



SDGs Learning & Training and Practice

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TRAINING SESSION

Practical Tools to Localize and Implement the SDG11 and the New Urban Agenda in Cities in the Developing World

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DATE: Monday 9 July, 3.00 PM – 06.00 PM

VENUE: Conference Room 5

CAPACITY: 123 participants

GOAL:

To develop an integrated approach to localize, implement, monitor and report on the implementation of the SDG11 in synchronization with the New Urban Agenda

TRAINING OUTLINE:

This training event is designed to meet the needs of policy makers, urban practitioners and decision makers who are concerned with resilience and sustainability of cities and human settlements and the localization of the SDG11 and the New Urban Agenda-NUA. The 3 hour-training program will be organized by UN-Habitat. The program will cover two main aspects: the mechanisms of implementation of the SDG11 and the New Urban Agenda (NUA) and their synchronization with municipal and national policies, and the means, tools and methodologies for monitoring and reporting on their progress and achievements at national as well as local levels.

The training session will provide the participants with the opportunity to develop an in-depth knowledge about a series of implementation strategies and approaches but also get acquainted with the practical tools, methods and indicators to monitor and localize the SDGs and report on their progress and

achievements. The program will be interactive and encourage the active participation of the participants in exchanging ideas and experiences on the topics being addressed throughout the training event. The training will help participants to reflect on different aspects of governance, planning, implementation, financing, stakeholders participation, monitoring tools and assessment of public policies geared to achieve sustainable, inclusive, safe, just and resilient cities.

One of the fundamental questions addressed by the training is how to localize the SDG 11 and the NUA in congruence with national and local policies and programmes in a way that helps cities and countries to localize the NUA and achieve the targets of the SDG 11? Subsequently, it answers the question about how to monitor and report on the progress and achievements of these policies?

Participants will be introduced to experiences showing how some cities are implementing propositions of the NUA which are aligned with the SDG11. They will be introduced to the basic concepts of indicators and get acquainted with supporting tools/mechanisms employed by UN-Habitat such as the City Prosperity Index (CPI), the conceptual framework for defining a national sample of cities, and the work done by the Global Urban Observatory of UN-Habitat and the Local Urban Observatories.

The training will draw on the experiences from ongoing projects of UN-Habitat such as the UN Development Account Project on localizing the SDG11 in Latin American Cities, the City Prosperity Initiative implemented in Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Colombia and other countries. This will help participants to understand the challenges and opportunities found through concrete projects addressing the challenges of urbanization and the ways indicators are being used to measure achievements at city level and report on the policy implications of these metrics.

Overall, the training session will enable participants to develop basic knowledge and skills about the localization and synchronization of global agendas such as the 2030 Agenda, particularly the SDG11, and the New Urban Agenda. The need to localize these agendas will be brought for debate with the participants in an interactive and dynamic learning environment. Government policies, goal setting, strategies to meet targets, monitoring and reporting mechanisms will all be part and parcel of this training.

TARGETED AUDIENCE:

Representatives of Member States of the United Nations, national and local governments; policy makers and decision makers; urban practitioners, technical staff of specialized agencies, and civil society.

INTRODUCTORY SESSION:

Global Urban Trends and the Localization of the SDG11 and the New Urban Agenda

This first introductory session deals with the conceptual and operational framework of the SDG's with a particular attention given to the urban SDG's and its inter-linkages with the SDG11 and the New Urban Agenda. This module provides a framework for understanding but also for action, management, execution and monitoring. The challenges of urbanization will be analysed with facts and figures, drawn from robust data and will discuss the policy implications. Aspects covered are the organizational and institutional capacity in place within local governments and cities to undertake local policies to deliver the urban targets of the SDG's within their jurisdiction and territories. An online interactive tool will be used in this introductory session to address a series of questions that depict the views and opinions of the participants in an interactive and dynamic learning environment that will set the stage for all the subsequent modules. Subsequently, the session will provide an overview of global urban

trends looking at the demographics, inequality, informality, housing needs, climate change and specific urban dynamics that draw on the Global Sample of 200 cities and other researches of UN-Habitat. This will be followed by an introduction to basic concepts and definitions that will be used throughout the courses as well as their operational implications such as localization and synchronization of local, global and national agendas; indicators and their meaning and practical use for policies; the notion of urban prosperity; the realization of the right to adequate housing; accessibility to public spaces and spatial structures.

SESSION 2

Case Studies: illustrations of the localization, synchronization and implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the SDG 11

This module illustrates ongoing policies and experiences of different cities and countries addressing some of the global urban challenges which unveil the implementation of the propositions made by the New Urban Agenda and the synchronization with the SDG11. Illustrations from Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe and North America will enrich this session. It will focus on particular aspects of the SDG11, and will zoom-in into the policy, regulatory, and institutional frameworks required to deliver the SDG 11 and the NUA. Some analytical tools will be used, some of which are ongoing experiments to develop online tools to support assessment and monitoring of public policies in cities. The inter-connectivity with the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and a compendium of case studies will be shown to demonstrate how local governments are planning, delivering and scaling-up housing supply and slum improvement, setting up enabling regulatory frameworks, financing urbanization, etc.

SESSION 3

Monitoring and Reporting on the New Urban Agenda and the SDG11

This module focuses on the development of several SDG 11 indicators, with some at the Tier I, II and Tier III levels and the relationship of these indicators with the New Urban Agenda and the City Prosperity Initiative with its seminal CPI-City Prosperity Index. This module develops an understanding of the monitoring and reporting and the use of these indicators and tools to inform public policy decision making. The challenges of data collection and analysis are also addressed as a way to inform the participants about the nature of complex indicators, the implications for national, sub-regional and local governments. Tools and techniques in designing and understanding indicators, the translation into policies and approaches, and the monitoring of policy outcomes all come into place in this module.

SESSION 4

Reflections and Lessons Learned

This session is a closing module and has the structure of a roundtable dialogue with the participants of the training. Some key questions will be posed for the participants. It aims to depict participant's experiences and give them the opportunity to provide feedback on to which extent the critical issues addressed during the previous sessions reflect and strengthen their work on the core subject of the training. The session ends with a conclusion and wrap-up round identifying the key messages and conclusions and the ways forward. During this session, UN-Habitat will share some tools under development such as the tool focusing on housing sustainability which is an online app developed within the framework of the Global Network for Sustainable Housing (GNSH) led by UN-Habitat, called SHERPA SDG <www.sherpa4housing.org .

SDG FOCUS OF COURSE PROPOSAL:

Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

SYNERGY WITH:

Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

TRAINING STAFF:

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