



Event Details

Title of Event

Join Us! VLRs Cities and Regions Networking & Match-making Event

Organization Details

Organization: United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific

Organization Country: Indonesia

Summary

Localization of SDGs needs to go beyond adapting global goals to the local levels. Commitment and political will, as well as co-creation of solutions with communities to address global challenges and objectives critically needs serious effort from the Local and Regional Governments (LRGs). While the efforts to localise SDGs are progressing, their involvement in Voluntary National Review (VNRs) is still limited, despite the facts that over 60% of the SDGs are within sub-national governments authority. Thus, SDGs attainment is likely to fail without significant and accelerated LRGs involvement in attaining the 2030 Agenda. A VLR is a process in which LRGs voluntarily assess their progress towards the SDGs and other international frameworks, such as the New Urban Agenda. This makes it possible for cities to gain better ownership as they are taking role in the bottom-up monitoring process for the SDGs implementation. One of the ways to do this is by having the LRGs and Associations of LRGs to share experiences, challenges, and lessons learnt with others around the world as well as to open the door for new partnerships, further helping to implement local visions. So far, around 25 cities and Regional governments have already developed VLRs between 2018 and 2019, some of them are: Town: Shimokawa. / City: Toyama, New York, Bristol, / State: Yukatan. In 2020, the following cities have announced that they would present their VLRs: Espoo, Turku, Touyuan, Shah Alam, Pittsburgh, and Manheim. This networking event offer a focused discussion so that cities can learn from, support, and review each other for the better narrative of the VLRs. With growing interest of different entities contributing to the VLR development, this event can be “matchmaking” between LRGs and development partners so that LRGs can fully utilise the expertise exist on the globe. By doing so, this networking will push LRGs-led movements towards more inclusive, sustainable implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs. The event consists of two segments. After the welcome remarks, the co-organisers shall present their regional and global experiences on facilitating/mentoring local governments and tools used to develop the VLRs. In the second part of the session, cities shall be asked to share their VLR experiences and messages for others and hear from entities of how they contribute to the VLR development and SDGs localisation. Finally, a world-café style discussion will help explore how LRGs can advance the VLR agendas.

Other Organization name

Association of LRGs: Association of Indonesian City Municipality (APEKSI); Partner: IGES, Citynet, UNESCAP; LRG: New Taipei City and Shimokawa Town.

Prospective moderator, speaker(s) or panelist(s)

	First Name	Last Name	Role	Organization
1	Bernadia Irawati	Tjandradewi	Moderator/Speaker	UCLG ASPAC
2	Junichi	Fujino	Moderator/Speaker	IGES
3	Edgardo	Bilsky	Speaker	UCLG World
4	Armida	Salsiah Alisjahbana	Speaker	ESCAP
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