



## CONCEPT NOTE: SPECIAL EVENT & RECEPTION

# Multilevel Governance for SDG localization

Convened by Italy and UN-Habitat | May 28, 2025

5.30pm-6.45 pm EAT Special Event & 6.45 pm-8 pm EAT Reception

UN Campus, Gigiri, Nairobi

## Background

In June 2023, during the Second UN Habitat Assembly, Member States endorsed Resolution 2.6, the first-ever Resolution on Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Resolution underscores the importance of multilevel governance, capacity-building, and innovative partnerships as essential enablers for enhancing national delivery of sustainable development and local-level transformation. It calls for UN-Habitat to strengthen support to national governments, cities, and communities on data, policy, and planning in line with the SDGs while continuing to encourage peer learning, technical exchanges, and advocacy at the international level.

Building on Resolution 2.6, UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2026-2029 identifies Participative Multilevel Governance and SDG Localization as one of the key means of implementation to advance adequate housing, land, and basic services for all.

The resumed second session of the UN Habitat Assembly will gather Member States in Nairobi on May 29-30, with the task, among others, of examining and approving the new Strategic Plan 2026–2029.

The Special Event on Multilevel Governance for SDG Localization, convened by Italy on the sidelines of the Resumes Assembly, aims to foster dialogue between Member States on synergies and collaborations to advance Resolution 2.6 and support UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2026-2029.

In this context, the Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security will present the Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs, launched in 2024 with UN-Habitat, and aimed at supporting countries in developing National SDG Localization Frameworks – the set of policies, governance mechanisms, initiatives and resources that National Governments should put in place to accelerate effective and coherent localization of the SDGs.

In addition, the side event will also discuss the Partnership Platform's articulation and contribution to other key relevant initiatives: SDG Cities, UN-Habitat's flagship to support cities' pathway toward sustainability; and the Local2030 Coalition, the UN System-wide initiative on localizing Agenda2030.

The event will conclude with a call to action to all interested Member States to become members of the Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs and join the efforts to advance SDG Localization through multilevel governance and policy coherence.

## Expected Outcomes

By attending the event, Member States will:

Discuss progress and opportunities in linking Resolution 2.6 and UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2026-2029, including UN-Habitat's approach to SDG Localization.

Learn about engagement modalities with the Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs and the operationalization of National SDG Localization Frameworks.

## Agenda

Moderator Raf Tuts, Director, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat	
Time	Item
17:30 – 17:45	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Claudio Barbaro, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Environment and Energy Security, Italy</li><li>Ana Claudia Rossbach, Executive Director, UN-Habitat</li></ul>
17:45 – 18:20	Linking UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2026-2029 and Resolution 2.6 on Localizing the SDGs <i>The Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs</i> Invited speakers will include representatives from Member States and partners supportive or interested in deepening work on SDGs Localization and Multilevel Governance. Italy will introduce the Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs.
18:20 – 18:35	Open discussion
18:35 – 18:40	Wrap up <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Moderator</li></ul>
18:40 – 18:45	Closing and call to join the Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Claudio Barbaro, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Environment and Energy Security</li></ul>
18:45 – 20:00	Reception