

## UCLG LOCALIZING THE SDGs CONCEPT NOTE AND PROGRAMME

### ***Background and strategic framework***

Localizing means taking into account sub-national contexts, challenges and opportunities in all the global agendas; from the setting of goals and targets to implementation, monitoring and reporting. It is not the parachuting of global goals into local contexts; localizing is implementing local agendas in cities and territories to reach local and global goals. It is a political process based on harnessing local opportunities, priorities and ideas.

UCLG, on behalf of the GTF (with active support of CLGF), and in partnership with UNDP and UN-Habitat, has promoted the localization of the 2030 Agenda since even before the agenda was adopted, and has led the creation of the online toolbox <http://www.localizingthesdgs.org>

The session at the World Council in Hangzhou will provide updates on the SDG localization process and introduction to the Local4Action Hub.

### ***The four main pillars of action***

The session will cover the four main areas of action of the global network:

- a) **Advocacy** for increased national and international support for, and recognition of, local and regional governments in the achievement of the global agendas, and raising awareness of the global goals among local and regional governments so that they can implement them.
- b) Bringing local **monitoring and reporting** information to the global fora to voice local and regional governments' interests, and bringing their experiences and visions to complement central government reporting.
- c) Facilitating **learning**, decentralized cooperation and exchange among local governments.
- d) The **UCLG Local4Action Hub**, an initiative that aims to turn the 2030 Agenda into local actions.

2018 will see the reporting of Member States around SDG 11, which pays special attention to cities. This will provide a unique opportunity for visibility, in particular around the monitoring activities described under item 6.2 of the Executive Bureau documents.

However, UCLG, its members and partners promote the notion that all the 17 global goals need localization; and this message is key in our learning activities, described under 6.1 of the Executive Bureau documents.

### **Draft Programme**

09:00	Welcome by the UCLG World Secretariat
09:10	Relevance of Local Action Remarks by Representative of UN-Habitat Remarks by Representative of World Merit
09:30	Pillars of UCLG Localization Action  Advocacy and Local4Action Hub Learning Monitoring
10:00	Open Discussion
10:30	Concluding Remarks