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Launch Event

SDG Localization Module 2: Planning for change with the SDGs

Wednesday 5th June at 15:00 EAT

Link to register and connect
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvc-CsqzsoH9YQHy5a-4PvyUMoDMrnQVts

Background:

Cities are not just accumulations of buildings, streets, and squares but they are dynamic spaces that are actively shaping and being shaped by people and the planet. They often serve as a magnifying glass, highlighting achievements but also amplifying and showcasing the pressing issues we are facing on the road towards sustainable development. It is therefore vital that we utilize the potential of cities and local governments around the world and reimagine them as hubs of inclusive development and innovation for social, economic, and environmental responsibility, in other words, where and how the global agenda SDG will be tangible and measurable.

Cities as Innovation Hubs

Urban and strategic planning is critical for sustainable cities. It is a unique and powerful tool to initiate the paradigm shift on how the city should work and function. Local and regional governments (LRGs) drive territories' and local communities' sustainable development paths. They ensure the delivery of essential public services and act as catalysts for transformative change. Nevertheless, LRGs face critical gaps in terms of data, capacities, and resources to deliver on this mandate. Investing in municipal capacity building, institutional efficiency,and partnerships with local, regional, national and international stakeholders is crucial for localizing the SDG.

Need to build and strengthen capacities at the local level

In this context, UCLG, UN-Habitat and UNDP, with the European Commission's support, developed the SDG Localization Learning Modules. The modules were applied and tested all over the world, using a Training of Trainers approach. Today, they represent one of the main sources of capacity building on SDG Localization for LRGs.

As the world continues to urbanize, an integrated sustainability and planning strategy that uses the SDGs as guiding principles is vital to guarantee the provision of basic urban services, urban health, and socio-economic inclusion as well as for creating urban systems that try to reduce their negative externalities towards climate change.

55% of the world population live in cities

Only 10% of climate fund's investments reaches the local level.

The online event will focus on launching the SDG localization Module 2 which focuses on integrating the SDGs into local planning processes, providing guidance in terms of strategic as well as spatial planning. Building on the first edition of the SDG Localization Module 2, the new version has been updated to reflect the evolution of concepts on SDG localization and urban and territorial planning in achieving the SDGs. Furthermore, it explores the most recent practices and methodologies on SDG-linked local planning processes.

The Module offers an immersive experience based on practical strategies aimed at the integration of the SDGs into local planning processes. Through interactive games and real-world examples, trainees will gain valuable insights and skills to drive sustainable development.

Overall, it allows trainees to learn, share experiences, and collaborate on strategies to advance sustainable development at the local level, thus contributing to the achievement of the SDGs.

Please join the official launch of the new edition of Module 2.

Target Audience:

The event is open to the public and particularly targets local and regional government authorities, national ministries working on local development, planning, finance and economy, urban planners, and statisticians and networks. Any other interested participants are also welcome.

LRGs

National Ministries

Urban Planners

Statisticians

Networks

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Tentative agenda:

Moderator of the session: Martino Miraglia, Coordinator, SDG Localization and Local Governments and SDG Cities Flagship Programme, UN-Habitat

10 minutes	**Opening Localizing the SDGs and planning** · Emilia Saiz, Secretary General, UCLG · Shipra Narang Suri, Chief, Urban Practices Branch, UN-Habitat
20 minutes	**The new Module 2. Planning for change with the SDG** **Content overview by Sara Hoeflich, Coordinator, UCLG Learning** **In-depth presentation of the 2 new games:** • Defining appropriate local indicators • Building sustainable proximities: the 15-min neighborhood
30 minutes	**Moderated discussion: How can this Module help you improve SDG-linked local planning processes?** • Competence Center for Planning, Policies and Prospective Public Administration (PlanAPP), Portugal • *Rima Odeh, the Executive Director for planning,* City of Amman, Jordan • *Diana Dajer, Manager,* Fundación Corona, Colombia
20 minutes	**Open floor discussion**
5 minutes	**Closing Remarks** Sara Hoeflich, Coordinator, UCLG Learning