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# 2024 Report of Activities: Summary

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# OVERVIEW

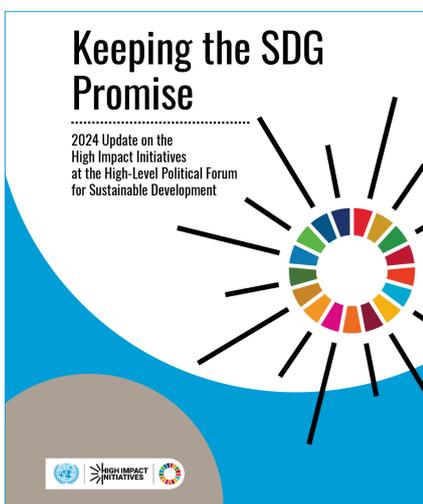
The Local2030 Coalition is the United Nations' platform for advancing the localization of the 2030 Agenda. By coherently articulating global sustainability efforts and local development processes, the Coalition empowers local development stakeholders to advance the 2030 Agenda by accelerating urgently needed systemic transformations.

This process of localization is crucial for ensuring that the global vision for sustainable development is rooted in local contexts, with tailored solutions that reflect the unique challenges and opportunities faced by different territories. The Local2030 Coalition brings together the whole UN System to drive meaningful local impact by bridging global sustainable development frameworks and local action. It ensures that frameworks such as the 2030 Agenda, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and the Paris Agreement are not only translated into actionable strategies at the local level but also shaped within local systems. This allows local transformation to come from a multi-level, multi-stakeholder perspective, while leaving no one – no place and no group – behind. Likewise, the Coalition plays a vital role in integrating local voices and needs into global processes and agendas with a systemic focus. By continuously monitoring and assessing the progress of these initiatives, the Coalition scales up

the transformative impact of localization to achieve differentiated and sustainable outcomes.

Significant progress has been made over the past two years in building and strategically positioning the Coalition, bringing together the work of UN entities and our constituencies. This period has allowed the Coalition's members and constituencies to come together in an institutionalized space, supported by the installation of the Secretariat team in the last quarter of 2024. Additionally, thanks to the work of the Coalition and its UN members and partners, the localization approach has been positioned in the High Impact Initiative, the Pact for the Future and other key development frameworks and processes (such as the UN High-level Political Forums, the SDG Summit, conclusions of the Council of the European Union, and opinions and resolutions of the European Committee of Regions).

Concurrently, in the last months of 2024, the Coalition has initiated preparations for its operational phase, starting in 2025, with a strategic focus on enabling connections for higher impact and systematic transformation through the localization of the six SDG transitions and the Pact for the Future.



## Local2030 Coalition – the UN High Impact Initiative on Localization

Recognized as one of the United Nations' 12 High Impact Initiatives, the Local2030 Coalition plays a pivotal role in advancing the 2030 Agenda by driving localized action that aligns the SDGs with community needs. Its [first progress report](#) highlights transformative efforts that showcase innovative solutions in diverse areas connected to the six SDGs transitions, while introducing updated success indicators to effectively monitor progress and guide future efforts. This report underscores the Coalition's impact in advancing local action and demonstrates the critical impact of localization in accelerating global goals.



**The Pact for the Future and the urgent need for local action to accelerate systemic transformations, advancing the 2030 Agenda.**

The 2024 Summit of the Future, held as a key step in shaping global collaboration to address the multiple overlapping crises that hamper sustainable development worldwide, has amplified the importance of localization as a critical mechanism. The

Summit highlighted that while global strategies are essential, their impact can only be fully realised through actionable strategies and initiatives at the local level.

One of the key takeaways from the Summit is the recognition that localization is not just a downstream implementation of global policies, but a lever that increases impact. The Local2030 Coalition emerged as a central actor that plays a pivotal role in anchoring localization within the broader SDG framework by bringing together stakeholders and organizing the only event at the Summit specifically dedicated to how localization translates global commitments into actionable results. Through its efforts, the Coalition has helped to ensure that the localization approach was reflected in the [Pact for the Future](#)'s commitments and actions adopted by Member States at the Summit. Moving forward, the Local2030 Coalition has been highlighted as an instrumental vehicle to ensure the localization of the Pact for the Future.



*"With only 17% of the SDG targets on track to 2030, urgent and transformative action is imperative. It is also our commitment following the 2023 SDG Summit, when we agreed on transformative and accelerated actions for the SDGs. And this is exactly the spirit that guided the creation of the Local2030 Coalition, brings together the UN systems with partners for SDG Localization. Under our Coalition, a combined set of actors are championing the SDGs at the local level."*

**Amina J. Mohammed**

*Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group*

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# ABOUT THE REPORT

In this 2024 report, we outline the important strides made in these efforts, as well as the pivotal role of local action in driving the SDG agenda forward. It provides a comprehensive overview of the key outcomes achieved through the Coalition's three core strategic pillars: advocacy, action, and monitoring. Advocacy initiatives have played a crucial role in raising awareness and mobilizing political will at both the local and global levels, fostering greater support for SDG localization. The action workstream emphasizes the practical steps taken to implement and accelerate the SDGs on the ground. The monitoring pillar focuses on tracking progress, ensuring accountability, and measuring the effectiveness of localized efforts through data-driven tools, methodologies, and reporting. Together, these pillars form a cohesive strategy that ensures the Coalition's work is both impactful and sustainable in the long term.

The report provides an in-depth summary of the Coalition's ongoing initiatives and future priorities. While significant accomplishments have been made, the document acknowledges the need for continued collaboration and innovation to address emerging challenges. Looking ahead, the Coalition is committed to strengthening its governance framework, ensuring more inclusive participation from diverse stakeholders, and expanding its reach to even more regions around the world. By focusing on these priorities, the Local2030 Coalition aims to further catalyse the global movement for SDG localization, ensuring that the 2030 Agenda is accomplished through effective, locally-driven solutions that improve lives and promote sustainable development at every level.



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# ADVOCACY: ELEVATING LOCAL ACTION AND PARTNERSHIPS

The primary objective of the Coalition's advocacy work is to create a deeper understanding of the importance of localization to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs and make resources available to support these efforts. By increasing the representation and participation of local actors in global processes and discussions, the Coalition ensures the inclusion of unique experiences, challenges, and solutions. The events the Coalition's UN agencies and partners organize and participate in are like the visible tip of an iceberg, as much of our work also takes place in the discussions, negotiations, and decisions that shape policies on a global scale. Our objective is to ensure that localization is a guiding approach for the implementation and achievement of such processes.

## ***Global advocacy events***

In 2024, global advocacy events highlighted the significance of localization, with the Coalition showcasing innovative strategies for scaling up efforts. This was the case in the Local2030 Coalition Special Event at the High-level Political Forum (HLPF), which presented the first results of the High Impact Initiative on Localization. Like-

wise, at the Summit of the Future, the Coalition emphasized the need to forge alliances for localizing the Pact for the Future, while at the 12th World Urban Forum (WUF12), it featured dedicated sessions on local financing, transformative policies, and partnerships. Moreover, at COP29, the Coalition launched its strategy towards COP30, focusing on adopting inclusive multi-stakeholder Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) while at the EU-UN Policy Dialogue on SDG Localization, the Coalition consolidated its partnership with the EU to advance SDG Localization and joint collaborations. In addition to these events, the Coalition is playing its role in other relevant fora such as the 7th OECD Roundtable on Cities and Regions for the SDGs, the EU-UN Dialogues on SDG Localization, the 2024 International Mayors Forum, the Deusto University Forum on the SDGs, the 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States, and the UN Climate Change Conference (COP29), highlighting its leadership in multi-level governance and multi-stakeholder approaches for inclusive decision-making.



Speakers of the Local2030 side event at the High-level Political Forum in New York, USA.



## EU-UN Policy Dialogue on SDG Localization

The “EU-UN Policy Dialogue on SDG Localization” was held in June 2024 in Brussels, Belgium to foster stronger synergies between the EU and the UN on SDG localization. Co-organized by the Local2030 Coalition, the European Commission Directorate General for International Partnerships, and the European Committee of the Regions, in collaboration with UN-Habitat, FAO, UNDP, the Belgian Council Presidency, and the Spanish Government, the objective of the dialogue was to jointly take stock of the progress and challenges faced by both the EU and the UN related to SDG localization and to identify key policy messages and technical cooperation opportunities. The dialogue resulted in key messages and recommendations that UN, EU, and Member States’

representatives can feed into UN statements, Committee of the Regions Opinions and Resolutions, EU Council Conclusions, and into briefings for the new EU leadership (Parliament and Commission), and was featured as one of the mechanisms contributing to the implementation of the High-Impact Initiative on SDG Localization.



Speakers of the Local2030 side event at the Summit of the Future in New York, USA.



Local2030 Knowledge and Scientific Network and Local2030 Hubs side events at the 12th World Urban Forum in Cairo, Egypt.



## COP29

At COP29, the Local2030 Coalition co-organized an event with the Brazilian Ministry of Cities and UN-Habitat at the COP29 Multi-level Action and Urbanization Pavilion entitled "Local Action, Global Impact: Advancing Multi-level and Multi-stakeholder Climate Solutions on the Road to COP30." The session launched the Coalition's engagement towards COP30, highlighting the role of sustainable urbanization in accelerating climate action and reviewing how

updated national climate plans can incorporate multi-stakeholder approaches.

## Local actors playing a central role in sustainable development agendas and processes

### UN's Secretary-General Advisory Group on Local and Regional Governments

In 2024, the Coalition's advocacy efforts also focused on amplifying the role of local and regional governments in achieving the SDGs by supporting the UN's Secretary General Advisory Group on Local and Regional Governments. The Coalition has supported the development of deliverables 3 and 4 and was identified as one of the key mechanisms to implement the recommendations of the Group.

## Steering Committee

As the key Governance mechanism, the Steering Committee is the space where the Coalition's constituencies meet to give their feedback and strategic orientation on the work of the Coalition to the UN members. 2024 marked the first year of the second cohort of Steering Committee members of the Local2030 Coalition. The newly appointed members are distinguished leaders renowned for their advocacy efforts and achievements in advancing SDG localization within their constituencies, as well as for their influential roles in international forums.

The Steering Committee, co-chaired by UN-Habitat and FAO, made critical decisions to advance SDG localization during their meetings held in Nairobi and New York.



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## UN Directors Group

Another key governance mechanism is the UN Directors Group, which drives the UN System-wide mechanism that the Coalition represents, and catalyzes UN system-wide action on localization of the 2030 Agenda. In 2024, 14 UN member entities provided strategic direction to the Coalition through the UN Directors Group meetings and retreats.

## UN Directors Group Retreat

The First UN Directors Group retreat was held in February 2024, and led to the establishment of working groups on localizing the six SDG transitions and financing them effectively, as well as to the approval of the SDG Localization Portfolio and Marker within the partnership with the Joint SDG Fund and Spain. This retreat also fostered inter-agency dialogue and set a precedent for collaborative efforts among United Nations entities.



UN Directors Group Retreat welcome with the hosts of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat in Bilbao, Spain.

At the global level, the advocacy process promoted by the Local2030 Coalition pools together expertise from across the UN System to secure a whole-of-UN perspective and position on localizing. At the local level, it supports the Coalition's constituencies in identifying and promoting concrete solutions that exemplify this localization and its impact. The Coalition brings together UN participating entities on one hand with representatives from its different constituencies on the other hand, ensuring the convergence of global and local processes, with the former more focused on advocacy and UN technical expertise and convening power, and the latter showcasing concrete solutions in action.

# ACTION: PROMOTING LOCAL SOLUTIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

The action workstream focuses on scaling up and promoting sustainable development solutions implemented by the Coalition's participating UN entities, constituencies, and partners at the local level and within a multi-stakeholder, multi-level approach that enables systemic transformation and higher impact on human lives, accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at all levels. While advocacy and influencing global processes are essential, this focus on action is fundamental to operationalize localization and prove its differentiated impact, while offering inspiring examples to be adapted and scaled up everywhere.

With the will to spread localization best practices, the Coalition is committed to ensuring that local communities are equipped with the necessary tools, resources and support to implement the global goals. This involves working directly with local actors to imple-

ment projects addressing the most pressing issues in their regions, whether climate change, sustainable economic development, or social equity. In this sense, UN entities have begun preparing to begin empowering UNCTs to operationalize localization at the country level, in a process that will become operationalized in 2025.

## SDG Localization Portfolio and Marker

In 2024, the Local2030 Coalition, in partnership with the Joint SDG Fund and supported by the Government of Spain, launched the SDG Localization Portfolio and a call for seed funding proposals to advance SDG achievement at the local level. With a USD 10 million commitment from Spain, the program aimed to accelerate SDG transitions locally. Only pre-selected UN Country Teams were eligible to apply, including



**30**

Countries

**\$10.5 million**

Joint SDG Fund grant

**\$17.8 million**

Total budget

**12.4 million**

People expected to directly benefit from joint local actions.

**177**

Local and regional governments engaged in implementation.

**54**

Policies, plans, or regulatory frameworks being created and implemented.

**177**

Reports, assessments, or knowledge materials to be developed to inform evidence-based policies and strategies to advance SDG Localization.

**24**

Business processes and tools enhanced and/or created to foster better planning, implementation, monitoring and accountability of the SDGs at the local level.

**14**

Digital tools or platforms to be created to enhance SDG-related activities.

Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Pakistan, Paraguay, Senegal, Sri Lanka, and Tanzania. After meeting minimum criteria and scoring at least 3 on the SDG Localization marker, 26 joint programme proposals were approved for funding. A key highlight was the merging of Chile's localization proposal with another call of the Joint SDG Fund on digital transformation, creating a USD 3 million pilot programme on local-level digital transformation, which will serve as a model for scaling up localization efforts.

As part of this effort, the Localization Marker was developed through a participatory design process and formally endorsed at the UN Directors Group Retreat in 2024. The Marker aims to identify joint initiatives that prioritize localization efforts by promoting policy coherence, transparent financing, and robust monitoring of SDG localization progress. The Localization Marker was also further piloted across the broader SDG Fund portfolio, solidifying its role in identifying and supporting high-impact localization efforts. As a result, the Joint SDG Fund is providing approximately USD 24 million to programmes with a localization marker 3, thus driving the SDGs locally. Looking ahead, preparations are underway for a second pilot phase in 2025. This phase will involve collaboration with both UN and non-UN partners, including local governments, civil society organizations, and private sector stakehold-

ers, to further scale and refine the Marker as a global reference for advancing SDG localization.

### Local2030 Hubs

The Hubs are locally-owned centres of excellence for SDG localization that serve as territorial incubators anchored in a given city or region. They are led by one or more of the Coalition's constituencies and implemented through a multi-stakeholder, multi-level approach. They are not created, but rather formally recognized by the Coalition through a selection process based on the excellence and systemic impact of the innovative solutions they bring to operationalize the localization of the 2030 Agenda (e.g. through governance mechanisms, planning tools, monitoring dashboards, citizens' engagement, public private collaboration schemes, etc.), including validation by the Steering Committee.

In 2024, the Coalition made significant progress in strengthening the Local2030 Hubs, which are vital testing grounds for local solutions to global challenges. The process of mapping local solutions continued, with further identification of innovative approaches tailored to the unique needs of communities. The Hawai'i Green Growth Hub advanced SDG localization through initiatives like the Aloha+ Challenge and global events such as the Local2030 Islands Network meeting and the Summit of the Future, highlighting indigenous knowledge and climate resilience. The Liverpool 2030hub fostered sustainable entrepre-



World map showing Local2030 Hubs.

neurship and advocacy during Global Goals Week, while integrating SDG priorities into the city's Net Zero Living Plan and earned national recognition for its visitor economy efforts. The Paraná Hub supported SDG municipalization in 399 municipalities through the BI ODS platform, established an ESG Committee, and strengthened Lusophone cooperation at the World Urban Forum. The Shizuoka Hub promoted youth engagement and sustainable industries, raising SDG awareness through international school collaborations with Taiwan, Vietnam, and Australia. The Sweden Hub focused on inclusive urban development, organizing an Intergenerational Town Hall to amplify youth perspectives ahead of the Summit of the Future.

The expansion process for the establishment of new Hubs continued to progress in 2024, as the Local2030 Coalition received formal expressions from partners who wished to become part of the Hubs network, reflecting the growing momentum and interest in this global-local approach to tackling sustainability challenges. Prospective Local2030 Hubs included Cairo, focusing on SDG implementation through structured governance; Euskadi, emphasizing multi-level governance and multi-stakeholder collaboration; and Buenos Aires Province, targeting gender equality and women's empowerment for the SDGs.

## Working Groups

In February 2024, the Local2030 Coalition launched two working groups to strengthen the UN's impact on localizing the SDGs by uniting UN entities around key areas. These groups focus on (1) localizing the six

SDG transitions and (2) financing these transitions at the local level, with leadership from UN-DESA, FAO, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNICEF and UNEP. The groups aim to strengthen the UN's response to global processes such as the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) and the 4th Financing for Development Conference (FfD4) by mobilizing expertise and fostering collaboration. Guided by Terms of Reference and work plans developed by the group leads and the Secretariat, the groups enhance the Local2030 Coalition's response to global processes like the HLPF and the FfD4 processes by quickly mobilizing expertise and providing actionable insights through guidance and recommendations. Working Group 1 is focused on producing evidence-based analysis and practical guidance for localizing the six SDG transitions, including data synthesis, addressing barriers and piloting policy recommendations in selected countries. Its outputs include a synthesis report, policy guidance, and streamlining the recommendations in pilot countries. Working Group 2 addresses the critical need for financing at the local level, with the aim of influencing the FfD4 process and strengthening local government capacity. Deliverables include a policy brief – which has already been endorsed for use in the FfD4 process a comprehensive report on local financing challenges and tools, a global exchange on local SDG financing, a feasibility study for a technical assistance facility, and related communications products to position the Coalition as central to advancing local finance solutions. Together, these efforts aim to operationalize localization and financing for the SDGs through practical tools and multi-stakeholder collaboration.

Financing Policy Brief Series  
**Recommendations for FfD4:  
 Local Finance is Development  
 Finance**

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**Local 2030 Coalition**

Launched in 2021, the Local2030 Coalition is a UN-system wide network and platform that supports on-the-ground delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the local level, with a focus on those furthest behind.

The Coalition is at the convergence point between local and regional governments and their associations, national governments, businesses, community-based organizations and other local actors, and the United Nations system. Local2030 supports local leaders in collaboratively incubating and sharing solutions, unlocking bottlenecks and implementing strategies that advance the SDGs at the local level.

The Local2030 Coalition and its member UN entities aim to respond to demand for support towards financing the SDGs at the local level by:

- » Consolidating **learning and experience** with local financing solutions, instruments and innovations, providing local governments access to cutting-edge knowledge and technical guidance.
- » **Facilitating peer exchange**, triangular and south-south cooperation between governments and other stakeholders at the local level to learn from one another and shape locally-driven financing solutions.
- » **Advocating for local governments** in global and regional policy processes and financing forums.
- » **Building partnerships** with national development banks, international financial institutions, agencies across the UN system and other development partners, equipping them to respond to the needs of local governments in SDG financing.
- » Assisting local governments in accessing available tools and technical support that the UN development system has to offer on local SDG financing and **promoting coherence** and coordination among UN agencies.

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the SDGs. Established with funding from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in partnership with CeSPI and UN-Habitat, it works to link research to decision-making through policy documents, training and multi-stakeholder partnerships. The network focuses on engaging researchers, particularly from developing countries, with local and national governments to inform SDG planning, policies, and reporting.

In 2024, key achievements include engaging PhD students and young researchers in local initiatives in Jordan and Tunisia, where they received capacity development trainings while working with territorial and national authorities. The network also began preparing its operational phase for 2025 and beyond by bringing together young researchers, universities and research centres from around the world in workshops and global presentations, leveraging the collaboration with the Local2030 Hubs and with the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, among others.

For instance, KSN co-organized the International Forum "Connecting Academic Research and Policy Solutions for SDG Localization" with the University of Deusto.

In addition, the network launched a course on SDG localization, including a specialized module featuring contributions from the Coalition Secretariat staff, who shared their expertise and insights, enhancing the course's relevance and fostering stronger connections between academia, policymakers, and practitioners in the field of SDG implementation.

**Knowledge and Scientific Network (KSN)**

**LOCAL 2030**  
 KNOWLEDGE AND SCIENTIFIC NETWORK

The Local2030 Knowledge and Scientific Network was created to bridge the gap between academic research and policy-making to support the localization of

Digital card for the promotion of the Forum on Sustainable Development Goals.

# MONITORING: ENHANCING ACCOUNTABILITY AND DATA

The third line of work focuses on supporting the establishment of robust multi-level systems for monitoring and evaluating the efforts being undertaken at the local level.

As reflected in the targets of its High Impact Initiative on localization, the Local2030 Coalition promotes the inclusion of local and subnational governments in existing national reporting mechanisms and the preparation of Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), including by raising awareness on this issue during various high-level events that were organized by or included the participation of the Coalition, UN members, Local2030 Hubs and partners. For instance, the Coalition also co-hosted the 2024 Local and Regional Governments Forum, which highlighted the role of local governance in SDG monitoring and reporting, and explored how local and regional governments can better contribute to UN review processes related to the 2030 Agenda.

Likewise, the Coalition has been sharing a range of tools and case studies to inspire and support the implementation of monitoring and reporting systems, as well as the development of transformative Voluntary Local Reviews. These resources are available through the Local2030 platform, which features over 30 tools, including the Hawai'i Green Growth Aloha+ Challenge Dashboard, UN-Habitat's Global Urban Monitoring Framework, UNDP's Monitoring tool for Peaceful, Just, and Inclusive Societies, and the United Nations Global Compact's guidelines for businesses to report on the SDGs.

At the territorial level, the Coalition has supported multi-level and multi-stakeholder governance reviewing mechanisms such as the Basque Country Social Transition and 2030 Agenda Forum, which it participated in in November 2024. This Forum reviews achievements and progress in the Basque Country through multi-level and multi-stakeholder participation, identifying opportunities and gaps and forging public-private alliances to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs by 2030.

Finally, the Local2030 Coalition is monitoring how SDG Localization is reflected within key UN processes and outcome documents. Throughout 2024, SDG localization, thanks to the efforts of the Local2030 Coalition, its member UN agencies and partner constituencies, has been referenced as being essential to accelerating the implementation of the SDGs in key political outcome documents including the 2024 HLPF Ministerial Declaration, the UN Pact for the Future, and the Cairo Call to Action at WUF12, all emphasizing the importance of local actors in accelerating SDG implementation.



Participants of the 2030 Agenda Euskadi Forum.  
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**VOLUNTARY  
LOCAL  
REVIEWS**



# GOVERNANCE AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

The Coalition strengthened its governance mechanisms by revising its operational framework to reflect feedback from key stakeholders. A major milestone was the start of activities in the Secretariat Office in Bilbao, hosted by a partnership with the Government of Spain, the Basque Country, and the BBK Foundation. The fully operational office provides a central hub for strategic coordination and scaling up of high-impact initiatives.

The partnership with Italy has been further strengthened following the successful outcomes achieved by the Knowledge and Science Network in 2024. Recognized as a crucial component of the Coalition, the Network facilitates connections between academia and key development actors to drive SDG localization. It was also highlighted as a successful and impactful example by the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General during the HLPF session focused on reporting high-impact initiatives.

The Coalition has been strengthening partnerships with development banks, international organizations, and the private sector to secure funding for its goals. Notably, collaborations with USAID, EU institutions, and bodies like the European Committee of the Regions and the European Commission's Directorate-General for International Partnerships have reinforced its leadership in advancing sustainable financing solutions. These partnerships have also played a key role in embedding SDG localization within EU policy. For example, the European Committee of the Regions adopted an Opinion on the EU Strategy with Africa in November 2024, emphasizing the importance of EU-UN dialogues and advocating for a localization marker. Additionally, under the Hungarian Presidency of the EU Council, the Coalition was recognized in the Council's conclusions on policy coherence for sustainable development, highlighting its influence in advancing the 2030 Agenda.

Looking ahead, the Local2030 Coalition is transitioning into a new phase focused on impact and scale. With a fully functional secretariat and enhanced capacity, the Coalition is now primed to drive systemic

transformation by fostering connections and collaborations that lead to higher impact. This shift towards actionable, scalable results will focus on operationalizing localization and enabling concrete progress towards the SDGs at the local level. The Coalition's growing capacity, coupled with strengthened partnerships and a clear emphasis on practical solutions, positions it to significantly advance the localization agenda and amplify its impact in the years to come.



*"The Local2030 Coalition exemplifies the United Nations's commitment to uniting diverse stakeholders in addressing global challenges, beginning with the local communities and cities where trans-*

*formative change occurs."*

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# FUTURE PRIORITIES



Continue advocacy efforts with a strong focus on the operationalizing localization at the country level through UN Country Teams, mainstreaming localization in the upcoming UN Common Country Analysis and Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, building capacities for the design and implementation of joint programmes, and promoting Local2030 Flagship programs and localization tools from UN supported initiatives in different country contexts, among other approaches.



Expand the SDG Localization Portfolio to include digital transformation pilots and financing innovations. These pilots will explore new pathways for integrating technology into local development plans.



Strengthen inter-agency collaboration through its working groups, producing actionable policy briefs and fostering capacity-building initiatives. These groups will provide practical guidance on overcoming bottlenecks in SDG implementation.



Deepen the collaboration with and between Local2030 Hubs, and further explore the interests expressed by prospective Hubs in Southern Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa to map, scale up, and promote contextualized solutions in these regions, which are currently missing in the Hubs global representation.



Amplify participation in key global processes, from the preparatory/negotiation stage to the culminating event (FFD4, HLPF, COP30, World Social Summit), ensuring localization messaging is integrated in the discussions and strategic documents, in a way that enables actionable priorities to advance on the ground.



Revamp the Coalition website as the online space reflecting the Coalition's efforts to pool together resources for operationalizing localization; facilitating dialogue between UN entities and constituencies; making solutions available in the form of tools, online repositories, etc.; and disseminating best practices and success stories.



Expand and strengthen partnerships with key actors, including EU institutions and bodies, USAID, and other international organizations ensuring that these collaborations continue to increase the Coalition's impact. These partnerships will help secure strategic support, advance innovative solutions, and scale up the Coalition's efforts to localize the SDGs globally.



Launch the second pilot phase of the Localization Marker, engaging with International Financial Institutions (IFIs) to channel finance towards local action using the marker. This phase will further test and refine the Marker, helping to direct financial resources more effectively to support localized SDG initiatives and ensuring that financing is aligned with local needs and priorities.

Looking ahead, the Coalition aims to:

Through these actions, the Local2030 Coalition reaffirms its commitment to empowering UN entities and its constituencies, i.e. the stakeholders of local development, fostering multi-level partnerships, and driving transformative change for the achievement of the SDGs. By building on its 2024 achievements, the Coalition is well-positioned to accelerate the localization of the 2030 Agenda, including the six transitions and the Pact for the Future, as well as the Paris Agreement and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, in the coming years.