

Statement on the importance of local and regional governments

With only eight years left for the achievement of the commitments set by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and just under 15 years for the commitments of the New Urban Agenda, local action has never been so central to achieving global goals. Local and regional governments are increasingly acknowledged as peers in a process in which global SDG 6 goal, national water resources, and local water and sanitation provision are expected to work seamlessly together. SDG 6 has targets which are directly or indirectly related to the daily work of local and regional governments and local stakeholders. While SDG 6 are global in their ambition, its achievement will depend on local action and local leadership.

SDG 6 localization is the process of transforming water and sanitation into reality at the local level, in line with national frameworks and with communities' priorities. To be successful, localization needs to be anchored in the principles of inclusion, partnership and multilevel governance, and to build on adequate data and financing availability at the local level.