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**AGENDA ITEM 12: MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE AND
COOPERATION WITH LOCAL AND REGIONAL
GOVERNMENTS**

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Multi-Level Governance

Multi-level governance is an essential lever across the ten UNHA2 resolutions, and UN-Habitat promotes it as a cross-cutting feature of its Strategic Plan 2020-2025

National Urban Policies are a key prerequisite for the overall enabling of intergovernmental cooperation and coordination, as well as the institutionalization of multi-stakeholder participatory processes.

Sectoral multi-level governance processes play an important role in enhancing the effectiveness of national and global policy initiatives.

→ Effective urban climate action and multilevel climate action is promoted through the ***Ministerial Meetings on Urbanization and Climate Change*** at the UNFCCC COPs.

Local2030 Coalition



UN System-wide platform and network for supporting and accelerating the localization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



Governance Structure:

- **UN Co-chairs:** 1 permanent (UN-Habitat) and 1 rotational (2022-2023 UNDP and 2024-2025 FAO)
- **UN Directors Group:** 15 UN entities (UN-Habitat, FAO, UNDP, UNICEF, DCO, UNDESA, UNECE, ESCAP, UNEP, UNHCR, IOM, WHO, UN-WOMEN, ILO and UNFPA) with the support of EOSG and the Joint SDG Fund
- **Steering Committee members:** LRG, LRG association, member state, CSO, the private sector, the host of the Secretariat and Local2030 Hub
- **Local2030 Hubs:** 6 active Hubs located in different regions and working on specific themes



Local2030 has effectively galvanized **multilevel and multi-stakeholder** support, driving concerted efforts towards harnessing the **transformative potential of localization** as a catalyst to push for the achievement of the six key SDG transitions – being recognized as the UN **High Impact Initiative on Localization**.

SDG Cities



Goal: Supporting over 1000 cities to accelerate their achievement of the SDGs and positively impacting 1 billion lives by enhancing

- (a) data collection and analysis,
- (b) strategic planning,
- (c) strengthening of local institutions, and
- (d) investment and implementation.



The progress of SDG Cities includes **49 onboarded cities** worldwide, **seven digital tools** and **one digital management system developed with 4 e-learning courses** working on progress for their development.

The SGs Advisory Group on Local and Regional Governments



Called for the establishment of the Advisory Group on LRGs for a reinvigorated multilateralism



Established in October 2023, the Advisory Group is tasked to guide the SG in inclusion of the LRG constituency in the **preparation for the Summit of the Future and its outcome document**, the Pact for the Future.



To ensure the **local and regional governments' dimensions** are reflected in the Summit and the **Pact for the Future**.

To advise the UN Secretary-General on **matters pertaining to local and regional governments' engagement and action** and to **inform Member States' decision-making**.



Co-Chairs: National Government of Spain and Regional President of Nouakchott, Mauritania.

Members: 5 national governments, 15 LRG representative, the SG, DSG, USG for Policy, Chef-de-Cabinet, UNH ED

The SGs Advisory Group on Local and Regional Governments



Recommendations of the SG's High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism that urges Member States to strengthen multilateralism by harnessing the power of LRGs and fostering multi-level governance **guide the work of the AG.**



The AG builds on outputs of the **UN Global Task Force on the Future of Cities**, active from 2019-2021.



Consultations with LRG Associations, Member States, the UN system, and civil society groups further inform the inclusive preparation of outputs.

Outputs of the Advisory Group

Deliverable 1)
Summit of the Future

to reflect **local and regional governments' dimensions** in relevant preparatory processes of Summit and Pact of the Future

Deliverable 2)
A guidance note

on modalities **to enhance institutional mechanisms to strengthen engagement of local and regional governments in intergovernmental processes** to inform Ch.5 of the Pact

Deliverable 3)
A policy brief

with policy advice on **strengthening cooperation between national and local and regional governments and the UN Country Teams**

Deliverable 4)
Recommendations

to advise on a **United Nations global strategy for the engagement of local and regional governments**