover possible areas of collaboration between Hubs.
- Mr. *Filipe Braga*:

- Expressed Paraná Hub's interest in continuing as a Local2030 Hub. The Paraná Hub will share its contributions regarding the High Impact Initiative on Localization targets. He highlighted the importance of linking funding with action.
- Shared Paraná Hub's collaboration with NAPI-CE Initiative (New Arrangements for Research and Innovation for Climate Emergency) and outlined the possibility of scaling it up to other regions.
- Expressed interest in partnering with the Hawai'i Green Growth to collaborate on SDG 14.
- Mr. *Stephen Sykes*:
  - Shared David's point of view on creating a document with achievements and work plans for every Hub to identify possible synergies.
  - Mentioned that Brazil shared many activities at the UK Pavilion during COP28, presenting potential opportunities for joint initiatives.
- Ms. *Alejandra Catarina*:
  - Expressed her interest in meeting with the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat to discuss how the Red de Ciudades Cómo Vamos can strengthen its collaboration with the Coalition and Hubs.

Key points clarified by Ms. Shipra Narang Suri:

- The identification of new Local2030 Hubs is driven by demand. There is a growing interest in establishing new Hubs, whether focused on specific themes or geographic regions. The Coalition will determine if gaps exist, both thematically and geographically, based on an assessment of the Hubs' state of play next year. A strategic plan will then propose the creation of specific Hubs to address these gaps.
- The Local2030 Coalition is keen on capturing innovative methods, mechanisms, and models that contribute to advancing SDG discussions. There is also an emphasis on attracting various funding interests and streams. Hubs are encouraged to document innovative practices and share them within the network that can attract potential partnerships.
- Requested Mr. Filipe Braga if Paraná Hub could document the NAPI-CE Initiative, as this innovative mechanism has considerable potential to be scaled up.
- Agreed with Mr. Filipe Braga regarding the necessity of incorporating ways to assess impact into the High Impact Initiative on Localization targets.
- Expressed openness to receiving additional feedback on the Local2030 Hubs Terms of Reference (ToR).

*Key points clarified by Ms. Francine Melchioretto***:**

- Thanked the Paraná Hub and the State of Paraná for presenting the NAPI-CE initiative in the Local2030 Coalition Side Event at COP28.
- Expressed willingness to discuss HII targets with Paraná Hub and explore opportunities for the NAPI-CE to contribute to these targets.
- Noted that although some Hubs have well-defined roles, others may need to adapt to the new Terms of the Reference requirements and emphasised that the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat is open to supporting the current Hubs in transitioning to this new phase.

*Key points stressed by Ms. Olena Ovchynnikova***:**

- Inquired about ongoing discussions within the Hubs regarding the six transition pathways outlined in the SDG Summit. The objective is to comprehend how the Local2030 Hubs can support the Local2030 Coalition to advance these discussions to a new stage and enhance the expected outcomes.

<u>Summary of Next Steps:</u>

- Local2030 Hubs are requested to submit nominations for the new cohort of the Steering Committee by 13th December COB for the following seats: Member States representative, Local and Subnational Government representative, Civil Society Organization representative, and Private Sector representative through this online form: https://forms.office.com/e/LeZy8aGfxB
- Local2030 Hubs are requested to nominate the Hub to occupy the rotational seat in the Local2030 Coalition Steering Committee in 2024. **This decision must be taken by consensus by the active Hubs and communicated to the Local2030 Coalition by the 15ᵗʰ of January 2024.**
- As agreed in the meeting, Local2030 Hubs are asked to share information about their 1) purpose, 2) specific objectives, and 3) plans for 2024 through this online form by the 16th of January 2024: https://forms.gle/eX6SyuZhR1F2mSULA
- Local2030 Hubs are asked to share 2023 achievements that can be incorporated into the 2023 annual reporting through this online form by the 16th of January 2024: https://forms.gle/Nm3aiAyXB28359AQ7
- Local2030 Hubs are requested to share inputs on how they can contribute to delivering the High Impact Initiative on Localization Targets (Annex 2).
- Local2030 Hubs are asked to share any events they would like to feature in the Local2030 Coalition mapping of events 2023/2024 (Annex 4).
- Local2030 Hubs will be contacted early next year regarding the signature of the MoU with the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat.

Annexes:
- *Annex 1: PowerPoint **(available** here**)***
- *Annex 2: High Impact Initiative on Localization Targets (available* here*)*
- *Annex 3:* **Steering Committee Terms of Reference** *(available* here*)*
- *Annex 4: Mapping of events 2024 **(available** here**)***
- **Annex 5: Local2030 Hubs Terms of Reference** (available here*)*
- **Annex 6: Recording of the meeting** (available here)

SEPTEMBER 2023

LOCAL2030 COALITION

Pushing key transitions and achieving the SDGs by 2030

HALFWAY TO 2030
High Impact Initiatives at SDG Action Weekend, 2023

The SDGs are essential but we are off track

World leaders made a historic global promise to secure the rights and well-being of all peoples when they adopted the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015. This Agenda recognizes that collectively, we can deliver a better future for all. However, the Agenda is a promise, not a guarantee.

Over the past eight years, the world has seen unprecedented mobilization around the SDGs and we have made significant progress on some fronts, laying the critical foundations for our future success. However, now halfway to the 2030 deadline, we are not halfway there – in fact, we are only 15% of the way.

To keep the promise, we need a fundamental pivot

It will take more than rhetoric or increased attention to deliver the promise. We cannot stay wedded to current ways of working. Everything we do, in every corner of our world, will need to evolve for us to advance.

The fundamental pivot we need at the core of the 2030 Agenda demands that countries reorient economies, ways of working and mind-sets to ensure the rights and aspirations of all can be achieved while preserving our climate and natural environment.

This change will take everyone

In many ways, the foundations for transformation are right in front of us - the technical know-how, institutional infrastructure, global financial resources and proven programmes – but we need to channel these resources more effectively. This is the critical moment for political leadership and bold action from national governments; for the international community to come together in common purpose; and for all partners on the SDG journey to take their contribution to the next level. We start tomorrow, by accelerating what works today.

THE HIGH IMPACT INITIATIVES AT SDG ACCELERATION DAY
SUNDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER

As we look to the future, our goal is simple: to generate renewed momentum, strengthen political leadership and channel tangible, integrated and coordinated support behind national plans and priorities. As part of the global effort to meet this challenge, the United Nations development system is mobilizing behind 12 high impact initiatives which provide a platform to help take SDG progress to scale. This platform will enable us to learn, evolve and scale what works with greater coordination and collaboration. The platform cuts across three major areas: economic and social transitions, means of implementation, and a core aspect of the cross-cutting issue of gender equality.

- **Energy** Compacts: Scaling up ambition to deliver on SDG7
- Nature Driving Economic Transformation: Leveraging the power of **biodiversity and nature** to drive equitable economic progress
- **Food Systems** Transformation: Transforming food systems for a sustainable world without hunger
- Transforming **Education**: Learning to build a better future for all
- Global Accelerator: The Global Accelerator on **jobs and social protection** for just transitions
- **Digital** Public Infrastructure: Scaling inclusive and open digital ecosystems for the SDGs
- The SDG Stimulus: Scaling up long-term affordable **financing** for the SDGs
- Transforming4**Trade**: Paradigm shift to boost economic development
- **Local**2030 Coalition: Pushing key transitions and achieving the SDGs by 2030
- FutureGov: Building **public sector capabilities** for the future
- Power of **Data**: Unlocking the data dividend for the SDGs
- Spotlight Initiative: To eliminate **violence against women and girls**

VISION FOR IMPACT

The crises of our time − environmental, social, health, economic, and conflict − all have local dimensions and require localized responses. We know that two-thirds of the SDGs cannot be achieved unless local and subnational governments and stakeholders are fully involved and empowered to drive implementation at the local level. For the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to enable its transformative potential, it must be fully realized at the local level − it needs to be localized.

Despite the importance of local actions and solutions to global challenges and increased recognition in advancing the SDGs, local and subnational governments often face insurmountable challenges. Establishing and strengthening the capacity of multi-level governance systems and multistakeholder platforms is key to improving coordination across different levels of government and actors to realize the SDGs.

The HII aims to accelerate all SDG transitions through three action areas:

1. **Advocacy**, to generate a deeper understanding of the importance of Localization to accelerate the SDG transitions

2. **Action**, to facilitate local implementation of these transitions, including via means of implementation such as technology, capacity building, and financing (e.g., through the launch of a Localization Window of the Joint SDG Fund, and the localization of Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs))

3. **Monitoring and reporting** on SDG implementation at the local level, including exchange of knowledge and perspectives, SDG Voluntary Local Reviews and their linkages to national level reporting mechanisms

This High Impact Initiative will drive progress across all SDGs. By bringing together a diverse range of stakeholders to enhance localization efforts, the Local2030 Coalition is accelerating the transitions needed to achieve the SDGs across energy, food systems, education, social protection and jobs, nature and climate and digitalization.

OVERVIEW: LOCAL2030 COALITION

The Local2030 Coalition enables connections across a diverse range of stakeholders − from local and subnational governments to the private sector other local actors − with the shared aim of localizing the SDGs. By bringing together localization efforts from across the UN system, the Coalition provides a bridge for sharing knowledge, expertise, innovations, tools and investments. Further, it empowers and strengthens local and subnational governments and other local actors through regional and local solution Hubs, providing advisory and technical support to accelerate action on the SDGs. Rather than implementing separate projects, the Local2030 Coalition is a convening space to build on existing initiatives and scale best practices to build an enabling environment to fill in gaps, where necessary.

The Local2030 Coalition aims to demonstrate the UN's collective offer on localized SDG action by providing technical and advisory support to strengthen and empower local and subnational governments and boost local stakeholders' capacities. Through these efforts, the Local2030 Coalition supports the acceleration of the six transitions needed to achieve the SDGs, viz., Food systems, Energy access and affordability, Digital connectivity, Education; Jobs and social protection, and Climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, and catalyzes inclusive, co-created local actions that leave no one behind.

Local2030's activities operate across four key pillars:

1. **Local2030 supports capacity building of local and subnational governments and local actors** by advocating for the importance of localization; increasing participation of local actors in planning, policymaking and financing and implementation of projects; and leveraging their experiences in localizing the SDGs to inform national, regional, and global sustainable development efforts.

2. **Local2030 accelerates action on the ground by strengthening local and regional Hubs and other multistakeholder platforms.** These Hubs support communities—together with the UN system and external partners— in identifying their priorities with respect to the SDGs and implementing innovative solutions that address local needs. In an effort to produce learnings that can benefit other communities, Local2030 Hubs also develop best practices and raise awareness on issues that are key to the local implementation of the SDGs.

3. **Local2030 leverages greater financing and targeted investments to scale local efforts and accelerate progress towards the SDGs.** Through the launch of a SDG Localization Window of the Joint SDG Fund, Local2030 will support catalytic initiatives for SDG localization efforts on the ground. The SDG Localization Window aims to raise USD 100 million to support localization activities to accelerate the SDGs and for impactful local action.

4. **Through specific initiatives targeting excluded or marginalized populations, Local2030 enhances and reinforces efforts to leave no one behind,** including women (Women-led Cities initiative), children and youth (Youth2030 Scorecard) and refugees (Call to Local Action), among others.

PLANS FOR THE 2023 SDG ACTION WEEKEND

The session will seek to demonstrate the critical role of localization in delivering the six transitions, requiring effective multilevel governance, local data and financing for local action. In particular, it will highlight innovative approaches to strengthening the capacity of local and subnational governments to achieve transitions, financing and enabling local action and boosting advocacy and commitment, with presentations and panel discussions led by a range of speakers from all levels of government, civil society, development banks and the social sector.

ROADMAP TO 2030

Long-term plans will evolve as we learn and circumstances change. Below is our current approach to acceleration through 2030 after the SDG Action Weekend.

Timeline and deliverables for progress:
Local2030 Coalition will seek to catalyze momentum for local action across sectors to achieve the transitions through tracking toward the following deliverables:
- *2023*: 50 national and subnational governments committed to supporting locally-driven actions by joining the Local2030 Coalition
- *2024*:
  - Additional commitments of USD 25 million secured for the Joint SDG Fund's SDG Localization Window, including through commitments from at least 5 IFIs
  - Women-led Cities Window established (including taskforce, donors, cities selected)
  - All members of the UNSDG have joined the Local2030 Coalition
- *2025*: Network of Local2030 Hubs expanded by ten Hubs across four continents
- *2028*:
  - Major private sector investment has been contributed in at least 100 cities aligned with the SDGs
  - 100 Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) demonstrate a link with Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs)

- *2030*:
    - 1000 local governments have joined the SDG Cities initiative
    - USD 150 million has been invested in catalytic initiatives at the local level through the SDG Localization Window
    - USD 50 million has been mobilized under the Women-Led Cities initiatives to support cities led by women leaders to accelerate SDG achievement with a focus on reducing social inequality, achieving gender equality and eradicating violence against women

Metrics for success:

While outcome metrics will depend on the locality and relevant SDG transitions that this particular locality is tracking, the Local2030 Coalition will focus on tracking the following output metrics as foundations for the achievement of these outcomes:

- Number of national and sub-national governments committed to supporting locally-driven actions as members of Local2030 Coalition
- $ committed to Joint SDG Fund's Localization Window
- Number of Local2030 Hubs with tools (e.g., dashboards) for tracking local outcome metrics

Roles and responsibilities of partners:

This High Impact Initiative will ensure that advocacy, partnerships and stakeholder commitments are effectively deployed through the following governance structures:

- Lead UN entities: UN-Habitat, UNDP and FAO
- Champion Member States: Spain, Italy, Brazil, Ghana, Indonesia
- Contributing UN entities and partners:
    - UN entities: UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, ESCAP, UNECE, UNEP, UN DESA, IOM and the Joint SDG Fund;
    - Members of the Local2030 Coalition Steering Committee: the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, Government of Italy and the host of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat (Government of Spain, Basque Government and the City of Bilbao); and
    - Local2030 Hubs (Hawai'i Green Growth, Liverpool 2030hub, Paraná Hub, and Local2030 Knowledge Hub)

Responsibilities of partners include but are not limited to:

- Promoting this High Impact Initiative and initiatives showing local actors' unique capacity to deliver the SDGs
- Mobilizing local actors who can show how they are transcending the common challenge of working in silos and promoting coherent and integrated local strategies and action plans aligned with global and national policies and priorities
- Encouraging knowledge-sharing with all relevant stakeholders including LRGs and their associations, national governments, multilateral actors, regional organizations, indigenous peoples, amongst others
- Supporting the Local2030 Coalition to foster the exchange of knowledge and experiences, create partnerships and unlock opportunities to access additional resources and scale up efforts

LOCAL 2030
LOCALIZING THE SDGS

LEADING UN ENTITIES

UN-HABITAT

UNDP

FAO / FIAT PANIS

COLLABORATING UN ENTITIES AND PARTNERS

ESCAP — Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

IOM — UN MIGRATION

DESA

UNECE

UN environment programme

UNHCR — The UN Refugee Agency

unicef — for every child

UN WOMEN

World Health Organization

JOINT SDG FUND

GLOBAL TASKFORCE OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS

HAWAI'I GREEN GROWTH — LOCAL 2030

2030hub

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For an overview of the High Impact Initiatives visit the Transformative Actions action tab on the SDG Summit website

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Annex 15. Description of the Call for Seed Funding Proposal on SDG Localization (link)

Annex 16: Secretariat's ToR

Secretariat Staffing

The permanent chair of the Local2030 Coalition is also responsible for leading its Secretariat on a continuous basis. Within this framework, the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat will be managed by a Head of Secretariat directly reporting to UN-Habitat's Chief of Urban Practices Branch, as well as to the co-chairs. Other staff members and consultants of the secretariat will be recruited as necessary to deliver the workplan of the Coalition.

The Secretariat may also accept personnel on secondment or loan from other organisations and governments and through junior professional and similar programmes.

Location and operations

UN-Habitat as the permanent chair of the Local2030 Coalition leads the Secretariat, acting as the Trustee and administering its financial resources.

Governments and institutions can apply to host the Secretariat for a specified period. Proposals must be presented to the co-chairs for consideration and approved by the Steering Committee.

The Head of Secretariat will be responsible for keeping the Steering Committee, UN directors and partner institutions informed by organizing and coordinating the respective activities.

Local2030 Coalition Background

In September 2021, the UN System launched the Local2030 Coalition, a platform and network designed to support and accelerate local level delivery of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Local2030 Coalition aims to offer a common space and approaches to mobilize, engage and empower every local actor, everywhere, to advance the SDGs.

This Coalition is built on the premise that the people closest to the challenges for sustainable development are best positioned to solve them, and that multi-level and multi-stakeholder partnerships are essential to ensuring results. Inside the UN system, the Local2030 Coalition aims to strengthen efforts to advance SDG targets in partnership with local and regional actors.

Local2030 Coalition Structure

The Local2030 Coalition is governed by two co-chairs, one permanent and one rotational, representing the UN System, and its Steering Committee. It also counts on strategic orientation and policy support of the United Nations Executive Office of the Secretary General (EOSG).

Moreover, the Coalition's activities will be undertaken in collaboration with the UN Directors group, Local2030 Hubs, and a number of partner institutions and governments at the national, subnational, and local levels, working on SDG localization.
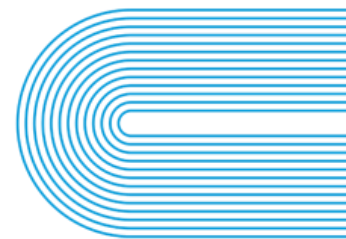
Local2030 Coalition Secretariat

Under the overall orientation of the co-chairs, following the strategic direction of the Steering Committee, and with the key support of the EOSG, the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat will count on dedicated staff to coordinate the definition, implementation, monitoring, and reporting of the Local2030 Coalition's activities.

The Secretariat will also help members develop strategies to gain global attention and support SDG localization solutions and initiatives.

Secretariat Responsibilities

The Co-chairs and Steering Committee of the Local2030 Coalition will provide the strategic direction to the Secretariat. They will, together with the Secretariat, engage in all the activities foreseen in the Local2030 Coalition's approved work plans.

Specifically, the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat will coordinate activities around the following workstreams:
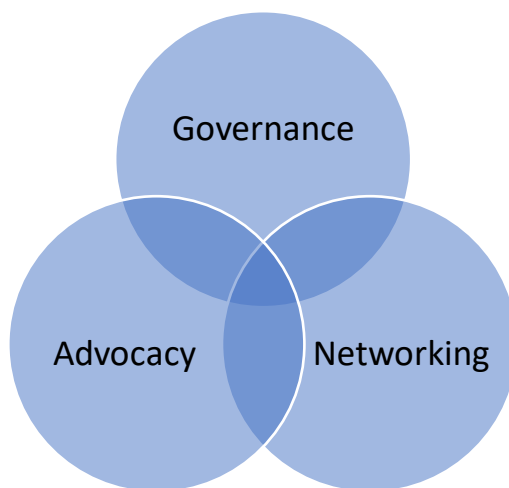
1. *Governance*

- Facilitate the establishment and operation of the Steering Committee and any other structures required for the functioning of the Secretariat.
- Draft work plans, reports, terms of reference and other necessary documents, as well as ensuring its approval.
- Support the implementation of the Local2030 Coalition's approved work plans. This includes, supporting co-chairs in monitoring the implementation of the activities foreseen in the Local2030 Coalition's work plan, by indicating progress and identifying bottlenecks.
- Produce an annual report of the Local2030 Coalition's activities against the work plan to be reviewed and approved by the Steering Committee.
- Support the co-chairs in activating the Steering Committee, including the drafting, and sending of invitation letters and relevant documents.
- Organize meetings of co-chairs and the Steering Committee.
- Hold regular meetings (2-3 times per year) with the UN Directors Group to gather input and coordinate support for the work plan and activities of the Local2030 Coalition.
- Ensure a constant and smooth coordination between co-chairs, members of the Steering Committee, UN Directors group, and partners of the Local2030 Coalition.

- Collate and consolidate information, knowledge products and initiatives on SDG localization and make them available to the Local2030 Coalition Steering Committee, UN Directors group and partners.
- Support the activities of Local2030 Coalition working groups and tasks forces on specific topics, by ensuring a coherent connection between these activities and the work of the Coalition and collecting reports and recommendations to disseminate with co-chairs, Steering Committee members, UN Director group, and partners.
- Identify strategic opportunities and partners, from the UN system, national governments, LRGs, and their associations, CSO, private sector, and other local actors to link their initiatives with the Local2030 Coalition's activities.
- Promote effective collaboration between the organizations involved, as requested.
- Support fundraising efforts, by identifying potential fund opportunities and communicate it to the co-chairs.

2. Networking

- Facilitate the engagement of new partners.
- Help the co-chairs in engaging new partners.
- Support the co-chairs and Steering Committee with their fundraising activities, by facilitating information on funding and partnership opportunities, drafting documents, and organizing meetings.
- Act as the link between Local2030 Hubs, co-chairs, Steering Committee, UN Directors group, and partners. This includes following up Local2030 Hubs' activities, collecting relevant information and reports, ensuring their participation in relevant discussions related to SDG localization and their thematic focus, facilitating technical cooperation, and disseminating relevant initiatives and lessons learned.
- Facilitate the participation of partners in the activities of the Local2030 Coalition.
- Keep an up-to-date database of partners of the Local2030 Coalition.
- Share first-hand information with partners about the Local2030 Coalition and its activities, events, and publications.
- Organize meetings with partners of the Local2030 Coalition, as requested by co-chairs and Steering Committee.
- Facilitate in-depth peer-to-peer exchange between partners, as requested.

3. Advocacy

- Coordinate advocacy activities.
- Organize workshops and or events to promote the Local2030 Coalition within the UN system and with external partners, as defined in the work plan.
- Support the organization of events related to SDG localization promoted by the Steering Committee, UN Directors group, and partners, as requested.
- Facilitate the participation of the Local2030 Coalition's partners in events promoted by the Steering Committee members, UN Directors group, and/or other partners, as requested.
- Manage the Local2030 Coalition online platform and communication channels.
- Support co-chairs, Steering Committee's members, UN agencies, and partners with their outreach activities to promote the Local2030 Coalition.
- Keep the UN System abreast of the work and activities of the Local2030 Coalition and engage them with SDG localization.
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Secretariat Structure

The permanent chair of the Local2030 Coalition is also responsible for leading its Secretariat on a continuous basis. Within this framework, the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat will be managed by a Coordinator directly reporting to UN-Habitat's Senior Focal Point for SDG Localization and Local Governments, as well as to the co-chairs.

In addition, the Secretariat will be supported by:

- One focal point from each of the co-chairs, two in total.
- One focal point delegated by the Steering Committee.
- Dedicated personnel hired to support activities and the day-to-day management of the Secretariat.

The Secretariat may also accept personnel on secondment from other organisations and governments and through junior professional and similar programmes. Any government and organization that is a member of the Local2030 Coalition is encouraged to appoint focal points, experts and/or contribute with human resources to strengthen the capacities of the Secretariat.

Location and operations

UN-Habitat as the permanent chair of the Local2030 Coalition leads the Secretariat, acting as the Trustee and administering its financial resources.

Governments and institutions can apply to host the Secretariat for a specified period. Proposals must be presented to the co-chairs for consideration and approved by the Steering Committee.

The Secretariat personnel and focal points will act as members of the Secretariat, keeping the Steering Committee, UN directors and partner institutions informed by organizing and coordinating the respective activities.

Roles

The table below is a non-exhaustive summary of the mains responsibilities of the key institutions supporting the work of the Secretariat:

Permanent co-chair	• Lead the Secretariat and oversee its functioning. • Strategic orientation and political support. • Financial management and support. • Implementation, monitoring, and reporting of activities, as defined in the workplan. • Administrative support.
Rotational co-chair	• Strategic orientation and political support. • Implementation, monitoring, and reporting of activities, as defined in the work-plan. • Administrative and financial support.

Steering Committee	• Strategic orientation6 and political support. • Implementation, monitoring, and reporting of activities, as defined in the work-plan.
Executive Office of the Secretary General	• Strategic orientation and political support.
UN Directors group	• Strategic orientation and political support. • Support the implementation, monitoring, and reporting of activities, as defined in the work-plan. • Support where available (personnel, administration, finance, etc.).

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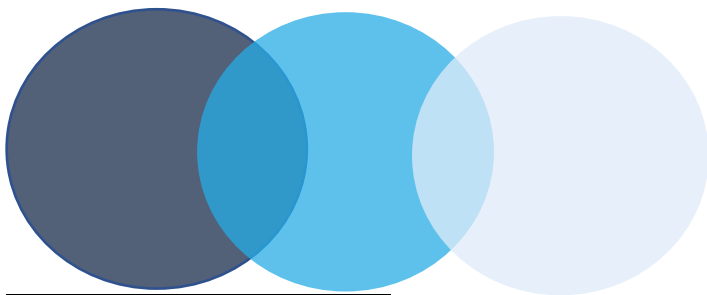
6 See attached Terms of Reference of the Steering Committee for more details.

Annex 17: Local2030 Coalition 2023 Work Plan

OUTCOMES	OUTPUTS	RESPONSIBLE	INDICATOR	TARGET	DEADLINE
OUTCOME 1 ADVOCACY: Increased awareness and enhanced bottom-up and inclusive processes to apply the 2030 Agenda at the local level as a roadmap to overcome the present crises and its subsequent effects.	Intermediary Outcome 1.1				
	Intermediary Outcome 1.1: Increased local actors' engagement to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs within the decade of action				
	Output 1.1.1: Management of the Steering Committee	Local2030 Coalition Co-Chairs with the support of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat and EOSG	One Steering Committee meeting organized annually.	1	May-23;
		Steering Committee with the support of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat	Steering Committee members actively promoting SDG Localization and Local2030.	10 mentions per year	Dec-23
	Output 1.1.2: Management of the UN Directors Group (UN Agencies, Offices, Funds, and Programmes)	Local2030 Coalition Co-Chairs with the support of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat and EOSG	Number of meetings organized with UN Directors Group.	2 meetings per year	Dec-23
			Number of UN Agencies, Offices, Funds and Programmes participating in meetings.	14	Dec-23
			Number of meetings organized with UN Directors Group Technical Focal Points.	4 meetings per year	Dec-23
			Number of Technical Focal Points from UN Agencies, Offices, Funds and Programmes participating in meetings.	12	Dec-23
			Number of publications from UN Agencies, Offices, Funds and Programmes on SDG localization efforts, practices, case studies, etc. on the Local2030 Coalition platform.	10 publications per year	Dec-23
	Intermediary Outcome 1.2: Increased participation of local actors and the use of their experiences in localizing the SDGs to inform national, regional, and global sustainable development fora				

Output 1.2.1: Increasing number of local actors participating in events on SDG localization in the framework of local, national, regional, and global events facilitated by the Local2030 Coalition	Local2030 Coalition Co-chairs, with the support of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat, Steering Committee, UN Directors Group, and partners	Number of partner local actors that have participated in local, national, regional and global SDG localization events. (e.g. the High-Level Political Forum, General Assembly, World Urban Forum, VLR-VSR Days, COP27, United Nations Environment Assembly, Ocean Conference, UCLG World Congress).	30	Dec-23
Output 1.2.2: High-level events on SDG localization organized at all major global forums such as HLPF, World Urban Forum, SDGs Summit, Summit of the Future, Climate CoP meetings, and others as guided by the UN Directors Group and Steering Committee	Local2030 Coalition Co-chairs, with the support of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat, the UN Directors Group and the Steering Committee	Total number of events organized at major global forums.	4	Dec-23
Output 1.2.3: Reinvigoration of Local2030 Hubs	Local2030 Coalition Secretariat, with the support of the UN Directors Group	TORs developed for Local2030 Coalition Hubs.	1	May-23
		Number of partners leading a Local2030 Hub.	6	Dec-23
Intermediary Outcome 1.3: Improved knowledge-sharing and capacity building opportunities for local actors on SDG localization as an integral part of the Local2030 Coalition's work				
Output 1.3.1: Capacity building for SDG localization advanced	Local2030 Coalition Secretariat, with the support of UN agencies, offices, funds, and programmes	Total number of capacity building activities organized.	3	Dec-23
Output 1.3.2: Good practices on SDG	Local2030 Coalition Secretariat, with the support of UN	Criteria for selection of good practices established.	1	Jul-23

	Localization compiled and shared on the Local 2030 Coalition Platform and through international events	agencies, offices, funds, and programmes, the Steering Committee and Local2003 Hubs	Number of good practices on SDG localization compiled and shared on the Local2030 Coalition platform, as well as through international events.	50 per year	Dec-23
	Output 1.3.3: Improvement the Local2030 Coalition online platform, communication, and social media channels concluded	Local 2030 Coalition Secretariat, with the support of UN Directors group	Total number of Twitter followers.	2500	Dec-23
			Total number of tweets.	120	Dec-23
			Number of tweets' impressions.	500 per tweet	N/A
			Total number of retweets.	240	Dec-23
			Number of views of the Local2030 online platform.	100,000 pageviews per year.	Dec-23
			Total number of users registered on the Local2030 online platform.	3800	Dec-23
			Total number of tools, publications, stories, and events published on the Local2030 online platform.	740 tools and publications; 400 stories; 600 events.	Dec-23
	Output 1.3.4: Online repositories relevant to SDG localizations available on the Local2030 Coalition online platform	Local 2030 Coalition Secretariat, with the support of Co-chairs	Number of online repositories linked to Local2030 Coalition online platform.	2	Dec-23
OUTCOME 2ACTION: Built and nurtured a support platform and system for SDG	**Intermediary Outcome 2.1: Improved prioritization of SDG localization by the UN System**				
	Output 2.1.1: Integrated, tailor-made, and well-tested tools and approaches towards SDG implementation at the local level made available by the	UN Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams, with the support of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat and UN Directors Group.	Number of UN entities that made use of the tools made available by the Local2030 Coalition.	4	Dec-23
			Number of methods successfully replicated by UN entities.	2	Dec-23

	Local2030 Coalition, employed by local actors				
	Output 2.1.2: Cooperation between UN agencies facilitated by the Local2030 Coalition to advance SDG localization	UN Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams, with the support of the Local2030 Secretariat and UN Directors Group	Number of collaborative proposals submitted jointly submitted by different UN entities for financing SDG-related activities with local partners.	6	Dec-23
	Output 2.1.3: Technical knowledge and capacities of UN Country Teams on SDG localization enriched	UN Resident Coordinators, UN Country Teams, Local2030 Secretariat, with the support of the UN Directors Group	Total number of technical workshops with UNCTs organized.	3	Dec-23
			Total number of requests for support for SDG localization received from UNRCOs and UNCTs.	6	Dec-23
			Total number of requests for support for SDG localization responded to by the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat and partners.	6	Dec-23
Intermediary Outcome 2.2: Increased adoption of local action as a central component of development plans and strategies at all levels of governance					
	Output 2.2.1: Establishment of Working Groups and development of policy papers on priority themes	Assigned Working Group leads and Local2030 Coalition Co-Chairs and SC, with the support of the EOSG and the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat.	Number of thematic Working Groups established.	2	Dec-23
			Number of policy papers produced.	2	Dec-23
			Number of national governments, sub-national and local governments, as well as other partners, utilising Working Group outputs/policy papers to advance SDG action in a framework of multi-level governance	12	Dec-23
	Output 2.2.2: Cutting-edge research, normative tools, guidance, and resources on specific	Assigned Working Group leads and Local2030 Coalition Co-Chairs and SC, with the support of the EOSG and the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat.	Number of tools and resources on specific themes published.	1	Dec-23

	themes related to SDG localization developed			
	Intermediary Outcome 2.3 Increased SDG financing towards local action and for effective localization			
	Outcome 2.3.1: Establishment and operationalization of the SDG Localization window within the Joint SDG Fund, for financing catalytic action for achieving the 2030 Agenda at the local level	SDG Joint Fund, Co-chairs and donors, with the support of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat	Call for proposal for seed funding launched.	1	May-23
			Total amount of grants distributed bu the seed funding call.	4,000,000.00	Oct-23
			Number of partners who benefited from the SDG localization window call for proposal for seed funding.	16	Dec-23
			Concept of the SDG Localization Window.	1	Jun-23
			Investment Strategy of the SDG Localization Window.	1	Jun-23
OUTCOME 3 MONITORING: Increased monitoring and reporting by subnational actors and opportunities for them to exchange knowledge and perspectives	**Intermediary Outcome 3.1: Increased participation of local and subnational governments as part of the preparation of Voluntary National Reviews or existing national reporting mechanisms**				
	Output 3.1.1: Voluntary local and subnational reviews and voluntary national reports on SDGs linked in increasing number of countries	Regional Economic Commissions, UN RCs, UN-DESA and UN-Habitat	Number countries where local and subnational actors are involved in the preparation of VNRs.	5	Jul-23
			Number of countries where VNRs reference VLRs and VSRs.	4	Jul-23
	Intermediary Outcome 3.2: Increased use of participatory processes to develop local and sub-national SDG monitoring and reporting systems				
	Outcome 3.2.1: Participatory voluntary local and subnational reviews supported and increasingly	UN-Habitat, Regional Economic Commissions, UN RCs and UN-Desa	Number of VLRs and VSRs developed with the support of the Local2030 Coalition partners, through a participatory approach.	5	Dec-23

	utilised as tools for reporting, as well as planning, prioritisation of investments, and resource mobilisation		Number of local and subantional governments utilising VLRs/VSRs as tools for planning, prioritisation of investments, and resource mobilisation.	2	Dec-23
			Number of territories where priorities identified in VLRs/VSRs have been funded for action on the ground.	2	Dec-23
	Output 3.2.2: An increasing number of local actors adopt localized and spatialised SDG monitoring frameworks	UN Directors Group	Number of local and subnational governments that adopted the Urban Monitoring Framework and other spatialised SDG monitoring frameworks, with the support of the Local2030 Coalition.	3	Dec-23
OUTCOME 4 Governance structure in place and functional	**Intermediary Outcome 4.1: Local2030 Coalition's governance structure established and implemented**				
	Output 4.1.1: Operationalization of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat	Local2030 Coalition Secretariat, with the support of the Local 2030 Coalition Co-chairs and SC, EOSG and UN Directors Group	The physical premises of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat occupied and functional.	1	Sep-23
			Local2030 Secretariat finance, legal and operational structure defined and functional.	1	Sep-23
			Local2030 Secretariat Staff (international, local and external) hired.	6	Dec-23
	Output 4.1.2: Local2030 corporate communication strategy developed and outreach activities implemented	Local 2030 Coalition Secretariat	Local2030 Coalition communication strategy developed.	1	May-23
		Local 2030 Coalition Secretariat	Online platform revamped.	1	Dec-23
		Local 2030 Coalition Secretariat with the support of Local2030 Coalition UN Directors Group, Steering Committee and Local2030 Hubs	2023 joint outreach activities concluded.	To be defined in the communication strategy.	Dec-23
	Output 4.1.3: Resources mobilised for delivery of	Local2030 Coalition Secretariat with the support of the Local	Local2030 Coalition Fundraising strategy created.	1	Jul-23

	Coalition workplan for the upcoming years	2030 Coalition Co-chairs, SC and UN Directors Group	Funds mobilized towards the Local2030 Coalition	Euro 3-4 Million per year	Dec-23