

Side Event to the Second UN-Habitat Assembly

Regional Action supporting SDG Localization and Urban Resilience

Will be held in-person at UN-Habitat Assembly

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08 JUNE 2023, 13:15-14:15b



Conference Room 13

Co-organizers:

- UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
- UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

- UN Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean (ECLAC)
- UN Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (ESCWA)

The side event will focus on regional efforts to accelerate progress against the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, highlighting how region-specific normative guidance and partnerships can accelerate actions, enhance data collection and support cities to undertake Voluntary Local Reviews. The event will also highlight how intergovernmental platforms, national and regional fora and regional profiles on progress of SDGs can be leveraged to build momentum and partnerships to contribute to the Decade of Action.

The objectives of the side event are to:

- Highlight common and/or differentiated challenges to localize the SDGs across regions and exchange best practices across regions
- Share tools and normative guidance developed by the UN entities (Regional Commissions, UN-Habitat, UN-DESA) and partners to support localization efforts in respective regions
- Foster dialogue and exchange on best practices across regions
- Promote further SDG Localization, including through Voluntary Local Reviews

Programme

13:15-13:20

Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Sangmin Nam, Director- Environment and Development, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

13:20-13:30

Setting the Scene- Interregional Cooperation to support Local Actions

Ms. Sukaina Al Nasrawi, Sustainable Urban Development Lead, Gender Justice, Population and Inclusive Development, UN Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (ESCWA)

13:30-14:00

Panel Discussion

- **Ms. Norliza Hashim, Chief Executive, Urbanice Malaysia**
- **Mrs. Fabiana Goyenece, Director of International Relations and Cooperation, Municipality of Montevideo, and Executive Secretary of Mercociudades, Uruguay**
- **Mr. Serhii Komnatnyi, Chairman of the State Fund for the Promotion of Youth Housing Construction of Ukraine**
- **Mr. Amine Idrissi Belkasm, Director of the Urban Agency of Agadir, Morocco**

14:00-14:10

Q&A

14:10-14:15

Summary and Closing Remarks