A Territorial Approach to the Sustainable Development Goals
SDGs in Action WUF 2020

Summary of the event

In the face of megatrends such as globalisation, climate and demographic change, digitalisation and urbanisation, many cities and regions are working to preserve social inclusion, foster economic growth and transition to the low carbon economy. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set the global agenda for the coming decade to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all.

Sustainable development is a shared responsibility across levels of government. Cities and regions, which are closer to citizens and their needs, have different capacities and competences that with national governments can help ensure no one is left behind. The OECD estimates that at least 105 of the 169 targets underlying the 17 Sustainable Development Goals will not be reached without proper engagement and coordination with local and regional governments. Cities and regions are using the SDGs to design, shape and implement their development strategies, policies and plans.

This event will bring together representatives of cities, regions, national governments and international organisations to present and discuss their innovative approaches to localising the SDGs.

The session will launch the OECD Report on A Territorial Approach to the SDGs, which proposes an OECD Localised Indicator Framework that measures distance to SDG targets of 601 regions and 649 cities in OECD and partner countries. It concludes with a Checklist for Public Action to assist policy makers implement a territorial approach to the SDGs.

Agenda

Moderator: Ms. Aziza Akhmouch, Head of Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, OECD

Keynote: Mr. Joaquim Oliveira Martins, Deputy-Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD

Speakers:

- Mr. Valdemar Bernardo Jorge, Secretary of State for Project, Planning & Structuring, State of Parana, Brazil
- Mr. Stefan Wagner, Director of International Affairs, City of Bonn, Germany
- Mr. Masanori Nakagawa, Executive Director, City of Kitakyushu, Japan
- Mr. Mark Rahmangulov, Head of Project Office on International Rankings, Analytical Centre of Moscow Government, City of Moscow, Russian Federation
- Ms. Shipra Narang Suri, Chief, Urban Practices Branch, UN HABITAT
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