

Localizing the SDGs: How Cities Can Help Achieve the 2030 Agenda

Tuesday, October 18 2:00-4:00pm

Habitat III conference venue, Room R18

Hosted by the Urban Institute and OECD

Cities and local stakeholders will play a critical role in implementing the SDGs and city leaders are already rallying behind the SDGs. Hundreds of mayors across the globe have committed to advance the SDGs—across all goals and targets—in their cities. But, beyond commitments, what tools and resources do city leaders and their constituents need to drive progress on the SDGs?

This networking event focuses on two essential components for success in the push to “localize” the SDGs. First, we identify **key data and indicators** that will enable local leaders to make smarter decisions that drive sustainable development outcomes. Second, we explore how **integrated planning and sharing of responsibilities** across levels of government will be essential to achieving the SDGs, and how the SDGs open up opportunities for city leaders to learn from each other. In both areas, we feature innovative new tools being developed by the OECD, research institutions, and local and national leaders to ensure that cities are the forefront of implementing the 2030 Agenda.

Agenda

Welcome and Framing Remarks

Luiz De Mello, Deputy Director, Public Governance and Territorial Development, OECD

Panel I: Measuring Local Progress on the SDGs

Moderator: **Alaina Harkness**, Centennial Scholar Initiative Fellow, Brookings Institution

Panelists: **Solomon Greene**, Senior Fellow, Urban Institute
Ellen Hamilton, Lead Urban Specialist, World Bank
Patrick Lamson-Hall, Research Scholar, NYU Urbanization Project

Panel II: New Partnerships for Advancing the SDGs in Cities

Moderator: **Eugenie Birch**, Professor, University of Pennsylvania and Co-Director of the Penn Institute for Urban Research

Panelists: **Luiz De Mello**, OECD
Patrick Keuleers, Director/Chief of Profession, Governance and Peacebuilding, UNDP
Javier Pérez Burgos, Director of Sustainable Development, Department of National Planning, Colombia
Emilia Sáiz, Deputy Secretary- General, UCLG

Concluding Remarks

Solomon Greene, Urban Institute