



Event Details

Title of Event

Inclusive Local Governance Solutions to Accelerate the Sustainable Development Goals and Leave No One Behind

Organization Details

Organization: United Nations Office for Sustainable Development

Organization Country: Republic of Korea

Summary

With ten years remaining to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, inclusion is the imperative to ensure “No One is Left Behind” as cities and countries alike advance on the 2030 Agenda. During the 2018 International Mayors Forum in Lilongwe, Malawi mayors, civil society, international organizations all agreed that the “SDGs are a Peoples Agenda”. Equally, in September 2019 during the UN Secretary-General’s SDG Summit, Heads of State agreed on a Political Declaration adopted by the UN General Assembly calling for a focus on ten accelerators to ensure achievement of the SDGs in the coming decade (A/RES/74/4). The first and primary accelerator in the SDG Summit’s Political Declaration is “Leaving no one behind: we will place a focus on the poorest and most vulnerable in our policies and actions” and on “Bolstering local action to accelerate implementation”. The Political Declaration also commits us to “empower and support cities, local authorities and communities in pursuing the 2030 Agenda” but to do so we need to build a culture, norms and skills on inclusion in planning, policymaking, decisionmaking and governance overall at the local level. This side event features interactive presentations and initiatives from civil society and UN agencies to ensure WUF attendees can engage on how to accelerate the SDGs in cities through inclusive planning and decisionmaking approaches, while also learning about new initiatives to ensure inclusive localization of the SDGs. The side event will especially highlight how cities are sharing their progress on the SDGs through Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs). VLRs are a tool to engage a diversity of voices and stakeholders while showcasing how local authorities are delivering on the SDGs today. With “Leaving No One Behind” as a central principle of the SDGs, this side event aims to inspire inclusive local actions to accelerate progress for all on the SDGs - in particular SDG 11, as well as the New Urban Agenda. This side event will also announce the next International Mayors Forum to take place in Incheon, Republic of Korea in June 2020. The solutions to accelerate and deliver on the SDGs in cities are there, but without the culture and skills to engage locally we are only seeing part of how to ensure no one is left behind by 2030.

Other Organization name

Division for Sustainable Development Goals of UN DESA, UN ESCAP, Light for the World

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

	First Name	Last Name	Role	Organization
1	Jean	D'Aragon	Opening speaker	United Nations Office for Sustainable Development/DSDG/UN DESA
2	Riina	Jussila	Speaker	Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs
3	Si-Tou (Jackie)	Wai Kit	Speaker	UN ESCAP
4	Murali	Padmanabhan	Speaker	Light for the World
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