Draft Policy Brief

Transformative change from the ground up: the role of local reporting in accelerating SDG achievement at all levels

Key Takeaways

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Policy Brief Methodology and Process

Jointly written by DESA, Habitat, UNDP in close collaboration with GTF and UCLG
Informed by VLRs, VNRs, and relevant publications and meetings

Inputs from Regional Commissions
• Inputs incorporated from ECA, ECE, ECLAC, ESCAP, and ESCWA

Integrating HLPF key messages
• Your discussions this week and the HLPF outcomes will be essential!

Launch at SDG Summit
• Publication and launch during the SDG Summit in September 2023
Challenges for SDG Localization

- Lack of necessary competences to localize SDGs
- Lack of multilevel governance and coordination structure, including:
  - LRG participation in national strategies
  - Coordination between national and local reporting processes, such as VNRs and VLRs
- Challenges in systematically involving local communities
- Data gaps/challenges in monitoring and evaluating localization
- Inadequate resources (including financial, human, or technical)
Policy Recommendations

To National Governments

- Strengthen multilevel governance for sustainable development, including by supporting VLRs and VSRs and fostering symbiotic relations with the national reporting processes.
- Reorient national budgeting and international financing towards local implementation; incentivize reporting with dedicated financing mechanisms.
- Invest in capacity building at the national, regional and local levels to equip governments with the adequate knowledge, expertise and tools to deliver on their mandates.

To Local Governments

- Recommit to the localization of the 2030 Agenda, recognizing the significance of VLRs and VSRs as transformative mechanisms to reconnect with constituents.
- Link the VLRs and VSRs with governmental planning processes and policies.
- Foster synergies with local government associations and networks, and with the national government.
- Strengthen the generation of localized and disaggregated data, particularly for underrepresented groups.
Thank you!

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Your discussions of localization during the HLPF will help

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