



The role of local and regional governments in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda in connection with the global agenda 2030

Organised by the Global Taskforce of local and regional governments (GTF)
under the coordination of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

Background

Local and regional governments across the world are already involved in the implementation of the recently adopted international agendas of the SDGs (Agenda 2030), Climate Change and the new Urban Agenda.

The establishment of fruitful and constructive dialogue between the different levels of government is essential to face the multiple challenges ahead of us.

The UN-Habitat Governing Council constitutes an excellent opportunity to bring to the table local governments and the Ministries in charge of cities and subnational levels of governance, to share solutions and to build bridges for effective implementation of all the global agendas.

The event will look into the localisation process of these agendas and provide space for a multi-stakeholder dialogue on local implementation of global agendas, and in particular the NUA.

Focus

The event will contribute to enhance a multi-stakeholder and multi-level dialogue on the main theme of the GC, “Opportunities for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda”.

Aiming at strengthening the collaboration of local and regional governments with UN habitat as the historic partner and facilitator of their engagement in the UN System, it will bring the voice of local government representatives to explain and share the role and capacity of the constituency to start up the NUA and linked global agendas’ implementation in close coordination with their central governments.

The event will also touch the 3 subthemes of the GC (financing, housing and planning) as all of them are the focus of the work of the members of the Global Taskforce. Special mention will be given to the issue of housing, within the concept of “right to the city” that will be the object of the coordinated action of local governments during the next years.

Facilitator : Emilia Saiz, Deputy Secretary General of UCLG

Opening:

Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director and Assistant Secretary-General for UN-Habitat.

Parks Tau, President of UCLG, President of the South African Local Governments Association (SALGA), Councilor of Johannesburg

Exchanges between local and regional governments leaders, financing institutions and Member States:

Emile-Gros-Raymond Nakombo, Mayor of Bangui, President of the Association of Mayor of Central Africa

Joseph Makwinja, Deputy Mayor, Blantyre City Council

Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships of the World Bank Group.

Roland Buiti-Viaudo, Mayor of Pointe-Noire

Firdaous Oussidhoum, Advisor of the mayor. City of Chefchaouen, Coordinator of UCLG Committee on Intermediary Cities

Member State representative (tbd)

Francisco Peña, Mayor of Santo Domingo Oeste

Guy Serge Tshilemb, Advisor to the Mayor, City of Lubumbashi

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