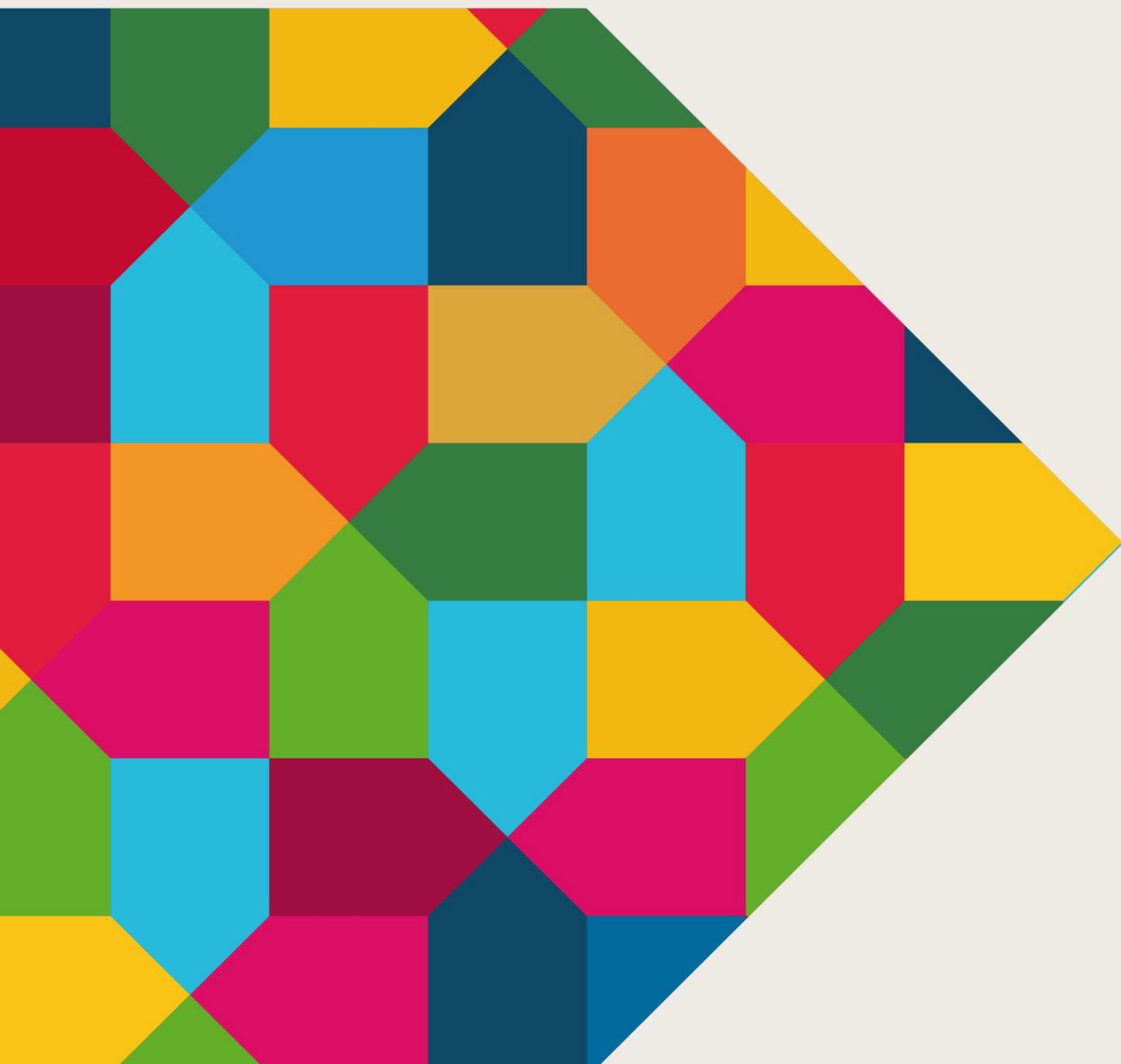

UN HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 2021

Local and Regional Governments' Day and Forum

9, 12-13 July 2021



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Local and Regional Governments Day

9 July 2021, 8:00 – 10:30AM (EDT)

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The Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments convenes the Local and Regional Governments Day, a dedicated event of the organized constituency at the HLPF. The objective of the LRG Day is to bring together the delegation of local and regional governments and provide an opportunity to exchange with key partners from the UN and other constituencies. The annual GTF Report on Localizing the SDGs is presented during this event.

PROGRAM

- **Opening Ceremony** 8:00-8:15

- **Findings of the Global Taskforce's annual report "Towards the Localization of the SDGs** 8:15-9:15
 - *Particular focus on highlighting local and regional governments' contribution to SDG 3 (health) and its interaction with the other reported SDGs. The evidence presented in this report will be grounded in the experiences shared through the 263 surveys received this year from local and regional governments and their associations from 92 different countries, 28 of which are reporting this year. With multiple examples of inspiring practices, it will echo the voices of LRGs and their call for an inclusive, sustainable and resilient recovery.*

- **Partnerships to accelerate the Localization of the Global Agendas** 9:15-10:15
 - *Local and regional governments acknowledge that the achievement of any and all of the global goals requires strong partnerships at all levels. The session will focus on the nature of partnerships needed for sustainable urban development, particularly addressing the engagement with local and regional governments. Within this context, the presence of national enabling and the formation of multi-stakeholder partnerships will be key to spur action and dialogue towards the localization of the 2030 Agenda.*

- **Looking ahead towards the Local Common Agenda** 10:15-10:30
 - *Local and regional governments are already working day-to-day as a part of the multilateral system, and are organized to continue this path of transformation towards 2045. Building on the Visioning Report for UN75, the session will identify different ways to guarantee putting people at the core in the Common Agenda, which will imply the protection of the commons and basic needs as well as access to public services for all.*



Fourth Local and Regional Governments Forum on the 2030 Agenda “Fostering a recovery that is resilient and led by the communities”

12 and 13 July 2021, 8:00 – 10:30AM (EDT)

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The Local and Regional Governments Forum on the 2030 Agenda is co-organized by UNDESA, the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments (GTF), UN-Habitat, UNDP and Local 2030. The fourth Local and Regional Governments Forum (LRGF), a Special Event of the UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF) will illustrate the importance of localizing action towards the achievement of the SDGs in review in 2021 and how partnerships amongst spheres of government and stakeholders are crucial in this regard. The fourth Local and Regional Governments Forum will bring together local, regional, and national governments to discuss how decentralized cooperation among local and regional governments and their associations and networks, national authorities and the international community can contribute to the achievement of the SDGs.

PROGRAM

12 July

- **Opening Ceremony – 8:00-8:30**
- **Local Public Service Provision: Key to Universal Health Coverage and Well Being – 8:30-9:15**

Link between public service provision, health coverage, and protecting the commons; Healthcare in cities and regions beyond the health response; Social safety nets and equitable access to public services and healthy public spaces; Performance of health systems during the pandemic, with a focus on action integration between different levels of government.

- **Guaranteeing Social Inclusion and Prosperity from the Ground Up – 9:30-10:15**
Sustainable and locally driven food systems; Full inclusion and involvement of all migrants and refugees in public life; Gender equality and empowerment, Culture and education; Participatory and inclusive policy-making; The disproportionate and unequal effect of climate change on vulnerable communities.

13 July

- **Opening– 8:00-8:15**
- **The Transformation of Work and Evolving Production and Consumption Models – 8:15-9:00**

The future of work and equitable access to opportunities for all; Reskilling of workers, commerce, and digitalization; Fostering proximity models of production and consumption and climate action; Building resilience, nature conservation, and green job opportunities; Tools for economic recovery and growth, the role of small and medium enterprises and circularity.



➤ **Multilevel Governance, And Strong, Inclusive Institutions based on Solidarity** – 9:15-10:00

Localization, territorial approach to development, decentralized cooperation, and capacity building; Partnerships for the SDGs between different levels of governance. The role of subnational urban policies; Financing the 2030 agenda at the local level through renewed multilevel and multi-stakeholders' partnerships; Local participatory democracy, human rights, awareness-raising, and peacebuilding; Open government and transparency.

➤ **Closing Ceremony** – 10:00-10:30



