



## TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON LOCALIZING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)

Durban, South Africa, from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### THE PEDAGOGICAL NOTE

#### CONTEXT

One year ago, more than 150 world leaders adopted the new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 2030 Agenda outlines an action plan for people, planet and prosperity for all. It defines a new development framework that requires a widespread engagement of all, from national and sub-national governments to private companies, from civil society organizations to academia, and so on.

All of the SDGs have targets that are directly or indirectly related to the daily work of local and regional governments. Local governments should not be seen as mere implementers of the agenda. Local governments are policy makers, catalysts of change and the level of government best placed to link the global goals with local communities. Localizing these Agenda means to be effectively implemented on the ground at the level of cities and territories in order that these agenda quit the domain of wishful thinking and become true commitments at the service of people, following the manta of “*leaving no one and no place behind*”.

The implementation of these global agenda has a territorial dimension by nature and a great deal of its realization falls under the responsibility of local and regional governments. The international Community itself recognizes that over 60% of the SDGs cannot be implemented without the involvement of local and regional governments.

If the new 2030 Agenda wants to respect its commitments and be truly transformative, it needs to be implemented and fully realized at the local level.

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Therefore, the localization of the new agenda will be the only way to have a concrete and positive impact on people's lives and territory development. This shall anchor the SDGs in the practices at the local level and entail the recognition and valorization of local leadership in order to encourage local leaders to make a change. Therefore, we need to equip national associations of local and regional governments, as well as Elected Officials and Local managers of our continent with the capability to Monitor, Measure, Report and Verify their actions (MRV), in order that their narrative on the implementation of these agenda is considered as reliable by the national governments and international community.

In order to support local and regional governments and other local stakeholders in this complex task, UCLG Africa, through its African Local Governments Academy (ALGA), with its Partner, namely the United Cities and Governments (UCLG), SALGA, and MILE of eThekweni Municipality of Durban -as an Anchoring Institute of ALGA, has decided to set up a Training of Trainers' dedicated to enable and capacitate the National Associations of local and regional governments.

This initiative is part of ALGA's short-term continuing training offer, which will allow African Local Governments and their Networks to take ownership of the UCLG Roadmap on the "Localization" of the Global Agenda for Sustainable Development.

## **GENERAL OBJECTIVE**

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The main objective is to train a second Cohort of Trainers from Southern and East Africa Regions for an effective deployment of SDGs Localization dynamic, either in Africa or in the other Regional Sections of UCLG, in order to consolidate a UCLG/ALGA learning and facilitators community and to engage members of the UCLG Committee on Urban Strategic Planning to align their local planning processes and strategies with the SGGs.

The stated ambition is to strengthen the capacities of local governments in the implementation of the SDGs at the local level to enable them to prepare, implement, monitor, measure, and evaluate the exercise of localization of the SDGs.

## **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

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The Training of Trainers program on localizing SDGs aims at:

- ✓ Providing a space for learning, sharing and exchanging of experiences and best practices in order to raise the level of awareness and advocacy for local actors in the SDG ownership and localization process;
- ✓ Proposing strategies and tools that facilitate the effective participation of local and regional governments in the process of implementing policies, plans and strategies for achieving SDGs;
- ✓ Developing the methodology for determining targets and indicators to measure the impact of actions at the local level;
- ✓ Providing tools and didactic materials to disseminate the dynamic of Localizing the SDGs (Road map of UCLG, Alignment, Reporting...).

## **PARTICIPANTS**

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The Training of Trainers initiative is for participants from Botswana, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, and Tanzania, representing:

- ✓ UCLG;
- ✓ UCLG Africa - African Local Governments Academy (ALGA);
- ✓ eThekweni Municipality - MILE of Durban;
- ✓ National Associations of Local Authorities;
- ✓ Elected Officials;
- ✓ Territorial and Local Managers;
- ✓ Learning and Training Institutes;
- ✓ Representative of Ministerial Departments in charge of decentralization and Local Development;
- ✓ Representatives of International Organizations.

## **TRAINING CONTENT**

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The Training of Trainers program will be developed through the following Modules:

- ✓ **Field visit;**
- ✓ **Introduction to the SDGs and their localization;**
- ✓ **Advocating local policies and the localization of the SDGs**
- ✓ **The process of planning sustainable development;**
- ✓ **The planning cycle in the context of the SDGs;**
- ✓ **The alignment of development plans;**
- ✓ **The role of LGAs in Monitoring and Reporting;**
- ✓ **“Prepare your Pilot” - Alignment of a concrete case;**
- ✓ **Future activities and next steps within the network.**

## **PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH**

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The Training of Trainers' Curriculum on localizing the SDGs alternates the theoretical input phases with practical exercises, group work and simulation.

**Theoretical contents:** presentations on different aspects of the theme will be made by African or international experts recognized in their fields of competence, including the understanding of SDGs, the principles and conditions for implementation, the steps, methods and tools of the SDGs localization process.

**Practical work and simulation:** these theoretical contents are followed by debates and supplemented by group work and practical exercises in order to allow the participants to have a better knowledge of the methods and tools for the implementation and the localization of the SDGs.

**Development of action plans:** the various talks and presentations in plenaries as well as group work will enable the participants to define a concrete set of measures for a better promotion and an effective implementation of the process of

localizing SDGs, offering the opportunity for each participant thus equipped to consider the solutions adapted to his own context.

## **TRAINERS**

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- Dr Najat Zarrouk, Director of ALGA
- Mrs Sara HOEFLICH, UCLG
- Raphael Sedlitzky, UCLG
- Dr Mpilo Ngubane, MILE
- Mrs Genevieve Hartley, MILE
- Mr Puvendra AKKIAH, Durban
- Mr Fezile NJOKWENI, Durban
- Mr Yamil Asch, Buenos Aires
- Mr Jose Chong, UN-Habitat
- Bongani Matomela, UNDP

## **TRAINING DURATION**

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The Training of Trainers' Session on Localizing SDGs lasts **three days (3 days)** of residential training to acquire knowledge, skills and tools, with the receipt of a training toolkit containing a training manual on Localizing SDGs presenting in detail and precisely the modules developed and provides all the tools essential to the practice on Localizing SDGs as developed by UCLG.

## **VENUE OF THE TRAINING OF TRAINERS**

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The Training of Trainers' Session on localizing SDGs will be held in Durban, South Africa, from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the Municipal Institute of Learning (MILE) eThekweni Municipality, the anchoring Institute of ALGA.

## **PARTNERS**

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The Training of Trainers' Session on localizing SDGs is organized in close partnership, cooperation and collaboration between:

- UCLG/UCLG-Learning;
- UCLG-Africa/ALGA
- Southern African Local Government Association (SALGA);
- MILE - eThekweni Municipality, Durban;
- UNPD
- UN Habitat.

## General Program

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 – Day 1

Time	Activity	Facilitator	Slides
9:00 - 13:00	Field Visit in Durban (eThekweni Municipality) – include IDP highlights	Puven	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch (at restaurant, at venue or lunch pack)		
15:00 - 16:00	Welcome and official opening (including address by CM or political representative)	Najat/ Mpilo	
16:00 - 17:30	<b>Group exercise:</b> Localizing SDG 12- circular economy and waste management role play <a href="https://www.learning.uclg.org/sites/default/files/documents/role_play_circular_economy.pdf">https://www.learning.uclg.org/sites/default/files/documents/role_play_circular_economy.pdf</a>	Raphael	Slides Role Game
17:30 - 18:30	Feedback and expectation of participants	Fezile	Slides Role Game
End of Day 1			

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 – Day 2

Time	Activity	Facilitator	Slides
9:00 – 9:20	Welcome and introduction to the SDG modules	Sara	Slides 1-9
9:20 – 10:20	<b>1st exercise:</b> Check the participant’s knowledge about the SDGs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does the daily work of the participants relate to the SDGs?</li> <li>• How can the SDGs be better communicated – awareness raising- (propose key words to define agenda and make them attractive in your environment)</li> </ul>	Sara	10-14
10:20 – 10:40	Localizing the SDGs - Identifying the current progress of the implementation of the Agenda 2030 in SADEC countries.	UNDP/ UN DESA	Slides
10:40 – 11:00	Coffee and Tea Break		
11:00 – 11:20	Advocacy: What for?	Najat	Slides 16-27

11:20 – 12:20	<b>2nd exercise:</b> How local policies are taken into account by other gov. levels and how to advocate them to be strengthened – (memory game, brochure, table)	Raphael Jose	
12:20 – 13:00	Presentation of the group-work and moderation of plenary discussion	Nanda	
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>		
14:00 – 14:30	The planning process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction into the process of planning sustainable development</li> </ul>	Yamil	Slides 27-30
14:30 – 14:50	Forms of plans (urban, strategy, governance)	Xai xai/ Jose	31
14:50 – 15:10	The Buenos Aires experience: The Strategic Plan of the City	Yamil	
15:10 – 15:20	Examples of Alignment Plans: Madrid	Raphael	
15:20 – 15:30	Example of Alignment Plans: Durban	Puven	
15:30 – 15:45	<b>Coffee and Tea Break</b>		
15:45 – 17:00	<b>3th exercise:</b> The different steps in the process of planning – Identify crucial aspects and challenges in the planning circle related to the SDGs	Yamil/ UCLG	Slides 31-35
17:00 – 17:15	Wrap up of the first day	Jose	

**End of Day 2**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 – Day 3**

Time	Activity	Facilitator	Slides
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome to day 3 and review of day 2	Genevieve	
9:15 – 9:45	The alignment of development plans with the SDGs	Yamil	Slides 37-41
9:45 – 11:00	Monitoring and Reporting – “The role of LGAs” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandala (UCLG)</li> <li>• Data Management (UN DESA?)</li> <li>• Advocacy (SALGA)</li> <li>• National Associations in reporting strategies (NALAO)</li> </ul>	UCLG	Slides
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Coffee and Tea Break</b>		
11:15 – 11:30	“Prepare your Pilot”	Puven	
11:30 – 13:00	<b>4th exercise:</b> groups to support alignment of a concrete case <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilot cities: multi-level governance , Climate Change , Social Inclusion, Local Economic Development, Advocacy</li> </ul>	Puven	Slides 45

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 – 14:30	Presentation of the Group exercise on alignment of a concrete case	Fezile	
14:30 – 15:00	Feedback and plenary discussion on the alignment exercise (exercise 4)	Fezile	
15:00 – 15:30	Planned activities and next steps within the network- training of trainers (ToT)	Najat	
15:30 – 16:00	Committee on Urban Strategic Planning - Agenda	Puven	
16:00 – 16:30	Acknowledgements, feedback and evaluation	Mpilo	
End of Day 3 and End of the Event			