Mainstreaming the SDGs into local development planning

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The Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments [GTF] gathers 28 global and regional networks.
Local and Regional Governments’ reporting efforts to the UN

Six yearly reports
From 2017 to 2022

159 Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs)
between 2017 and 2022,
From 40 countries, representing 450 million inhabitants

26 Voluntary Subnational Reviews (VSRs) in 2020-2022
Representing more than 100,000 LRGs and 1 billion inhabitants

More information and all these reports can be found at:
Local and Regional Governments’ engagement in SDG Reporting and Coordination

LRG involvement in the preparation of VNRs from 2016 to 2022:

→ LRG participation in the preparation of VNRs: gradual increase, from 32% of countries in 2016 to 48% in 2022 (21 over 44 countries)

→ LRG participation in national coordination mechanisms: no important progress. The participation was 28% on average between 2016-2021, and 34% in 2022. In Europe the participation reached 63% in 2022, but declines in Asian Region and in Latin America

More information can be found in our new 137 Country Profiles on SDG localization: https://gold.uclg.org/report/localizing-sdgs-boost-monitoring-reporting#field-sub-report-tab-5
Global trends in the alignment of SDGs with local plans

Some examples:

**Indonesia:** Planning system

Integration of Plan, Monitoring and Evaluation among Government Levels

**Norway:** Prioritising the SDGs across small, medium and large municipalities

**Mexico:** Progress in SDG implementation at municipal level

Measuring progress made in 16 SDGs Localization

Sources: Voluntary Subnational Reviews
Some lessons-learned to be considered:

→ Well-functioning national and local planning systems are imperative for coordinating national and local efforts to achieve the SDGs and leave no one and no place behind.

→ Strengthened planning systems require adequate interactions and bidirectionality between national and regional/local planning mechanisms.

→ An enabling institutional environment that recognizes and supports local governments is critical to promote effective subnational planning systems (based on the principle of subsidiarity).

→ Further support, assistance and adequate financing incentives are essentials to ensure that local plans are effectively implemented.

→ Holistic and integrated approach at all levels are critical to a comprehensive SDG implementation, overcoming siloed approaches.

→ Participatory approaches are key to boost citizen participation in local planning, supported by adequate localized systems of indicators.

→ Effective LRG involvement in national coordination mechanisms and reporting processes is essential, but still a challenge.

→ Strong and clear national localization strategies in consultation with LRGs should be based on effective multilevel governance.

→ The design and implementation of recovery strategies should be aligned with the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and global sustainability commitments.
THANKS!

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