

"Interregional cooperation on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda".
Capacity Building Workshop on Localizing Sustainable Development Goals and
Smart Cities

September 29th 2022 in Agadir

Objective: To support the municipality of Agadir in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with its 17 goals, in particular to support the localization of the SDGs at the local level.

Concept: The capacity building sessions aim to respond to the needs of the municipality of Agadir in terms of the local voluntary review (VLR) process, organized by UN-Habitat, UNESCWA and UCLG MENA.

The training provided will help advance the development of the VLR by improving knowledge and expertise in sustainable development, including data, partnership building, and evidence-based policy and decision making.

It is expected to contribute to strengthening the localization of the SDGs, multi-level governance, formulation, monitoring and implementation of local policies, programs, projects and plans for smart, sustainable and inclusive cities, especially in the framework of the Municipal Action Plan.

Format: Interactive discussion (workshop style) centered on presentations by international, national and local experts from Agadir and other cities, such as Amman, Helsinki and Izmir. Sessions are presented in a hybrid format (in-person and online) allowing for the participation of various stakeholder groups.

Audience: The Municipality of Agadir, and all key local actors involved in the project. Depending on the issue, the participation of a wide range of partners, including representatives from government, non-governmental organizations, academia, and the private sector, is encouraged.

Follow-up session: After the first two sessions dedicated to Measuring and Monitoring the SDGs (session 1), Aligning the SDGs with the Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive City (session 2), the remaining sessions will focus on (iii) Multisectoral Partnerships and the Role of Information and Communication Technologies in Accelerating Progress Towards the SDGs (session 3); and (iv) Scaling up VLR Results (session 4).

Practical details: The workshop will be held in Hybrid format. The presentation will be in English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in French.

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Schedule	Thematic axes
9h-9h30	<p>- Welcome of the participants ;</p> <p>- Opening remarks and introduction :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Representative of the Municipality of Agadir, -Representative of UN-Habitat -Representative of ESCWA -Representative of UCLG-MEWA
9h30-11h	<p><u>Session 1: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the New Urban Agenda and measuring and monitoring progress towards the SDGs</u></p> <p>Moderated by: Nagwa Lachine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda: converging and complementary (15mins + 10mins Q&A) <i>Sukaina Al Nasrawi</i>- Lead of Sustainable Urban Development Portfolio – UNESCWA -Assessing progress towards the SDGs through voluntary local reviews and VLR-VNR alignment (15mins + 10mins Q&A) <i>Agata Krauss</i>- International expert in urban planning and sustainable development - The implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Morocco and the Voluntary National Report, experiences of the regions "Tangier-Tetouan Al hoceima" and "Casablanca-Settat (15mins + 10mins Q&A) <i>Abdeslam NADAH</i>- Director of Planning at the Haut-Commissariat au Plan/HCP
Coffee break	
11h-12h	<p><u>Session 2: Exchange of good practices for the development of voluntary local reviews, International experiences</u></p> <p>Moderated by: Agata Krause</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experience of the city of Amman (10mins + 10mins Q&A). - Experience of the city of Izmir (10mins + 10mins Q&A) - Experience of the city of Helsinki (10mins + 10mins Q&A)
Launch break	
14h-16h	<p><u>Session 3: Aligning sustainability goals and principles with local development priorities to achieve a smart, sustainable and inclusive city.</u></p> <p><i>Moderated by: Soukaina Ait El Qadi</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the study on smart and sustainable cities (10 minutes + 10 minutes Q&A). <i>Sukaina Al Nasrawi</i>- Lead of Sustainable Urban Development Portfolio – UNESCWA - Presentation of the flagship program "People-Centered Smart Cities (10 minutes + 10 minutes Q&A). <i>Pontus Westerberg</i>, Programme Management Officer/UN-Habitat

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation by the Municipality of Agadir of the CAMP vision and "Agadir smart and sustainable city (10 minutes + 10 minutes Q&A). <i>Zakaria Aoulad</i>, Municipal Councilor - Municipality of Agadir - Study on the implementation of the master plan for the digital transformation of the city of Agadir (10 minutes + 10 minutes Q&A). <i>Amine idrissi Belkasm</i>, Director of the Urban Agency of Agadir - Findings on the alignment of the VLR with the smart, sustainable and inclusive cities agenda. <i>Agata Krauss</i>- International expert in urban planning and sustainable development
Coffee break and closing ceremony	