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Localizing Means Transforming: Local and Regional Governments in the Achievement of Global Agendas

Roundtable

Date and time: Wednesday, 24th of June, 14:30–16:00

Room: A - Mediterranean

Duration: 1:30 h

Organizers: United Cities and Local Governments and Barcelona Province

Introduction

The session aims to explore, through the exchange of experiences from a range of territories, the transformations introduced by the localization of the 2030 Agenda and other global agendas in the strategies, governance structures and planning practices of local and regional governments, as well as in the redefinition of their public policy priorities.

Indeed, localization is no longer a merely technical process. It has become a political and institutional process of transformation, in which local and regional governments emerge as key actors in the implementation and adaptation of global agendas to territorial realities. Within this framework, proximity-based public services, equality policies and, increasingly, care systems are becoming consolidated as essential infrastructures for sustaining life and strengthening social cohesion.

The 2030 Agenda has also helped generate a virtuous feedback loop between the global and the local levels. The localization of international agendas has encouraged the adoption of new governance approaches and highlighted the need to strengthen information systems through the systematic collection of more disaggregated and context-sensitive social, economic and territorial data. In turn, these efforts at the local level not only enable a more effective and context-specific implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, but also enrich and inform the global agendas themselves by providing empirical evidence, institutional innovation and lessons learned that contribute to their continued evolution and improvement.



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The session will place particular emphasis on the role of local and regional governments as transformative actors that promote new forms of inclusive, multilevel and multistakeholder governance that are more integrated, participatory and oriented towards concrete results at the territorial level. It will also explore how tools such as Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) and Voluntary Subnational Reviews (VSRs), as well as new management and planning tools developed alongside them and as a result of these processes, have contributed to strengthening accountability, the production of territorial evidence and dialogue across levels of government. These tools have emerged through the localization of global agendas, particularly the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

In this context, the session will also open a discussion on the post-2030 horizon, exploring how the lessons learned over the past decade can contribute to the development of new global agendas that place greater emphasis on sustaining life, reducing inequalities and recognizing the structural role of local and regional governments in systemic transformation.

Objectives / Expected Results

- Analyze the role of local and regional governments as transformative actors in the localization of the 2030 Agenda, as well as the challenges they face and potential solutions and forms of support.
- Identify experiences and tools developed by local and regional governments to improve the planning, management and monitoring of public policies and local services as a result of the localization of global agendas, including VLRs, VSRs and other instruments.
- Highlight the role of public services as key infrastructures for the achievement of all the SDGs and for sustaining life.
- Identify lessons learned and challenges for the transition towards post-2030 agendas.
- Strengthen multilevel dialogue among local and regional governments, international networks and diverse actors.



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Agenda

14:30–14:40 | Welcoming remarks and opening

14:40–14:55 | Setting the scene: challenges and opportunities

14:55–15:55 | Political dialogue and open floor

15:55–16:00 | Closing