

VNR-VLR Studio “Evidence-based approaches to the development of the Voluntary Local Reviews: experiences and best practices”

3 October 2023 from 18:20 to 20:30 CET

Venue:

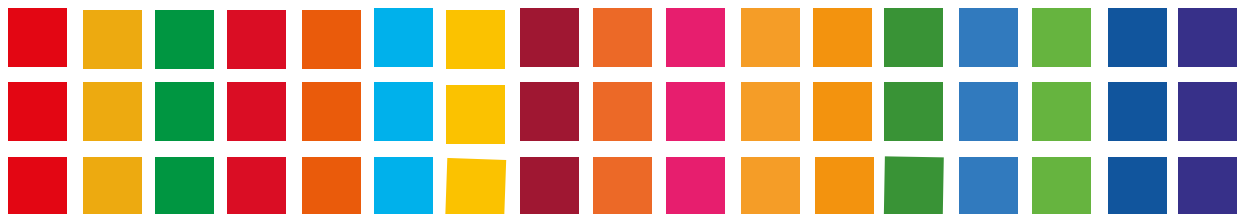
The side event is in person at the Global Cities Hub (**Villa Rigot, previously Geneva Cities Hub, Av. de la Paix 9, 1202 Genève**). A recording of the event will be available on You Tube. Kindly note that places are limited, and attendance is subject to availability of space

Language:

English

Registration:

To participate in this side event, please register by 25 September 2023 online at <https://forumofmayors.unece.org/>



The VNR-VLR Studio “Evidence-based approaches to the development of SDG Voluntary Local Reviews: experiences and best practices” will be organized as a side event to the UNECE Urban Resilience Week 2023 (Geneva, 2-6 October 2023). The VNR-VLR Studio is organized by the UNECE in cooperation with UN DESA, UN-Habitat, Union of Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the partners in the project “[Voluntary local reviews: evidence for greener, resilient, and sustainable urban recovery in Eastern European and Central Asian countries in transition](#)”; the Global Cities Hub and the University of Geneva. It is supported by the Swiss Confederation.

The VNR-VLR Studio will:

- (1) inform 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’ administrations and UN agencies and allow for a more formal and informal debate. The event will continue with more detailed discussions with UN regional commissions and other interested stakeholders.

Draft Programme

18:20 - 18:30	Welcome reception
18:30 - 18:35	Opening Moderator: Ms. Gulnara Roll , Secretary to the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, UNECE
18:35 - 18:55	Welcome from Co-Organizers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Markus Reubi, Chair, the 2030 Agenda Steering Committee for Switzerland; and Delegate of the Federal Council of Switzerland for the 2030 Agenda, Switzerland • Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE • Mr. Michal Mlynar, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat
18:55 - 19:20	Updates on key activities in localization of the SDGs by partner organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Shipra Narang Suri, Chief, Urban Practices Branch, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat; and Head of the Local2030 Coalition's Secretariat • Ms. Paola Deda, Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE • Mr. Curt Garrigan, Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section, UN ESCAP • Mr. Stefano Marta, Coordinator, Territorial Approach to the SDGs, Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris, France • Mr. Albert Lladó, Policy and Partnerships Officer, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Barcelona, Spain
19:20 - 19:35	Panel discussion - Experiences and best practices in the use of the data for evidence-based policy making in the SDG Voluntary Local Reviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vakhtang Lomjaria, Head Municipal Department of Economic Development, Tbilisi city government, Georgia • Mr. Hélder Souza Silva, Mayor of Mafra, Portugal • Mr. Davis Mwamfupe, Mayor of Dodoma, Tanzania
19:35 - 19:45	Closing Ms. Kamelia Kemileva , Co-Director, Global Cities Hub, Geneva, Switzerland
19:45 - 20:30	Reception

