



Scaling Up Local Solutions to Global Challenges through Multilevel Governance

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WUF 12: Event Agenda – SDGs in Action

Summary

With the UN Summit of the Future on the horizon and only few years remaining to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this session positions local action as the cornerstone of achieving the 2030 SDG targets, building sustainable cities and ensuring the quality of life of citizens. While the 2030 Agenda sets a global framework, 65% of the SDGs targets relate with local and regional government competences. Its successful achievement hinges on effective multilevel governance and the vertical alignment of policies, from the global, to the local level. By bringing together actors from the Local to the Global level, this session emphasises the importance of multilevel governance and multi stakeholder engagement. It underlines the need for local ownership, based on examples of Voluntary Local Reviews, as well as the support to cities in integrating the SDGs into their public policies, considering their specific context, needs and resources.

Listening to the cities and learning from its many successful examples and the exchange of experiences between Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia allows to capitalise different lessons learned and inspire others to advance together to the successful achievement of the SDGs.

In this session we will be learning about the support offered by UN HABITAT SDG Cities Global Initiative and other UN Agencies supporting the development of VLRs. Cities from Europe and Central Asia (Tbilisi (Georgia), Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), Dushanbe (Tajikistan), Nis (Serbia)) will showcase their experiences. We will also learn about the support offered by the Reference Framework for Sustainable Cities (RFSC) - a self-assessment tool to design and assess local strategies and the SDGs and European goals - supported by the Council of European Municipalities and Regions and the French Ministry for Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion. Moreover, we will learn how cities will benefit from a one a kind repository of specific actions stemming from all Voluntary Local Reviews published to date, developed by the European Commission Joint Research Centre, acting as a peer learning platform for cities at SDG target level.

While it is necessary to evaluate the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, and share experiences that allow to accelerate progress, this session also aims to contribute to shaping the post-2030 Agenda by



analysing successful examples of multi-level governance, and by providing a platform to discuss challenges, success stories and ways forward.

Agenda

15.00	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Dyfed Aubrey, Chief, Liaison Office for the European Union, UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)</p> <p>Vakhtang Lomjaria, Head Municipal Department of Economic Development, Tbilisi City Hall</p>
15.15	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Boris Tonhauser, Director of PLATFORMA (network of decentralised cooperation actors)</p>
	<p>Speaker 1: Yves-Laurent Sapoval, Ministerial delegate for Sustainable Cities, International Urban envoy, French ministry of Ecological transition</p> <p>Speaker 2: Meerim Kydraliev, Chief Specialist of International Cooperation and Protocol Department, Bishkek Mayor's Office</p> <p>Speaker 3: Abdurahmonzoda Abdurahmon Safarali, Deputy Mayor of Dushanbe, Dushanbe Mayor's Office</p> <p>Speaker 4: Joint presentation: Tanja Obradovic, Planning Advisor, Department of Planning inspection Niš, Ministry of Construction, Transportation and Infrastructure, Republic of Serbia Siniša Trkulja, Agency for Spatial and Urban Planning, Republic of Serbia</p> <p>Speaker 5: Iraklis Stamos, Project leader, LocalSDGs, European Commission Joint Research Centre</p> <p>Speaker 6: Tine Soens, CEMR Spokesperson, 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, Council of European Municipalities and Regions</p>
16.10	<p>Discussion with the audience</p>



16.25 Closing remarks by the Moderator

16.30

Key objectives

- a. Promote Multi-Level and Multi Stakeholder Governance and approach: encourage collaboration between actors at global, national, and local levels to ensure consistent policies for SDG implementation
- b. To showcase initiatives and support to cities on VLRs, share experiences and successful examples to inspire and motivate other peers.
- c. Generate recommendations for policymakers and practitioners to enhance the localisation of the SDGs in their respective territories and shape the Post-2030 Agenda

Partners

First organization: Council of European Municipalities and Regions, Belgium, <https://ccre.org/>

Second organisation: UN-Habitat, Global, www.sdg-cities.org

Third organization: Tbilisi City, Georgia

Fourth Organization: European Commission Joint Research Centre

Fifth Organization: French Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion

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