Data innovation for reporting and planning
18 July 2023, 13h30 - 15h CEST
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Background:

In the race towards achieving the 2030 Agenda, it has become evident that we are falling behind at the halfway mark. The Global Goals are slipping away from our grasp, demanding urgent action.

Harnessing the power of data innovation and unlocking the ways in which to build an enhanced monitoring culture is a crucial step towards sustainable development and the core principle of leaving no one and no territory behind. There are a number of challenges that need to be surpassed such as: statistical capacity constraints, insufficient access to or use of data collection tools and technologies, the lack of public-private partnerships. But, how? How do we finance a monitoring system? How do we build capacity on that? And how do we coordinate internally and with other stakeholders to avoid overlaps?

The need for enabling environments that facilitate this change at all levels has become crucial. And to do so, we must strengthen the whole monitoring system, including by using non-conventional sources of data such as citizen-generated data, satellite imagery, geospatial data, and social media analytics.

While much remains to be done, cities around the world are making big strides on data innovation. VLRs and VSRs are the evidence of renewed efforts. These processes hold immense potential to drive the localization of the SDGs through evidence-based decision-making, fostering a sustainable future that thrives on interconnectedness and collaboration across local, national, and global levels.

VLRs and VSRs provide the opportunity to kickstart the process and improve data monitoring and evaluation of the progress on the SDGs at the subnational level. By leveraging data innovation, VLRs and VSRs can drive evidence-based decision-making, promote transparency, and ultimately contribute to achieving sustainable development at the local and regional levels.

This session aims to foster good practices and examples from different levels of governments and stakeholders on data innovation. It will serve as a platform to explore and discuss strategies and innovative approaches to leverage data and monitoring systems for achieving the SDGs and sustainable development.

Objective of the session:

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- Highlight the significance and complexity of data collection and analysis models in VLRs and VSRs.
- Showcase cutting-edge data methodologies and tools that can strengthen data collection, and analysis within the VLR and VSR processes.
- Explore successful case studies and best practices where data innovation has empowered local stakeholders in sustainable development planning and decision-making.
- Foster collaboration and knowledge-sharing among participants to identify challenges and opportunities in integrating data innovation into VLR and VSR processes.

Agenda

Master of Ceremony: **Martino Miraglia**, Human Settlements Officer, UN-Habitat

(13.30 - 13.45) <u>Introductory presentation</u>
- **Jorge Abrahao**, General Director Sustainable Cities Institute, Rede Nossa São Paulo and the Sustainable Cities Program**, Brazil**
- **Martino Miraglia**, Human Settlements Officer, SDG Localization and Local Governments Team, **UN-Habitat**

(13.45 - 14.20) <u>Block 1: Data collection and analysis. Where do we stand?</u>
Moderator: **Lana Zaman**, Sustainable Development Officer, UNDESA

- **Sima Constantine Sima,** Mayor of Mwanza, **Tanzania**
- **Edgar Pacheco**, Sustainable Development Solutions Network, **Bolivia**
- **Tarik Şengül**, Department Chair of the Department of Political Science at METU and Coordinator of Vision 2050 office at Istanbul Planning Agency, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, **Türkiye**
- **Matteo Tarantino**, Senior Researcher, University of Geneva, **Switzerland**
- **Yatsuka Kataoka**, Programme Director, City Taskforce, **IGES**

(14.20 - 14.55) <u>Block 2: Innovative tools for Information sharing and transparency</u>
Moderator: **Gulnara Roll**, Secretary to the Committee on urban development, housing, land management, UNECE

- **Tomonori Hirokike,** Director for Planning and Coordination, Planning and Coordination Division, Office of the Governor for Policy Planning, Tokyo, **Japan**

- **Axel Guanoluisa,** Director of Continuous Improvement, Innovation and Technology, Manabi, **Ecuador**
- **Vakhtang Lomjaria**, Head Municipal Department of Economic Development, Tbilisi City Government, **Georgia**
- **Samantha Happ,** Strategic Portfolio Manager**, Local 2030 Island Network**

(14.55 - 15.00) <u>Wrap up and concluding remarks</u>
- **Curt Garrigan**, Chief of the Urban Development Section, **UNESCAP**

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