



## 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. Iñiqui Carnicero Alonso-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. Wiliam 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. Luís 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