

LOCAL 2030

Hub for Sustainability Solutions

Local Action for Global Commitments Special Event

High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) | 17 July
United Nations Secretariat | Conference Room #1

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Context:

In collaboration with the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, the multi-stakeholder coalition Local2030 is bringing together experts from the public, private, and non-governmental sectors to work with local leaders and representatives from multiple United Nations agencies to present new local-level actions at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

Data, financing, capacity building in humanitarian and conflict settings, and climate action and clean energy will be at the centre of the different sessions.

The focus of this multi-stakeholder event is on developing and presenting new solutions to accelerate and scale local-level implementation of all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and provide innovative concepts for the UN-wide strategy on SDG localization under development by Local2030. This event and new Local2030 commitments announced will build on the discussions at the Local and Regional Governments' Forum that is being held on 16 July.

Participants:

Member states, local and regional governments, UN agencies, business, finance, academic and civil society leaders.

Format:

The event will consist of an opening high-level overview, moderated discussions, audience participation, and thematic sessions. The meeting will be open to press, webcast and interpretation services (as needed).

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TUESDAY, 17 JULY

08:30-09:00 **WELCOME** and Arrival

09:00-10:00 **OPENING: Challenges and Opportunities for Local Implementation of the SDGs: perspectives from Member States, Local Authorities, Civil society, CEOs and investors.**

The opening will set the scene for the day's discussions by demonstrating how collective action among diverse stakeholder groups can have a 'multiplier' effect that maximises the integrated impact of SDG implementation.

10:00-11:30 **THEMATIC SESSION 1: Localizing Finance to Reach the Furthest Behind**

Towards the SG's High-Level Meeting on Financing the SDGs: Scaling finance solutions and partnerships among local governments, civil society, investors, and business, including SMEs, to de-risk investment and decentralize SDG financing and maximize impact.

11:30-13:00 **THEMATIC SESSION 2: Strengthening Local Government Capacities in Humanitarian and Conflict Settings**

All SDGs necessitate local action; as cities and local governments play a critical role in achieving inclusive, safe and resilient livelihoods and supporting the rural-urban continuum. In recent decades, conflict and humanitarian crises have become increasingly urbanised, which poses challenges for the achievement of the SDGs in affected cities. This session will focus on the needs, challenges and opportunities for SDG capacity building in such contexts.

13:00-15:15 LUNCH BREAK

15:15-16:45 **THEMATIC SESSION 3: Innovating for Local-level Data Solutions**

Leveraging innovative data tools and solutions for local-level development: the role of big data, citizen-led data in informal settlements and standardized data platforms.

16:45-18:15 **THEMATIC SESSION 4: Scaling Local Climate, Air Quality and Clean Energy Solutions**

Towards the SG's 2019 Climate Summit: Mobilizing, scaling and delivering climate, air quality and energy solutions at the Local level.

18:45 **EVENING EVENT: Innovation and Local2030 Hubs (*invitation only*)**