# Sustainability Governance at Local Level Localizing Sustainable Development Goals

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## **WE THE PEOPLE**





#### ¿United Cities and local Government?

- Largest network of Local and regional and metropolitan governments
- Works under political leadership as an association
- Amplifies the voice of Local and Regional Government in the UN system
- Ensures local and regional experience to influence the implementation and assessment of the global agendas
- Creates a movement around localization together with UN agencies



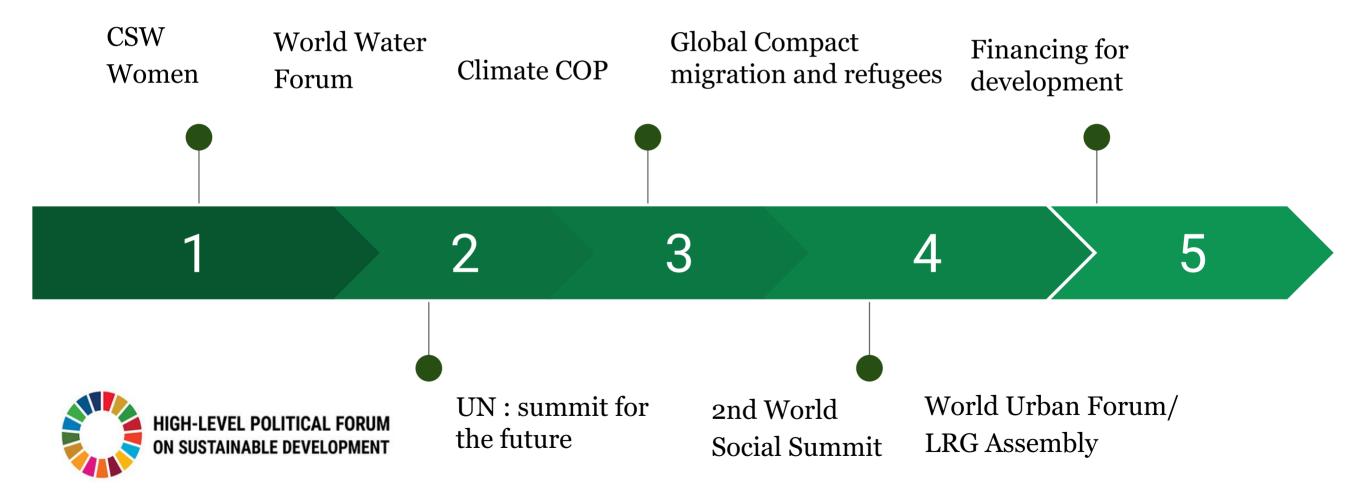
# LRG's: Shaping Development in a Supportive Glocal Agenda





#### Institutionalize

long term dialogue between United Nations and organized constituency and CSO



## Localizing the Global Agenda and the SDG's



The agenda matters!

























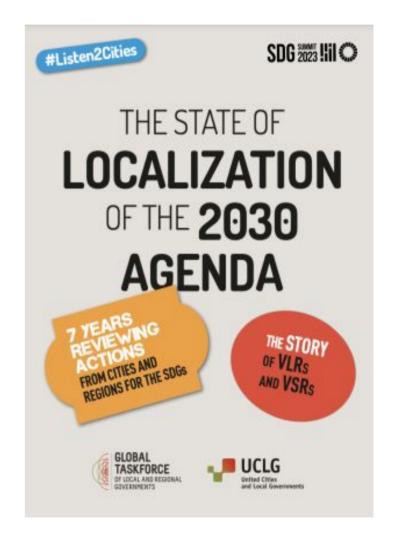












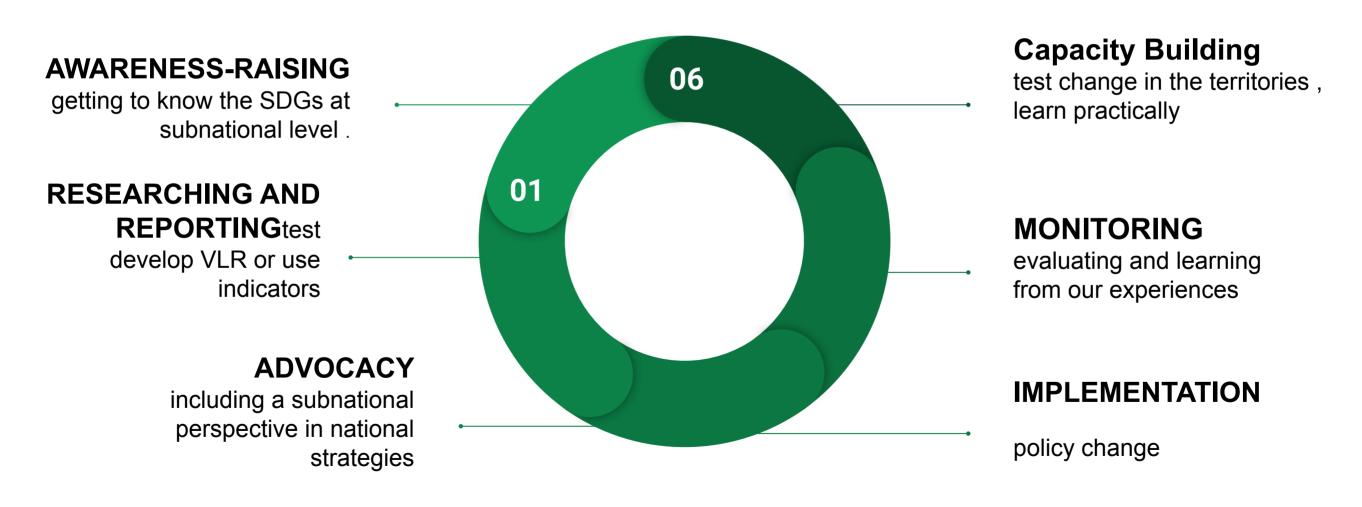
#### What does localizing mean?

**Localizing** is the process of taking into account subnational contexts in the achievement of **2030 Agenda**, from the setting of goals and targets, to determining the means of implementation and using indicators to **measure** and **monitor** 

★ !Subnational government tackle 60% of the SDG!

HOW? LRG advocate, report, build capacity

# Roadmap for localizing the SDGs a bottom up and top down process to achieve goals at all levels (spheres)



## **Raising Awareness**

Over 80% of respondents state that their institutions have made moderate to strong progress in strengthening their knowledge around the 2030

**Agenda**. Of these, over half affirm they use the SDGs as an important reference point in their local strategies.

Over 60% of respondents raised awareness about the SDGs among the local stakeholders through communications, conferences, events, joint statements, festivals, awards, SDG champions or trainings, and also 60% have implemented concrete programmes and projects aligned with the SDG.



# **Advocating-Why**

Over 750 best practices on SDG localization (alignment, monitoring efforts, VLRs, VSRs, budgeting...) and on the SDGs under review this year.

Change in VNRs of national government:

In 2024, **59% of the countries producing a VNR reported medium to high levels of LRG involvement,** compared to the 40% on average observed from 2016 to 2023.

Asia-Pacific and Europe show the strongest LRG involvement:

In 2024, all of the reporting countries engaged LRGs to a medium or high degree in VNR preparation, up from 29% in Asia-Pacific and 66% in Europe during the 2016–2023 period. In Latin America, five out of seven countries.



# Research: Voluntary Local and Subnational Reviews: VLR and VSR nurture VNR



#### The agenda is half way, behind schedule: Indicators

**SDG1** - In 2023, approximately 1.1 billion people were living in multidimensional poverty, with half (566 million) being children under 183 and 8.1% (94 million) being aged 60 or older in 2022.4

**SDG 13** - According to the CDP-ICLEI Track reporting platform, in 2022, 80% of almost 1,000 reporting cities were facing significant climate hazards, from extreme heat to floods.

From 2010 to 2020, regions highly vulnerable to disasters, where around 3.3 to 3.6 billion individuals reside, encountered human mortality rates from floods, droughts and storms that were 15 times higher compared to regions with minimal vulnerability. Within cities, the first quintile of the population (i.e.

**SDG 16** - According to V-Dem data, almost every region has seen polarization rise since 2005. The 2023 Edelman Trust Barometer found that over half (62%) of respondents polled in 28 countries believe that the social fabric that once held their country together has grown too weak to serve as a foundation.





























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#### Learning environment around global agendas

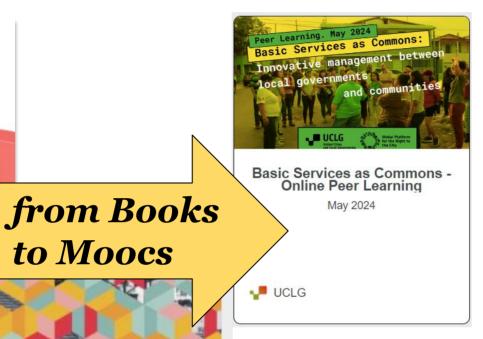
Resilience Learning Module I:

**Fundamentals** of Resilient **Governance &** 

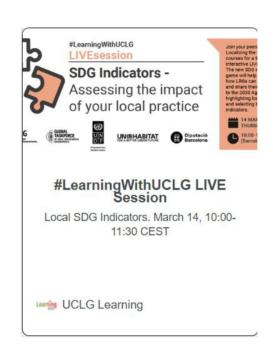
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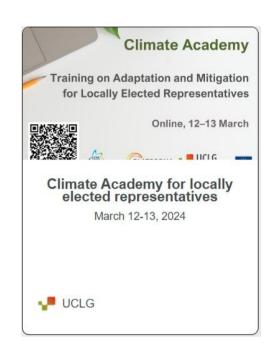
Localizing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction to ensure resilience













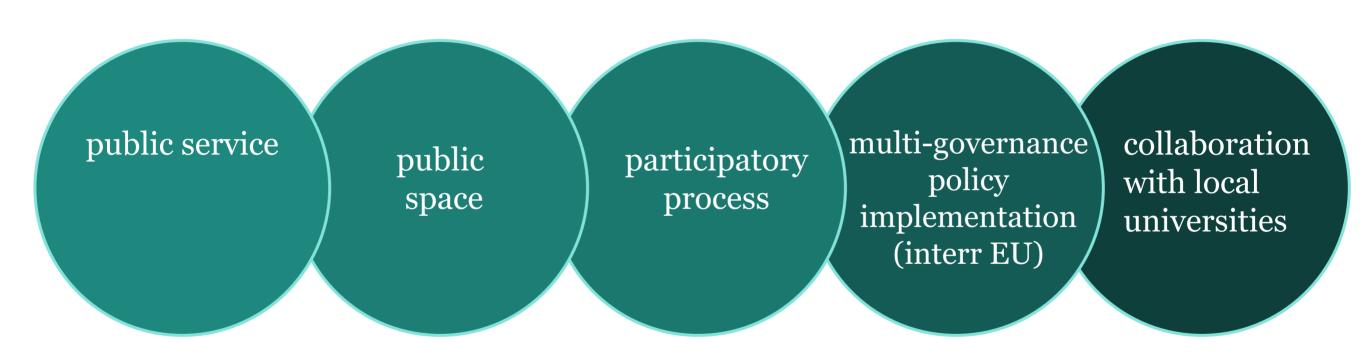
## **Capacity Building**

- Trainings of trainers SDG
  - Only UCLG has trained 1200, main interest in Latin American and Spain
- Peer learning formats on: SDG 6, 11, 16. 13, 17

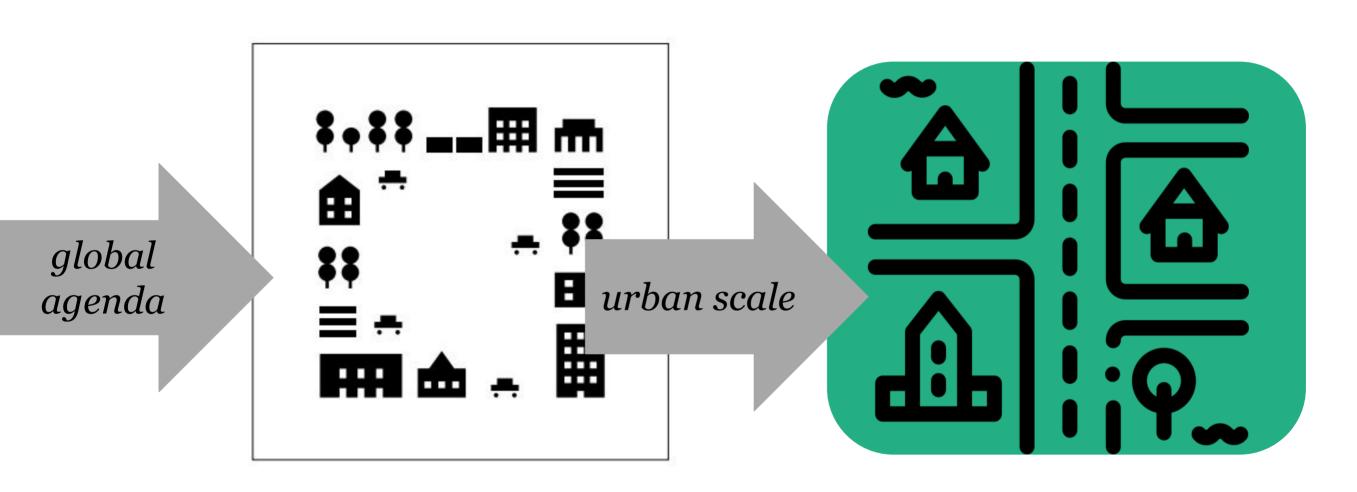
  Specific training form decentralized cooperation, Southern leadership training offers by networks, cities and regions, EUnprograms, by United nations.
- European investment for LRG about SDG and Green Deal

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## Trigger for more sustainable governance at local level:



# LRG build capacity to localize SDGs while involving enhancing urban and territorial planning skills



Expand lessons to public space: The Square game

The urban proximity: The 15-min neighborhood

# Ways forward for SDG localization

Mainstreaming
localization
in all efforts
towards the global
agendas with a
renewed
multilateral system
that is more
inclusive and
accountable

Feminism as an overarching vision for urban planning and sustainable development that places human rights and care at the center

**Enhancing awareness** & incentivizing action among local stakeholders and populations regarding the climate emergency and Strengthening worsening decentralization & inequalities multilevel governance for greater LRG involvement in national coordination ways forward mechanisms for SDG for SDG implementation localization **Systematizing** LRG's **Promoting** involvement in national reporting processed and supporting LRG's

reporting efforts,

VLR's & VSR's

particularly through

Source: 8th Towards the localization of the SDGs report, GTF facilitated by UCLG. 2024:

# Thank you!



