

## 2018 Sustainable Development Transition Forum: Accelerating Progress towrads the SDGs

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### Session 2: How can the HLPF's thematic review be enhanced?

- The theme of 2018 HLPF, "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies,"
- It requires large-scale, much-needed change which is maybe already underway.
- Global South countries in particular are seeing their efforts to highlight systemic obstacles, most at the MoI both in terms of Finance, Resources at the global level
- CSOs push for global governance including the UN reform, consistently blocked and undermined.

# Q 5: Are different themes being connected, Interlinkages explored and integration of the three dimensions addressed?

• 2018 HLPF: Not yet...some efforts and good practices made in this direction by the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments (GTF), facilitated by United Cities and Local Governments (ULCG) and the Global Observatory on Local Democracy and Decentralization (GOLD), presented their 2<sup>nd</sup> year report of the LRGs' efforts on the Localization of the SDGs, especially on SDG 11 and 17 in 99 countries to the 2018 HLPF.

### What is new in this?

- String collaboration between members & partners (C40, ICLEI, AIMF, UITP, ISWA, IIED, UNISDR and UCLG's sections and committees GSEF with a special focus on SDG 11) central and essential value added action to the preparation of their Report
- This provided quite unique vantage points, information, knowledge and best practices to the analysis of the SDGs & engagement of LRGs at the 2018 HLPF which was assessed.
- GTF members, international institutions and partners, UN agencies, all came together to support LRGs in their reporting effort.

## What is required to enhance the effectiveness of the HLPF?

- HLPF Requires more strategic partnership and ambitious actions among all Stake-holders engaged
- However focused more on the transformative approaches – which is also demanded by the coalition of CSOs calling for a reform of the system of accountability of the countries in the HLPF.
- Limit: HLPF is a space of exchange of information and Knowledge, No decision making mandate.
- It requires a political space in which governments carry out more rigorous evaluations that compel them to comply with the 2030 Agenda.

