



# **INFORMATIVE AND AWARENESS RAISING WEBINAR**

**ON :**

## **"Localizing the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda: Survey on the role of Local and Regional Governments and their Associations"**

**Thursday 24 March, 2022 from 10 :00am to 12:30pm, Local Time in Rabat and  
Barcelona**

**Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85875519359?pwd=VTdTc1BNdFIQQ3ZoVUJSSXIWV0NtZz09>

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## Background:

Since 2017, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments have reported annually to the United Nations on the "Localization" of the SDGs (you can find previous reports [here](#)).

In order to help Local and Regional Governments (LRGs) and their Associations to prepare and present our report to the United Nations in July 2022, UCLG has launched a **survey to collect information on the progress made by LRGs in implementing the 2030 Agenda, as well as on their contributions to address the COVID-19 pandemic and their involvement in national recovery plans.**

Indeed, this year, the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) will focus on the following theme: "**Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**".

In this framework and to support and better prepare the Members of UCLG Africa (National/Regional Associations, Cities and other Local Governments) to complete this survey, UCLG and its Regional Section in Africa agreed to organize a Webinar to inform and raise awareness about the importance of this Survey.

The Webinar will be organized on Thursday 24 March, 2022, from 10:00am to 12:30pm on Zoom platform.

### Objective:

- **Monitoring the implementation of the SDGs at the local level:** preparation of the local and regional governments' report to the UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF) in 2022.
- **Launch of the survey** to collect information on the progress of the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in African countries.

### The survey:

[Here is the link to access the survey.](#)

**It is dedicated to Associations of Local and Regional Governments, as well as to the diverse categories of LRGs (cities, departments and regions...).** We kindly ask you to complete it **before April 1st, 2022.**

To give you an overview of the questions, a Word document is available at the top right of the survey web page.

**ALL LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATIONS IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES ARE INVITED TO RESPOND TO THIS SURVEY,** but the answers of the national associations of the 21 African countries that have committed to submit a Voluntary National Review (VNR) to the United Nations in 2022 are particularly important for this year's report: **Botswana, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Togo.**

We would also very much appreciate that you share with us examples and inspiring practices related to the localization of the five SDGs on which the HLPF 2022 edition will focus:

- 1) quality education (SDG 4),
- 2) gender equality (SDG 5),
- 3) life below water (SDG 14),
- 4) life on land (SDG 15),
- 5) and partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17).

Your answers will be essential to show the States and the international community the initiatives implemented by local and regional governments in order to move forward in the localization of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs.

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**Thank you in advance for your collaboration!**

## AGENDA

**Chairperson : Mr Charles Patsika, Special Advisor for Decentralized Cooperation, UCLG Africa.**

#### Moderators:

**Mr Edgardo Bilski, Director of UCLG Policy and Research Department.**

**Dr Najat Zarrouk, Director of Development, Capacity Building, Knowledge Management and ALGA, UCLG Africa.**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>
<b>9 :40am</b>	Welcoming and installation of the participants
<b>10 :00am</b>	<b>Welcoming Addresses (10 minutes)</b> - UCLG and UCLG Africa
<b>10 :10am</b>	<b>Why report to the UN on the localization of the SDGs and responses to the COVID-19 crisis?</b> Presentation of the reporting process and the survey for 2022 Questions and answers
<b>10 :45am</b>	Presentation of the Structure of the survey - presentation / <b>Section 1</b> - Local governments and their associations: awareness, commitment and institutional coordination <b>Section 2</b> - National context: participation of local governments and their associations in national reporting and coordination mechanisms <b>Section 3</b> - Local actions for localizing the SDGs and responses to the COVID-19 crisis <b>Section 4</b> - Key challenges and opportunities to accelerate actions for sustainable development <b>Annexes:</b> List of local and regional government initiatives to localize the SDGs  Questions and answers
<b>12 :00pm</b>	Timing and support needed
<b>12 :30pm</b>	Conclusion & End of the Work