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Forum of Mayors

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- To further support SDG localization, UNECE convened the First Forum of Mayors in 2020, which brought together over 40 mayors from the UNECE region.

- The Second Forum of Mayors took place from 4-5 April 2022. It served as a platform for the exchange of experiences on the localization of the SDGs.

- On 13 January 2023, UNECE member States decided to establish the Forum of Mayors as a subsidiary body of the CUDHLM. The third Forum of Mayors will be held in Geneva, from 2-3 October 2023. The forum will help foster connections between local and national actors, strengthening VLR - VNR interlinkages.

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VLRs have become one of the main tools for local and regional governments to monitor & report on SDG progress. VLRs are also powerful accelerators of SDG localization worldwide.
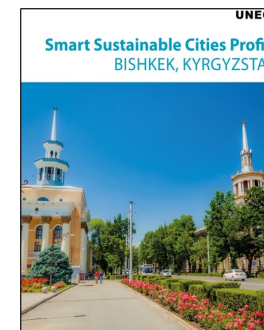
Interaction between the local and national levels is strengthened through the VLR - VNR interlinkages

Since 2015, the HLMU supports SDG localization through Smart Sustainable Cities profiles based on Key Performance Indicators for Smart Sustainable Cities. The methodology uses SDG indicators & supports city review processes.

How it is done:

• Based on official data provided by national and/or municipal designated government sources
• In accordance with the KPI methodology developed by UNECE, ITU and 14 other UN agencies
• Conducted by an UNECE Independent Experts
• The process is fully open; results are publicly available
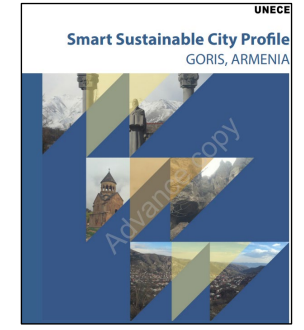• Results in recommendations and concrete projects

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WEDNESDAY 29
13:00 – 15:00
SDG 9 & Fashion – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure (Hybrid)

WEDNESDAY 29
15:00–18.00
RFSD Roundtable on SDG 11 – Cities leading the transformation: SDGs in action and the new multilateralism (Hybrid)

THURSDAY 30
8:00 – 9:45
The city of the future is a green city: why we need trees in our cities for the SDGs (Hybrid)

THURSDAY 30
13:15 – 14:45
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Urban Resilience Week

2 - 6 OCTOBER 2023 | GENEVA

84th UNECE CUDHLM meeting

October 2023

MONDAY/TUESDAY 2-3
10:00–18.00
Third Forum of Mayors (in person only)

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY 4-6
10:00–18.00
84th session of the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (in person only)

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