Expert Group Meeting: HLPF 2016: Shaping the reporting by MGoS

Implementation efforts and modalities by Local Authorities

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The Network

• Established in 2002, Rio+10 Johannesburg
• Over 50 member regional governments and associations
• Advocacy at intergovernmental negotiations
• Promotion of exchange and cooperation
Governments and public institutions will also work closely on implementation with regional and local authorities, sub-regional institutions, international institutions, academia, philanthropic organisations, volunteer groups and others.

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**Governmental stakeholders:** policy-making, planning and legislation. Public services, water and sanitation, education, health, housing, infrastructure and social policy…

**Localizing Goals and Targets:** implementation on the ground, specific needs and circumstances of cities and territories. Diversity within countries. Reporting at the subnational level.
4Cs Approach

- **COHERENCE** of policies across national actions
- **COHESION** promoting territorial balance, growth and employment
  **COORDINATION** with both national and local governments, multi-level governance
- **COOPERATION** with multi-level actors and multi-stakeholders, civil society, private sector, academia.
Supporting Implementation

- HLPF 2016 “Ensure that no one is left behind”
- Are local & regional governments ready for implementing the SDGs?
- **Methodological guide** - Institutional architecture and good governance model.

**First steps & key topics**
- Roadmap/starter pack guide, in collaboration with UCLG/GTF, UNDP and UNHabitat

**Voluntary report**
- Assessment questionnaire to regional governments: current situation, barriers, challenges, gaps and best-practices
Assessment Questionnaires

• Pilot regions: Quebec, Catalonia, Wales, Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Azuay, Basque Country, Flanders

Common areas & actions:

➢ Crossing SDGs with existing plans and strategies;

➢ Defining priorities, adequating to subnational capacities;

➢ Creation of internal working groups (departments and secretaries);

➢ Participatory follow-up and review, monitoring, indicators;

➢ Mechanisms for interacting with national governments, support to local governments.
National Reviews

Advocacy for national dialogue and inclusion of subnational reports
• How to keep commitment under instable/conflict situations
• Proximity to citizenry & accountability
• Prioritizing targets and identifying needs (territorial approach)
• Review of existing plans and institutions (National Councils for Sustainable Development)
• Participatory data collection
Indicators and Monitoring

- Existing subnational statistical offices
- Disaggregated data to assess and identify gaps within countries
- Georreferenced data & urban-rural nexus
- Geospatial tools and technology
- Harmonization and comparability
- Build capacities, training and human/financial resources
Opportunities in global review

- Direct voluntary reports and innovative experiences from the subnational level
- Enable global peer-review of efforts in cities and regions
- Decentralized Cooperation and Learning platform
- Successful case-studies:
  - Compact of States & Regions
  - RegionsAdapt: webinars, working groups and mutual learning
Preparatory Meeting

• Annual Conference - Implementation of the SDGs by local and regional governments
  ✓ Summary outcome
  ✓ Best-practices for the HLPF
  ✓ Main challenges and supported needed
  ✓ Benchmarking of different strategies
Thematic reviews

• Intersectionality & UN System Integration
UNEP Major Groups & Stakeholders

• 1-2 days parallel Forum ahead of HLPF
• Member-States, MGoS, UN system, Invited Experts
• Preparing contributions, interventions, suggestions, advocacy strategy
• Summary outcome
Thank you!

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