



Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs

Concept note and agenda

Partnership Platform on Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals

Launch Event

05 December 2025

Terrou Bi Hotel - Dakar, Senegal - 10h00 – 13h00



1. Project Background

Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is a transformative process that aligns national policies with local priorities, enables data-driven planning and investment, and empowers local actors to drive sustainable development on the ground. It requires strengthened policy coherence, effective multilevel governance, and mechanisms that translate national ambition into local impact.

The **UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2026–2029** places SDG localization and participatory multilevel governance at the centre of its delivery model, recognizing that adequate housing, basic services and land for all can only be achieved through stronger national–local integration, inclusive governance systems, and the scaling of local solutions for systemic transformation.

Within this framework, the **Local2030 Coalition**—co-chaired by UN-Habitat—is the UN system-wide mechanism advancing coherence and impact on SDG localization. It aligns UN support across entities, provides tools for planning and finance, and coordinates global capacity building to accelerate local implementation.

Aligned with this system-wide effort and the UN-Habitat Strategic Plan, the **Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs** is an operational initiative jointly promoted by the Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE) and UN-Habitat. The Partnership Platform supports the development of **National SDG Localization Frameworks**—multilevel governance environments anchored on policy coherence for sustainable development enabling national-to-local delivery of systemic change for local communities.

Through the National SDG Localization Frameworks, and by integrating the principles of the Local2030 Bilbao Blueprint, national governments are accompanied to **strengthened policy coherence and institutional capacities** – transforming national strategies into action and impact for local communities. This is combined with tailored support to local governments and stakeholders focusing on **data, planning and investment**, in line with the SDG Cities initiative. The Partnership Platform also supports the Local2030 Coalition’s efforts to close the local financing gap by **identifying, developing, and connecting high-impact projects with funding opportunities**, including connecting with Italy’s bilateral environmental cooperation.

Senegal: Advancing SDG Localization

Senegal is one of the two pioneer countries of the Partnership Platform. The country is implementing **Vision Sénégal 2050**, an ambitious long-term strategy to rebalance national development by structuring the territory into eight economic poles. These poles, ranging from the Dakar hub of services and innovation to agro-industrial, tourism, industrial, and ecological hubs across the country, aim to diversify the economy, promote resilience, and anchor development in territorial strengths.

Vision 2050 will be implemented through successive **National Development Strategies (SND)**, beginning with the 2025–2029 phase, and complemented by a **National Urbanisation Policy (NUP)** developed with UN-Habitat support. The NUP aims to strengthen coherence among sectoral policies and provide a holistic vision for sustainable urban development, including alignment with SDG localization.

Within the **UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2024–2028)**, Senegal and the UN system have committed to advancing economic transformation, human capital, sustainable territorial development, and strengthened governance. The Partnership Platform will support this agenda through the development of a **National SDG Localization Framework for**



Senegal, providing policy recommendations, coherence mechanisms, and implementation pathways for integrating SDG localization into national strategies and intergovernmental coordination.

At national level, the Platform will support the revision of the **National Plan for Territorial Planning and Development (PNADT)** and the **Orientation Law for Territorial Planning and Sustainable Development (LOADT)**, as well as the update of the **Spatial Development Framework (SDF) of Senegal**, under the direction of ANAT, and the projects and programmes of the Territorial Development Strategy (STD) under the **Direction of the Territorial Development Promotion Direction (DPDT)** and the MUCTAT sectors. It will also contribute to strengthening the **National Territorial Observatory (ONT)** and support the establishment of the **Territorial Planning and Development Impulse Fund (FIADT)** to finance spatial planning and pilot projects, complementing the NUP Local Action Plan and contributing to Vision 2050.

At local level, the Platform will work with three pilot territories—**Pikine (Dakar Territorial-Pole)**, **Saint-Louis (North Territorial-Pole)**, and **Ziguinchor (South Territorial-Pole)**—selected for their demographic weight, strategic relevance within the territorial reform, and strong engagement in national programmes. The initiative will support these territories to conduct diagnostic assessments and produce **Action-Oriented Voluntary Local Reviews (AO-VLRs)** under the SDG Cities framework. These AO-VLRs will orient territorial planning, inform investment decisions, and guide the alignment of the **Master Plans for Territorial Planning and Development (SDADT)** with the SDGs.

The AO-VLRs will also integrate **sport** as an enabler of SDG progress, linked to the Youth Olympic Games 2026, embedding sport in local policy and planning through the SDG Cities/VLR approach.

These activities will be undertaken with national and local partners and supported by the technical expertise and tools of the Partnership Platform.

UN-Habitat will officially launch the Partnership Platform in Senegal on **5 December 2025**, marking a key milestone in the joint effort to advance multilevel governance, SDG localization, and territorial transformation.

2. Key objectives

- Introduce the objective and value addition of the Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs to advance the implementation of Senegal's vision and policies.
- Present the alignment between the Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs, UN-Habitat Strategic Plan, Local2030, and the Italian Environmental Cooperation priorities.
- Share, collect and discuss practices and lessons learned that can support the building of the National SDG Localization Framework in Senegal.
- Discuss priority areas of strategic interest for the development of catalytic projects and initiatives.
- Discuss the planning and activation of the national steering committee and technical committee, including a focal point from each relevant ministry, local governments, relevant stakeholders and UN Agencies.
- Discuss the roadmap for implementation of the activities on the ground.



- Raise awareness and sensitize participating cities and territorial poles toward the project's process and objectives including the SDGs, policy coherence for sustainable development (PCSD) and multilevel-governance to support their planning, monitoring and budgeting exercises.

3. Target participants

National Institutions

- The Ministry of Urban Planning, Local Authorities and Territorial Development (MUCTAT)
- The National Agency for Territorial Development (ANAT)
- The Ministry of Environment and Ecological Transition (METE)
- The Ministry of Economy, Planning, and Cooperation
- The National Agency for Statistics and Demography (ANSD)
- The Ministry of Finance and Budget
- The Ministry of African Integration and Foreign Affairs
- The Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture
- The Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MESRI)

Subnational Institutions

- The Local Development Agency (ADL)
- The Regional Development Agencies (ARD)
- The Municipal Development Agency (ADM)
- Civil Society - ENDA ECOPOP (Space for Co-production of Popular Offers for the Environment and Development in Africa)

Additional Key Institutions

- United Nation Agencies in Senegal
- NGOs
- Academia Sector
- Technical and Financial Partners
- Territorial Collectivities



4. Programme of the launch event

Date : 05 December 2025 – Terrou Bi Hotel – Evasion 1-2

Time	Item
10:00 – 10:30	Introduction and Keynote Speech
10:30 – 10:45 (15 min)	Presentation of the Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs and the Local2030 Coalition
10:45 – 11:00 (15 min)	Presentation of the Partnership Platform in Senegal - <i>proposal for designing a National SDG Localization Framework in Senegal</i>
11:00 – 11:25 (15 min)	Presentation of MUCTAT on the development of the Territorial poles for the Vision Sénégal 2050
11:25 – 11:40 (15 min)	Presentation of the City of Dakar – Youth Olympic Games <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sport as a lever for localising the SDGs in Senegal
11:40 – 11:55 (15 min)	Presentation of the City of Pikine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Impact and systemic change through SDG localisation: Flood control in Pikine
11:55 – 12:55 (1h)	Discussion in plenary
12h00 – 12h30	<i>Press briefing on the event</i>
12:55 – 13:00 (5 min)	Closing from Hon. Moussa Balla Fofana – Minister of Urban Planning, Local Authorities and Regional Development
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch with the ED’S Delegation, Italy’s Delegation and the Government of Senegal
2 :00 – 3 :10 p.m.	Technical Discussion between the Government of Senegal and the Italian Government regarding the Partnership Platform in Senegal