



## Event Details

### Title of Event

SDGs as a tool for inclusive cities and local governments

### Organization Details

**Organization:** Ministry of local governments, Norway

**Organization Country:** Norway

### Summary

To become a reality for all, Agenda 2030 needs to happen in cities and at local level. Localizing the SDGs has been recognized as one of the most effective plans to achieve Agenda 2030 and make it real for people around the world. Local and regional governments are already heading the process of implementing the SDGs and delivering them to their citizens, as 65% of the SDG indicators are already a local government responsibility. Local and regional governments are key drivers of the Agenda 2030 in their respective territories. Since the approval of SDGs many local government associations, as well as individual cities, have led the implementation of goals and indicators. A growing number of cities are embracing the SDGs as a tool to articulate different local policies. Mayors, governors and local public officers are increasingly committed to the Agenda 2030 because they see in the SDGs a useful mechanism to understand better the local challenges, but also to communicate better their own results and to deliver better and more sustainable public services. The SDGs are also an unique opportunity for inclusive cities, as they touch so many aspects of society and economy, they cannot be achieved alone by one only institution, but need to count with the contribution of many actors, stakeholders, private sector and private society, providing a framework for consultation and inclusion. Agenda 2030 is also a plan for generations to come, it needs to be a reality for the youth, as they will be the ones living the world our generations will leave behind. It is therefore essential to bring the youth to understand and commit to the SDGs if we want them to be really sustainable. Many local governments around the world have already understood this and are already acting upon. One among the many examples of how local governments are bringing the Agenda 2030 closer to the young people lies with the Municipality of New Asker, in Norway. In 2020, three municipalities in the Oslo region: Asker, Røyken and Hurum will merge under a newly created body called New Asker. The three governing Mayors have decided to design this new local government according to the SDGs, and their first decision has been to call their young citizens to plan the municipality they want for their future, as "Youthless governance is useless governance".

### Other Organization name

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