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Local and Regional Governments' Day

9 July, 2021 – 8:00-10:30 EDT



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The Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments convenes the Local and Regional Governments Day, a dedicated event of the organized constituency at the HLPF. The objective of the LRG Day is to bring together the delegation of local and regional governments and provide an opportunity to exchange with key partners from the UN and other constituencies. The annual GTF Report on Localizing the SDGs is presented during this event.

PROGRAM

- **Opening Ceremony – 8:00-8:15**

 - **Findings of the Global Taskforce’s annual report "Towards the Localization of the SDGs" – 8:15-9:15**
 - *Particular focus on highlighting local and regional governments’ contribution to SDG 3 (health) and its interaction with the other reported SDGs. The evidence presented in this report will be grounded in the experiences shared through the 263 surveys received this year from local and regional governments and their associations from 92 different countries, 28 of which are reporting this year. With multiple examples of inspiring practices, it will echo the voices of LRGs and their call for an inclusive, sustainable and resilient recovery.*

 - **Partnerships to accelerate the Localization of the Global Agendas – 9:15-10:15**
 - *Local and regional governments acknowledge that the achievement of any and all of the global goals requires strong partnerships at all levels. The session will focus on the nature of partnerships needed for sustainable urban development, particularly addressing the engagement with local and regional governments. Within this context, the presence of national enabling and the formation of multi-stakeholder partnerships will be key to spur action and dialogue towards the localization of the 2030 Agenda.*

 - **Looking ahead towards the Local Common Agenda – 10:15-10:30**
 - *Local and regional governments are already working day-to-day as a part of the multilateral system, and are organized to continue this path of transformation towards 2045. Building on the Visioning Report for UN75, the session will identify different ways to guarantee putting people at the core in the Common Agenda, which will imply the protection of the commons and basic needs as well as access to public services for all.*
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- **Opening Ceremony – 8:00-8:30**

Facilitated by **Emilia Saiz**, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments

- **Ilsur Metshin**, Mayor of Kazan and President of United Nations Advisory Committee for Local Authorities (UNACLA)
- **Mami Mizutori**, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, Head of UNDRR

- **Findings of the Global Taskforce’s annual report "Towards the Localization of the SDGs" – 8:30-8:45**

- **Lucy Slack**, Secretary General, CLGF
- **Bernadia Tjandradewi**, Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC

- Political Debate on the findings facilitated by **Frederic Vallier**, Secretary General, CEMR 8:45-9:30

- **Almudena Maillo**, Secretary General of UCCI
- **Jean-Marc Yacé**, Mayor of Cocody
- **Pablo Jurado**, President of CONGOPE
- **Gunn Marit Helgesen**, 1st Vice President of the Norwegian Association
- **Valerie Dumontet**, Vice-president of Aude Département in France

- **Partnerships to accelerate the Localization of the Global Agendas – 9:30-10:10**

- **Genie Birch**, President of the General Assembly of Partners
- **Thomas George**, Global Lead, Urban Programmes, UNICEF
- **Hannes J. Lagrelius**, General Assembly of Partners (GAP) Co-Chair of the Persons with Disabilities PCG and Program Officer for Inclusive & Accessible Urban Development of the World Blind Union
- **Lorena Zarate**, Global Platform for the Right to the City
- **Julian Pfaefflin**, Senior Policy Specialist, Multilateral Processes Division, Department of International Cooperation and Partnerships, International Organization for Migration
- **Andy Deacon**, Acting Managing Director, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy
- **Chris Williams**, Director at UN-Habitat

- **Looking ahead towards the Local Common Agenda – 10:10-11:00**

Facilitated by **Dr Najat Zarrouk**, Director of African Local Government Academy (ALGA) of UCLG-Africa

- **Victoria Alsina**, Minister for Foreign Action and Open Government, Catalonia
- **Wim Dries**, Mayor of Genk, President of VVSG
- **Carlos Martinez**, Mayor of Soria
- **Goshtasb Mozaffari**, Secretary General of the Asian Mayors Forum
- **Mariana Cammisa**, Strategic Coordination and Monitoring Manager, Buenos Aires
- **Hasan Kilca**, Mayor of Karatay

