

# Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs: Accelerating multilevel climate action for systemic transformation

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## Background:

As the world intensifies its efforts to achieve the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it has become increasingly clear that success depends on effective action at all levels of government. National commitments, such as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and national sustainable development plans, must be translated into coherent local action that delivers tangible results for people, communities, and ecosystems. This requires robust multilevel governance systems anchored on policy coherence for sustainable development and multistakeholder coordination aligning national policies, local delivery, and financing mechanisms under a shared vision of sustainable and climate-resilient development.

Jointly implemented by the Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE) and UN-Habitat, the **Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs** is an operational initiative designed to accelerate the localization of the SDGs, while also contributing to achieving multilevel climate action and NDCs. Through the design and implementation of **National SDG Localization Frameworks**, and by engaging directly with **subnational governments**, the Platform supports countries in establishing the enabling conditions for sustainable development — fostering policy coherence, empowering local actors and strengthening their capacities to plan and mobilize investments for catalytic projects that align climate, environmental, and development objectives, contributing to the delivery of housing and basic services for all and to the realization of both the SDGs and NDCs.

The work of the Partnership Platform is embedded in the **UN-Habitat's new Strategic Plan 2026-2029**, in Italy's National and territorial sustainable development strategies and **Piano Mattei**, and in the **Local2030 Coalition**, the UN-System wide initiative on Localizing the SDG.

Jointly organized by the Italian MASE and UN-Habitat, **this event at the COP30 Cities and Regions Hub** will convene representatives from different levels of government and key stakeholders to explore how the Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs can further support the identification of **concrete solutions fostering multilevel climate action**.



The discussion will highlight the crucial role of the Partnership Platform in unlocking local climate action through multilevel governance and policy coherence – contributing to build policies and instruments that are action-oriented, catalytic, and aligned with national climate strategies. Promoting synergies with the Local2030 ‘Road to Belém’ process which is aiming at bringing the localization agenda close to the debates at COP30 and therefore drawing upon the experiences of participating governments, the Event will also highlight how multilevel climate action, driven by coherent policies, empowered local actors, and targeted investment, can accelerate the transition toward sustainable, resilient, and low-carbon territories, turning national climate commitments into tangible local results.

## Objectives

- To explore how National SDG Localization Frameworks can serve as instruments for aligning national development policies, including National Sustainable Development Strategies, NDCs and National Climate Strategies with local planning and investment, strengthening coherence and impact of multilevel action.
- To identify and discuss solutions promoted by governments and stakeholders fostering systemic change and integrated sustainable development, and how these can be further scaled up and supported by the Partnership Platform.
- To draw lessons from the Local2030 Road to Belém and participating countries, highlighting how localization processes can translate climate goals into locally owned, inclusive, and measurable actions.

## Expected Outcomes

- Increased understanding of the role of local and regional governments in achieving NDCs and how a National SDG Localization Framework could help in this endeavour while also promoting a transversal and intersectoral approaches in line with the SDGs.
- Shared insights on how the Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs can support national governments and partners to engage with sub-national government in identifying, designing, and implementing catalytic climate solutions within National SDG Localization Frameworks, in support of both sustainable development strategies and NDC targets.
- Concrete policy messages and recommendations to feed into the Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs, strengthening the multilevel governance dimension of climate and sustainable development processes and contributing to the Local2030 Coalition’s Road to Belém outcomes.

## Guiding Questions



- How can National SDG Localization Frameworks help countries operationalize their NDCs and national climate plans at the local level through improved governance and projects delivering, in line with the SDGs and as part of sustainable development policies?
- What practices and innovations can participants highlight to demonstrate how local governments can lead or co-deliver climate-resilient and low-carbon projects with national support? What structural reforms might be needed?
- How can the Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs, and the climate constituency work together to scale up multilevel climate action, strengthen coordination, and enhance access to finance for local implementation? How can the Local2030 Coalition constituency support this interaction?

## Preliminary Agenda

Logistics	Segment
<b>11:30-11:50</b> <i>20 minutes</i>	<b>Opening remarks</b>
<b>11:50 – 12:25</b> <i>35 mins</i>	<b>Panel discussion</b>
<b>12:25 – 12:30</b> <i>5 mins</i>	<b>Closing remarks</b>

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