



## **Local Authorities Major Group and the Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments:**

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- Local and regional governments are committed to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs as the level of government closest to citizens
  - Working within their networks on “localization” of the SDGs
- 400,000 subnational governments comprised of 5.2 billion people make up the countries submitting VNRs during this HLPF
  - Yet only 37 of the 63 national reports mention subnational government participation
- Sub-national governments need to be better integrated in the institutional mechanisms responsible for the coordination and follow-up of the SDGs at national and international levels
- SDGs offer the opportunity for an integrated and coordinated approach to facilitate multilateral governance