Local and Regional Governments Forum (LRGF) on the 2030 Agenda

“Harnessing high impact localization policies to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals through SDG 11 and towards the 2023 SDG Summit”

Special High-Level Event on the occasion of the 2023 United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

12 July, 10AM – 1:00 PM - UNHQ CR1

DRAFT AGENDA

10:00-10:30 - OPENING: Accelerating the Achievement of SDG 11 to Close the Gaps Towards the SDG Summit

This segment will set the scene presenting SDG 11 as the key enabler of all other the Sustainable Development Goals with high-level contributions of our organized constituency

- Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations (Video Message)
- Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-Habitat
- Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP
- Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs on behalf of Mr. Li Junhua Under Secretary-General, UN DESA
- Ms. Fatimetou Abdel Malick, President of Nouakchott Region (Mauritania)

10:30 – 12:45 - INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES

The interactive dialogues will provide a thematic overview of how local and regional governments have been playing a key role in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda through the lens of SDG 11, the
critical provision of public services to address inequalities and innovative policy making and emergency response.

This section will be chaired from the podium and all other delegates will intervene from the floor.

10:30 – 11:00 - Dialogue 1 - SDG 11 as a key enabler for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda

The first dialogue will be structured by an opening by the moderator, who will then engage with the floor through a short thematic session before a general debate.

- Chaired by Ms. Gunn Marit Helgesen, Councilor of Vestfold and Telemark (Norway)
- General Debate
  - Mr. Yucel Yilmaz, Mayor of Balikesir (Turkey)
  - Mr. Leendert Verbeek, President of Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
  - Mr. Toshihiko Ota, Mayor of Toyota City (Japan)
  - Mr. Helder Sousa Silva, Mayor of Mafra (Portugal)
  - Mr. Ravinder Bhalla, Mayor of Hoboken (US)
  - Mr. Iñaki Carnicer Colmenares, Secretary General of Urban Agenda, Housing and Architecture, Spain
  - Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

Themes under review:
- SDG 11 and its crosscutting connections with all other SDGs, including those under review.
- Sustainable urbanization, urban planning, affordable housing, cultural heritage, universal access to inclusive green and public spaces, affordable and sustainable transport, urban disaster risk reduction, climate justice

11:00 – 11:30 - Dialogue 2 - Local public services to address inequalities, promote innovation and foster sustainability

The second dialogue will follow the same structure as the first one, structured by an opening and a general debate with the floor.

- Chaired by Berry Vrbanovic, Mayor of Kitchener (Canada)
- General Debate
  - Mr. Wilber Ottichilo, Governor Vihiga County (Kenya)
  - Mr. Juan Schiaretti, Governor of Córdoba (Argentina)
  - Mr. Wim Dries, Mayor of Genk (Belgium)
○ Ms Anne-Marie Jean, Vice-President, Eurométropole de Strasbourg (France)
○ Mr. William Patricio Maldonado, Mayor of the Municipality of Nabón (Ecuador)
○ Ambassador Antonio Francisco da Costa e Silva Neto, Special Advisor of International Relations, Ministry of Cities, Brazil
○ Tatu, Child Advocate

Themes under review:
- SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation, 7 on affordable and clean energy, SDG 9 on industry, innovation and infrastructure; cutting across all of the SDGs
- Public services delivery, governance and access to water and sanitation at local level, transforming financing ecosystems to ensure the provision of local public services

11:30 – 12:00 - Dialogue 3 - Local and regional governments and the future of production and consumption

The third dialogue will follow the same structure as the first two, structured by an opening and a general debate with the floor.

● Chaired by Mr. Fernandes Barasa, Governor of Kakamega County (Kenya)

● General Debate
  ○ Mr. Josh Green, Governor, Hawai‘i (US)
  ○ Ms. Luisa Salgueiro, Mayor of Matosinhos (Portugal)
  ○ Mr. Leonardo Orlando, Prefect of the Manabí Province (Ecuador)
  ○ Mr. Ababacar Kalifa Ndao, President of the Department of Dagana (Senegal)
  ○ European Union representative (TBC)
  ○ Mr. Florencio Venté, Co-Director, Migration Youth and Children Platform (invited)

Themes under review:
- SDG 9 on industry, innovation and infrastructure, SDG 11 on Sustainable Cities and Communities; cutting across all the SDGs
- Issues to be discussed: Future of work, role of local and regional governments in strengthening local industry and services, smart cities and territories, digital rights

12:00 – 12:45 - Localization and Innovation Exchange

The marketplace will present the transformative power of local action through a dynamic showcase of initiatives, policies and products that seek to close the gap for accelerated action in SDG localisation.
Open moderated debate

- Ms. Minna Karhunen, Association of Finnish Municipalities (Finland)
- Mr. André Viola, Councillor, Department of Aude (France)
- Mr. Rory Nisan, Councillor, Burlington (Canada)
- Ms. Meritxell Serret, Regional Minister for Foreign Action and European Union, Government of Catalonia (Spain)
- Mr. Luis Mariano Fernández, Tucumán State-Secretary for International Relations (Argentina)

Themes under review:
- Interactive segment showcasing platforms, videos, initiatives
- SDG 17 on partnerships for the goals; all other SDGs crosscutting
- Renewed multilevel governance, the relationship between spheres of government and other stakeholders, including the private sector, role of local and regional governments in the lead-up to the SDG Summit and the Summit for the Future

12:45 – 13:00 - CLOSING

- Ms. Lotta Tahtinen, Chief, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UN DESA
- UNDP representative
- Ms. Shipra Narang, Chief, Urban Practices Branch, UN-Habitat
- Ms. Lucy Slack, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum