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# Local2030 Coalition: Joining forces to accelerate SDG Localization

24 October 2023 | 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm CET

Venue: Hybrid event

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## Background

The Local2030 Coalition is the UN System-wide platform and network for supporting and accelerating the localization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It was established on the knowledge that global goals require local engagement and action to achieve and need to have a local impact to be meaningful. It views inclusive multilevel governance and engagement as fundamental to SDG achievement and that mobilizing investment and financing must be integral to localization efforts.

The Kingdom of Spain, the Basque Government, the Bilbao City Council, and the BBK Foundation joined forces with the Local2030 Coalition by presenting a whole of government-whole of society proposal to host the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat in Bilbao. Opened on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2022, the Secretariat in Bilbao aims to energize the work of the Local2030 Coalition and further advance the localization of the SDGs within the UN system and at the territorial level.

Since then, the Local2030 Coalition was chosen as one of the twelve High Impact Initiatives presented on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September at the SDG Action Weekend, on the margins of the 2023 SDG Summit. Through the High Impact Initiative on Localization, the Coalition aims to demonstrate the UN's collective offer on localized SDG action by providing technical and advisory support to strengthen and empower local and subnational governments and boost local stakeholders' capacities. Moreover, the Coalition will support the achievement of the six transitions needed to achieve the SDGs, ensuring that specific transitions like food systems, energy access, digital connectivity, education, job creation, social protection, and addressing climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution are achieved by 2030. A diverse group of Ministers, Governors, Mayors, Development Banks' and civil society representatives participated in the event and spotlighted practices, initiatives, and solutions to enhance local actions and multi-level governance approaches towards achieving the 2030 Agenda.

## Session Overview

One year after the opening of the Secretariat in Bilbao, the Local2030 Coalition would like to convene an event in Bilbao to showcase its main results and milestones. The discussion will also cover the main outcomes of the High Impact Initiative on Localization Session and the SDG Summit and present the roadmap until the 2024 Summit of the Future and up to 2030. The main goal is to ensure that the United Nations and SDG localization champions join forces to catalyze inclusive and co-created local actions that leave no one and no place behind.

### a) Goals of the session:

- Provide an overview of the Local2030 Coalition State of Play
- Present the main outcomes of the SDG Action Weekend
- Discuss the Roadmap leading to the 2024 Summit of the Future and up to 2030 and seek support to deliver the Local2030 Coalition's ambitions

**b) Outcomes:**

- Create awareness of the work and impact of the Local2030 Coalition
- Catalyze inclusive and co-created local actions to shape and deliver the roadmap towards 2030, fostering collaborative efforts for SDG localization on a global scale

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| <b>Participants</b> | Member states, local and regional governments, UN entities, civil society representatives, and Local2030 Hubs.  |
| <b>Format</b>       | The event will be in-person and web-streamed via Zoom   |
| <b>Registration</b> | Interested participants can register at:<br><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AladjBYBRIKW9kdxlwsWxw">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AladjBYBRIKW9kdxlwsWxw</a> |
| <b>Language</b>     | English, Spanish, and Euskera   |

**Tentative Programme**

| <b>Section and Time</b>   | <b>Speakers</b>  |
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| <b>Moderator:</b> Ms. <b>Aran Acha</b> , Director, UN Etxea (in-person)                                       |  |
| <b>Opening Segment (4:30 pm – 5:02 pm)</b>  |  |
| 4:30 pm – 4:32 pm (2 min)   | Welcome and Introduction to the Event by the Moderator   |
| 4:32 pm – 4:38 pm (6 min)   | Mr. <b>Alvaro de Torres Suárez</b> , Sub-Director General of Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain (in-person)  |
| 4:38 pm – 4:44 pm (6 min)   | Ms. <b>Cristina Linaje Hervás</b> , Head of the Cabinet of the Secretary of State for the 2030 Agenda, Ministry of Social Rights and 2030 Agenda of Spain (online)                             |
| 4:44 pm – 4:50 pm (6 min)   | Mr. <b>Asier Aranbarri Urzelai</b> , Director of Social Innovation, General Secretariat of Social Transition and 2030 Agenda, Lehendakaritza, Basque Government (in-person)                    |
| 4:50 pm – 4:56 pm (6 min)   | Ms. <b>Eider Inunciaga Serna</b> , Councillor and Delegate responsible for Euskera, Citizen Services and Participation, 2030 Agenda and International Affairs, Bilbao City Council (in-person) |
| 4:56 pm – 5:02 pm (6 min)   | Ms. <b>Nora Sarasola Irizar</b> , Director of Social Work, BBK Foundation (in-person)  |
| <b>Presentation on the Local2030 Coalition and the Joint SDG Fund on SDG Localization (5:02 pm – 5:55 pm)</b> |  |
| 5:02 pm – 5:04 pm (2 min)   | Introduction of the panelists by the Moderator   |
| 5:04 pm – 5:22 pm (18 min)  | Dr. <b>Shipra Narang Suri</b> , Chief, Urban Practices Branch, UN-Habitat and Head of Secretariat, Local2030 Coalition (in-person)   |
| 5:22 pm – 5:32 pm (10 min)  | Ms. <b>Lisa Kurbiel</b> , Head of Secretariat, Joint SDG Fund (online)   |
| 5:32 pm – 5:55 pm (23 min)  | Q&A  |
| <b>Closure (5:55 pm – 6:00 pm)</b>  |  |
| 5:55 pm – 6:00 pm (5 min)   | Close of the event by the Moderator  |