



Event Details

Title of Event

Financing and Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and New Urban Agenda in Cities

Organization Details

Organization: PwC Middle East, Government and Public Sector

Organization Country: United Arab Emirates

Summary

Cities are at the forefront of all the most pressing challenges of the 21st century are at the centre implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Given that 80 percent of the global population is expected to live in urban environments by 2050, humanity will additionally develop the same amount of urban infrastructure as it has constructed over the last 4000 years of human civilization history in just the next three decades. Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals will therefore depend on how well cities are equipped to follow the standards and principles for the planning, construction, development, management, and improvement of urban areas provided by the New Urban Agenda (NUA) along its five main pillars of implementation: national urban policies, urban legislation and regulations, urban planning and design, local economy and municipal finance, and local implementation. This requires collaborative action of local and global stakeholders, but also significant investments that yet have to be unlocked to finance local action.

The World Bank estimates that financing the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals requires global investments of 4 trillion US dollars or more every year by 2030, with a current investment gap of at least 2.5 trillion missing in reality. While there is a tremendous amount of potential capital available urban challenges and cities localized SDG targets need to be turned into a global pipeline of viable investment opportunities and financeable projects. The implementation of the SDGs in cities by 2030 will stand and fall with how well global urban growth and development is aligned to the NUA standards and principles.

This session creates a community of practice, dedicated to adopting the “4C” approach (Cascading, Co-Creating, Collaborating and Closing the Gap) to collaborate on SDG and NUA implementation beyond the WUF10, calling for session participants to actively engage.

Other Organization name

OECD, Penn Institute for Urban Research (Penn IUR) at the University of Pennsylvania

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

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1	Hazem	Galal	Moderator	Cities and Local Government Global Leader - PwC
2	Aziza	Akhmouch	Speaker	Head of Division on Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development - OECD
3	Mauricio	Rodas	Speaker	Former Mayor of the City of Quito, Ecuador, and former World Co- President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and former Global Executive Committee Member of ICLEI; current lecturer at University of Pennsylvania
4	Eugénie	Birch	Speaker	Director of Penn Institute for Urban Research - University of Pennsylvania
5	Alice	Charles	Speaker	Cities, Infrastructure & Urban Services Lead - World Economic Forum
6	Nicolas	Buchoud	Speaker	Founding Principal - Renaissance Urbaine, Paris, France