

# LOCALIZING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS INITIATIVE



## OVERVIEW

The achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) depends, more than ever, on local action, community buy-in and local leadership, well-coordinated and with all levels of governance.

All of the SDGs have targets directly related to the responsibilities of local and regional governments, particularly their role in ensuring prosperity, social inclusion and environmental sustainability at sub-national levels. They are the closest sphere of governments to the people and as policy makers, they have a crucial coordination role.

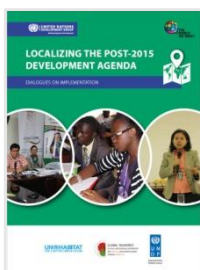
**Localizing development** is the process of taking into account local and territorial contexts in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. It means putting the territories and their people's priorities, needs and resources at the centre of sustainable development. The SDGs can provide a framework for local development policy, and local and regional governments can support the achievement of the SDGs through bottom up action.

**Localizing the SDGs is an international initiative to support local and regional governments** as well as other local stakeholders for an effective landing of the SDGs into practices at the local level and for the recognition of local leadership to drive the change.

The initiative promotes a multi-stakeholder approach through partnerships and direct involvement of the beneficiaries in co-creating policies and solutions.

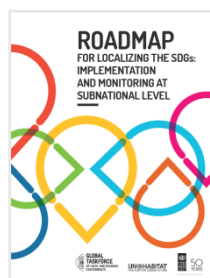
It is led by [UN-Habitat](#), [UNDP](#) and the [Global Taskforce of local and regional governments](#) (GTF). The partners are facilitating a toolbox comprising of a knowledge platform, a roadmap, case studies and learning activities to encourage a widespread engagement of all in the 2030 Agenda and the empowerment of local and regional governments.





In 2014, UNDP, UN-Habitat and the GTF were mandated by the United Nations Development Group to carry out the [Dialogues on implementation: Localizing the Post-2015 Development Agenda](#).

Consultations were conducted in 13 countries to look at the means of implementation of the global agenda from a local level perspective. It showcased how the new Agenda could not be locally implemented without the strong leadership of local and regional governments. The recommendations were incorporated by the UN Secretary General's report to the General Assembly in 2015.



The partners support awareness-raising for local governments to better understand the SDGs and to increase ownership.

(i) *The Sustainable Development Goals: What local governments need to know*: This guide explains how the SDGs targets are relevant for the local level.

(ii) *What local and regional governments and their associations can do? The Roadmap for localizing the SDGs* provides guidelines to support awareness-raising; sub-national advocacy in national processes, implementation and monitoring strategies at the sub national level. It can be adapted to specific contexts and needs of different cities and regions.

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**The Localizing platform offers practical tools to local and regional governments** and other local stakeholders to implement and review the SDGs locally and make decision towards its achievement. The main goal of this Toolbox is to facilitate an articulated set of tools and other resources to support local stakeholders and their networks, under the leadership of local, regional and national governments to promote integrated, inclusive and sustainable territorial development.

**The platform builds on existent experiences** and it promotes examples of inspiring, replicable local solutions or tools to enable learning and upscaling of successes. All relevant actors are encouraged to enrich this global exercise by uploading and sharing their experiences and engaging in real-time discussions with all the participating partners.

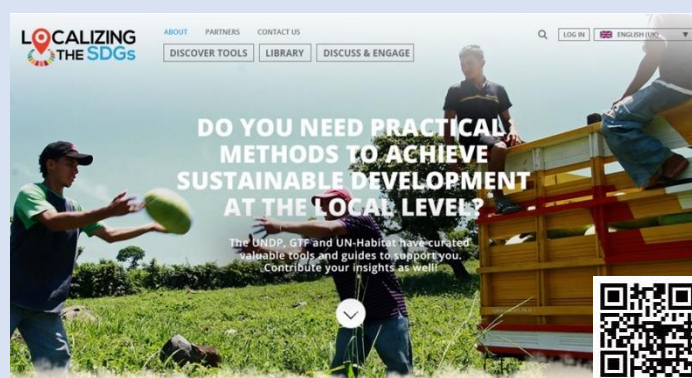
*Your experience matters:* It could be very unique and add value to the localizing platform and the larger initiative.

*You can increase the reach out of your experience:* The first target audience of the localizing platform is the local and regional policy makers but it is actually involving all the stakeholders engaged in the SDG implementation.

*You can expand the visibility of your experience or tool:* The platform is led by international organizations, working at the global, regional and local level. It is regularly visited by a wide range of actors from all over the world and it has different entry points.

*You can expand your knowledge:* You can learn from other experiences by visiting the different sections.

*You can access to an online community and expand your network:* The genuine participation of all actors is a cornerstone of this initiative and there is the possibility to interact and start new partnerships.



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Watch this video presenting the content and functionalities of the web space. After [login](#) –it's free, easy and quick - you can:

*Share your story:* You may have a compelling story and a successful solution to tell about the SDGs at the local level. Be it a personal journey of local development, a new initiative you are excited about, the challenges you face or the ways in which you created positive impact.

*Post events:* A conference, a workshop, summit, community talks, etc. related to localizing the SDGs or your solution. Post it here! This is open to organizations, individuals and communities for promoting their events.

*Add documents and tools:* Contribute to this library with practical documents that might help local stakeholders achieve the targets related to the SDGs. Share here case studies, local adaptations, experiences systematized, etc.



The first **training module on the Localization of the SDGs** is under development and will contribute to this collective effort.