



Local Action for Global Commitments

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High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

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Context:

Local2030 is convening the Local Action for Global Commitments event, which will focus on the local level implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under review at the 2019 HLPF, local level financing of the SDGs, and Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs). The goals of this event are to:

- Highlight new platforms and instruments on local data and finance that unlock bottlenecks to local SDG implementation and invite participants to provide feedback to help scale and strengthen such initiatives;
- Convene cities undergoing VLRs and discuss establishment of a global framework and repository for such VLRs;
- Provide a space for learning and the exchange of experiences, with the goal of identifying local SDG implementation challenges and solutions, and stimulating action and innovation at the local level on the SDGs under review;
- Emphasize the interlinkages between national, regional, and local action on the SDGs under review and showcase promising examples of multi-level governance and partnerships; and
- Convene and connect experts from the public, private, and non-governmental sectors, local leaders, and representatives from the United Nations system to identify opportunities for collaboration and accelerated action on the localization of the SDGs.

Participants:

Member states, local and regional governments and their associations, UN agencies, businesses (including small and medium-sized enterprises, social enterprises, and major corporations), finance, academic and civil society leaders, youth, entrepreneurs and solution-makers.

Format:

The event will consist of a high-level opening, moderated panel discussions, and audience participation. Interpretation will be provided in English, Spanish and French.

TUESDAY 16 JULY

10:00—10:25 Opening

The high-level opening will set the stage for the two-day event—highlighting opportunities, challenges and promising concrete solutions underway for the achievement of the SDGs at the local level.

Speakers:

- Alicia Barcena, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Guy Rider, Director General, International Labour Organization (ILO)
- Maimunah Sharif, Executive Director, UN-Habitat
- Lise Kingo, Executive Director, UN Global Compact
- Parks Tau, President of United Cities and Local Governments on behalf of the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments

10.30 – 10.40 Presentation of the Seville Commitment—Cementing a Local-Global movement to Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals

In February 2019, representatives from national, regional, and local governments, local and regional government associations, civil society, academia, private sector and the United Nations came together in Seville, Spain to review progress and lessons learned on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and chart new pathways to accelerate and scale up action at the local level. Speakers in this session will present key outcomes from that event.

Speakers:

- Juan Pablo de Laiglesia y González de Peredo, State Secretary for International Cooperation, Ibero America and the Caribbean, Government of Spain
- Juan Espadas, Mayor of Seville, Spain

10:45—11:45 Financing and supporting SDG localization at the country level

Co-leads: UN Global Compact, UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)

Moderator: Jaffer Machano, Global Programme Head of the Municipal Investment Programme, UNCDF

Speakers:

- Paolo Ciccarelli, Head of Unit, DEVCO C5 - Cities, Local Authorities, Digitalisation, Infrastructure, European Commission
- Iñigo Urkullu, President of the Basque Country Region, Spain
- Danford Paterson, Managing Director, Fundamental Credit Opportunities (*tbc*)
- Gavin Power, Chief Sustainability Officer, Pacific Investment Management Company (PIMCO)

- Judith Randel, Co-Founder and Strategic Advisor of Development Initiatives
- Fei Yu, Deputy Representative for the North American Office, Asian Development Bank

11:50—12:50 The local dimensions of SDG 17 on partnerships for the goals

Lead: UN Global Compact

Moderator: Melissa Powell, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Global Compact

Speakers:

- Abellatif Ennahli, Secretary General, Ministry of Urban Planning, Territorial Planning, Housing and City Policy, Morocco
- Yuji Kuroiwa, Governor of Karagawa, Japan
- Jan Van Zanen, Mayor of Utrecht, Netherlands
- Valérie Dumontet, Vice-President of the Aude Department, France
- Miguel Gamiño, Executive Vice President, Enterprise Partnerships, Head of Global Cities, Mastercard

13:00—15:00 BREAK

15:05—16:30 The local dimensions of SDG 13 on climate action

Lead: UNCDF

Moderator: Tehmina Akhtar, Deputy Director, United Nations Capital Development Fund, UNCDF

Speakers:

- Ambassador Perks M. Ligoya, Permanent Representative of Malawi to the United Nations
- Bruno Covas, Mayor of Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Kate Brown, Executive Director, Global Island Partnership
- Thembisile Nkadimeng, Councillor of Polokwane, South Africa, and President of the South Africa Local Government Association
- Matt Russotti, CEO, Sol Purpose
- Richard Sennett, Centennial Professor of Sociology at the London School of Economics

16:35—17:50 The local dimensions of SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth

Lead: ILO

Moderator: Rosa Pavanelli, Secretary General, Public Service International

Speakers:

- Magdalena Valerio, Minister for Labour, Migration and Social Security, Government of Spain

- Stefano Bonaccini, President of the Emilia Romagna Region, Italy, President of the Italian Association of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (AICCRE), and President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
- Wim Dries, Mayor of Genk, Belgium, President of the Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities (VVSG)
- Tri Rismaharani, Mayor of Surabaya, Indonesia
- Agustin Delgado Martin, Chief of innovation and sustainability, Iberdrola
- Moustapha Kamal Gueye, Coordinator of the Green Jobs Programme, ILO

WEDNESDAY 17 JULY

10:00—10:50 **The local dimensions of SDG 10 on reduced inequalities**

Lead: UN Development Programme (UNDP)

Moderator: Mansour Ndiaye, Head of Policy, UNDP

Speakers:

- Johnny Araya, Mayor of San Jose, Costa Rica
- Mohamed Sefiani, Mayor of Chefchaouen, Morocco
- Ana Falu, Director of the Housing and Habitat Research Institute, National University of Cordoba, Argentina
- Lynrose Jane D. Genon, Member of the Executive Council of Young Women+ for Peace and Leadership, Philippines
- Siamak Sam Loni, Founder and Global Coordinator of UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Youth, and Partnerships Manager for UN SDSN's SDG Financing initiative

11:00—11:50 **The local dimensions of SDG 4 on quality education**

Lead: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Moderator: Christine Albrecht, Chief Strategy Officer, Junior Chamber International (JCI)

Speakers:

- Roheoyatou Lowe, Mayor of Banjul, Gambia
- Berry Vrbancovic, Mayor of Kitchener, Canada
- Mindaugas Sinkevicius, Mayor of Jonava District Municipality, Secretary General of the Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania
- Rasheda Choudhury, General Coordinator, Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE), Bangladesh

12:00—12:50 **The local dimensions of SDG16 on peace, justice, and strong institutions**

Lead: UNDP

Moderator: Laurel Patterson, Team Leader, SDG integration, UNDP

Speakers:

- Ismael Del Toro Castro, Mayor of Guadalajara
- Carlos Martinez, Mayor of Soria, Spain
- Wevyn Muganda, Programme Coordinator for Humanity | Activism | Knowledge | Integrity (HAKI) Africa, Kenya

13:00—15:00 **BREAK**

15:10—17:10 **Voluntary Local Review lab**

Co-leads: UN-Habitat, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

Moderator: Lotta Tahtinen, Chief of Outreach and Partnerships Branch, UNDESA

Speakers:

- Jan Vapaavuori, Mayor of Helsinki, Finland
- Antonio Vilaça, Mayor of Barcarena, Brazil
- Joana Balsemao, Councillor, Cascais, Portugal
- Alexandra Hiniker, Program Director, Global Vision, Mayor’s Office for International Affairs, New York City, USA
- Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, United Kingdom
- Junko Ota, Vice-Chair of Kitakyushu City SDGs Council, Japan
- Fernando Straface, Secretary General, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Contributions from partners active in the preparation of VLRs: Tony Pipa (Brookings Institute), Stefano Marta (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development), and Prof. Kazuhiko Takeuchi (President of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies).

17:20—18:00 **From July to September 2019 and beyond—what is next in the localization of the 2030 Agenda?**

Short interventions by the organizing institutions (Local2030, Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, UNDESA, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNCDF and UN Global Compact)
