



Side event within the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

# VNR-VSR-VLR Studio: Unveiling Best Practices for Multilevel Governance in Localizing SDGs

13 March 2024 from 13.15 to 14.45 CET

**Venue:**

The side event is hybrid at the Palais des Nations, H-building, Room 207/208/209. A recording of the event will be available on YouTube. Kindly note that places for in-person participation will be limited.

**Language:**

English

**Registration:**

To participate in this side event *in person*, please register by 1 March 2024 online at <https://regionalforum.unece.org/>.

To participate in this side event *online*, click [here](#).

The *Voluntary National Review (VNR) – Voluntary Subnational Review (VSR) – Voluntary Local Review (VLR) Studio: “Unveiling Best Practices for Multilevel Governance in Localizing SDGs”* will be organized as a side event to the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (Geneva, 13-14 March 2024). The VNR-VSR-VLR Studio is organized by the UNECE in cooperation with UN DESA, UN-Habitat, Union of Cities and Local Governments (UCLG).

The VNR-VSR-VLR Studio will:

- (1) inform you on the latest developments on localizing the SDGs in the UNECE region;
- (2) discuss experiences in the use of the data for evidence-based policymaking by cities;
- (3) draw from concrete examples on cities and national administrations and UN agencies and allow for a more formal and informal debate;
- (4) place a special emphasis on exploring how collaborative structures between city and national governments can be optimized. Participants will delve into innovative models, challenges faced, and best practices to enhance multilevel governance dynamics.



# Programme

<b>13:15 – 13:30</b>	Welcome Reception
<b>13:30 – 13:40</b>	<b>Opening and welcome</b> Ms. Paola Deda, Director, Forests, Land and Housing, UNECE Mr. Telman Maharramov, Partnerships and Programme Management Associate, SDG Localization and Local Governments, UN-Habitat
<b>13:40 – 13:45</b>	<b>Keynote speech</b> Ms. Mara Cossu, Coordinator Division IV - Sustainable Development Instruments and Technologies, former DG Circular Economy, Ministry of the Environment al Energy Security, Italy
<b>13:45 – 14:30</b>	<b>Panel discussion - Multilevel Governance in Action: Leveraging Data for Evidence-Based Policy Making in SDG Voluntary Local Reviews</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Andrea Ferrannini, Coordinator, Local Development Unit, ARCO  <i>Panellists:</i> Mr. Vakhtang Lomjaria, Head, Municipal Department of Economic Development, Tbilisi, Georgia  Ms. Alina Bilan, Advisor to the Association of Communes of Romania (ACoR)  Mr. Helder Costa, Head of Sustainability, Braga, Portugal  Mr. Pedro das Neves, Professor, Global Solutions Owner and Founder, Portugal  Mr. Stefan Wagner, Head of International Affairs & Global Sustainability, City of Bonn, Germany
<b>14:30 – 14:40</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>14:40 – 14:45</b>	<b>Closing</b> Ms. Tea Aulavuo, Secretary to the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, UNECE