



**By 2030 eThekweni will be Africa's  
most caring and liveable city**



**SDG Methodology and Tools  
The Learning Agenda  
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# What does localizing the SDGs mean?

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



# Why does localization matter?

All of the SDGs have targets directly related to the responsibilities of local and regional governments, particularly to their role in delivering basic services.



# **Lesson: Key elements in the localization process**

- Awareness raising
- Advocacy
- Alignment
- Monitoring and Reporting

## 2018 and the Localizing SDG Agenda

- The SDGs give cities the opportunity to illustrate tangible evidence of sustainability.
- The Learning Agenda is key to localization of the SDG's
- The Learning Agenda creates a safe space for creating and improving knowledge, documentation of good practice, storing of critical information and sharing of information
- Localizing the SDG's has stimulated various parts of the network to take up the challenge of localization
- The tools developed by the Learning Forum aim to support learning and knowledge sharing

# Localization of SDGs eThekweni Case Study

- EtheKweni Examples Stimulated by Urban Strategic Planning Committee of UCLG and Learning Forum
  - SDG Goals incorporated into the Municipalities IDP as part of the strategic approach to sustainability
  - Alignment of all SDBIP projects to the SDG goals and Targets
  - Reviewing MILE master classes to focus on the SDG's localization
  - Provide input into SDG Toolkit developments and assist in training of SDG Trainers
  - EtheKweni and Blantyre to provide content for UCLG Toolkit on Alignment of SDG Goals at a municipal level
  - SDG Session at the World Urban Forum

## Localization - SDG

- Internal Communication with Senior Management on the SDG's
- EtheKwini Municipal Academy key internal partner in Localization of the SDG's
- External activation of SDG's
  - SALGA - World Habitat Day
  - MALGA – Localising SDG's Workshop
  - Stockholm Global Utmaning – Localizing SDG's Think Thank
  - Rome Public Space Forum – Linking SDG's to Public Space Development
  - AFUS – Role of Safety in SDG implementation
- Proposed SDG Localization Summit in Durban – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2018

# METHODOLOGY

## 1. Action Learning

- Stronger linkages between UCLG committees and networks
- Learning events are aligned to the SDG localization
- Longer Term Partnerships in Localization
  - 4 Committees contribute to the learning agenda
  - More than 3 regional government engaged in SDG Localization events
  - 5 local governments hosted peer learning events on specific issues and aligned them with SDG localization





## 2. Training of Trainers is moving fast, 19 stops



## Train the Trainers

- Mutual Learning and Exchange of knowledge between partners
- Practical, interactive and dynamic sessions to expand the number of SDG Facilitators
- Use of Regional or localized examples encouraged participation and understanding of the context
- Total of over 180 participants and 4 UCLG Committees participated in the Train the Trainer sessions
- 25 participants were trained in the Durban Session in March 2018
- A Basic online network has been implemented to enable trainers to share experiences



# TOOLS



# Learning Module 1: Localizing the SDGs /Introduction

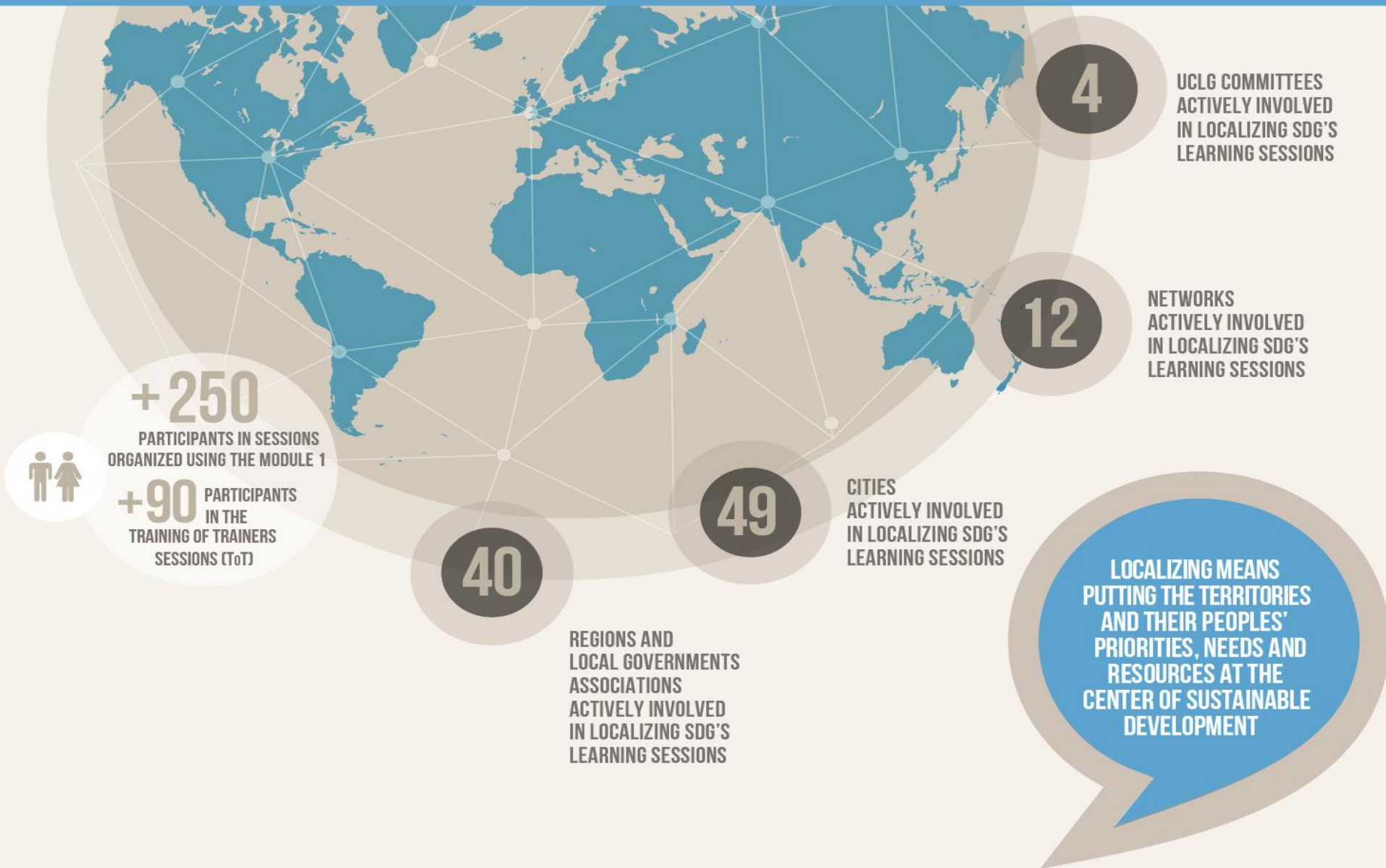
The Trainer's Guide

**Module 1** is an introductory module aiming to raise awareness on key issues around the localization of the SDGs in LRG and their associations.

**Module 2** focuses on the alignment of local strategies and plans to the 2030 Agenda.

**Module 3** aims to support LGAs in the reporting process, in particular in the framework of the Voluntary National Reviews.

# LEARNING MODULE 1: LOCALIZING THE SDG'S / INTRODUCTION



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UCLG COMMITTEES ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN LOCALIZING SDG'S LEARNING SESSIONS

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NETWORKS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN LOCALIZING SDG'S LEARNING SESSIONS

49

CITIES ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN LOCALIZING SDG'S LEARNING SESSIONS

40

REGIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATIONS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN LOCALIZING SDG'S LEARNING SESSIONS

+250 PARTICIPANTS IN SESSIONS ORGANIZED USING THE MODULE 1



+90 PARTICIPANTS IN THE TRAINING OF TRAINERS SESSIONS (ToT)

LOCALIZING MEANS PUTTING THE TERRITORIES AND THEIR PEOPLES' PRIORITIES, NEEDS AND RESOURCES AT THE CENTER OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



# Module 2: How to **align** development plans with the **SDGs**?



## Local and Regional Governments:

- Comprehend the SDGs as their own policy framework
- Prepare a strong awareness-raising and communication campaign
- Involve existing and new platforms
- Reach all sectors of society
- Harness the power of culture to make the SDGs engaging
- Take advantage of the power of education
- Include a gender perspective
- Promote good practice examples to maximize efforts

## Next Steps to Improved Localization

- Improved Communication both internally and externally
- SDG Champions at various levels of the institution
- Promote ownership of the SDG's at a departmental level
- Political and Administrative advocacy for SDG localization at National and Provincial Level
- Need for Cities to be at the National SDG "reporting" table
- How can we promote policy coherence, and collaborative approaches between all spheres of government
- Co-ordination of Public Sector Expenditure and the need to improve own revenue generation to support sustainable development
- SDG Localization must contribute to the construction of social capital





**THANK YOU**