

# Fostering Covid-19 recovery and SDG implementation through local action in Asia-Pacific, Arab and African countries

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# 2030 Agenda and Local action



**Agenda 2030** is an intergovernmental process endorsed by Member States *BUT* national governments *alone* cannot achieve the SDGs:



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Global action  
Local action  
People action

“Cities, local authorities and specifically VLRs are key actors and processes to advance sustainable development and inclusive multilateralism”

UNSG Advisory  
Committee on Local And  
Regional Governments



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**LOCAL 2030**  
LOCALIZING THE SDGS

# Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

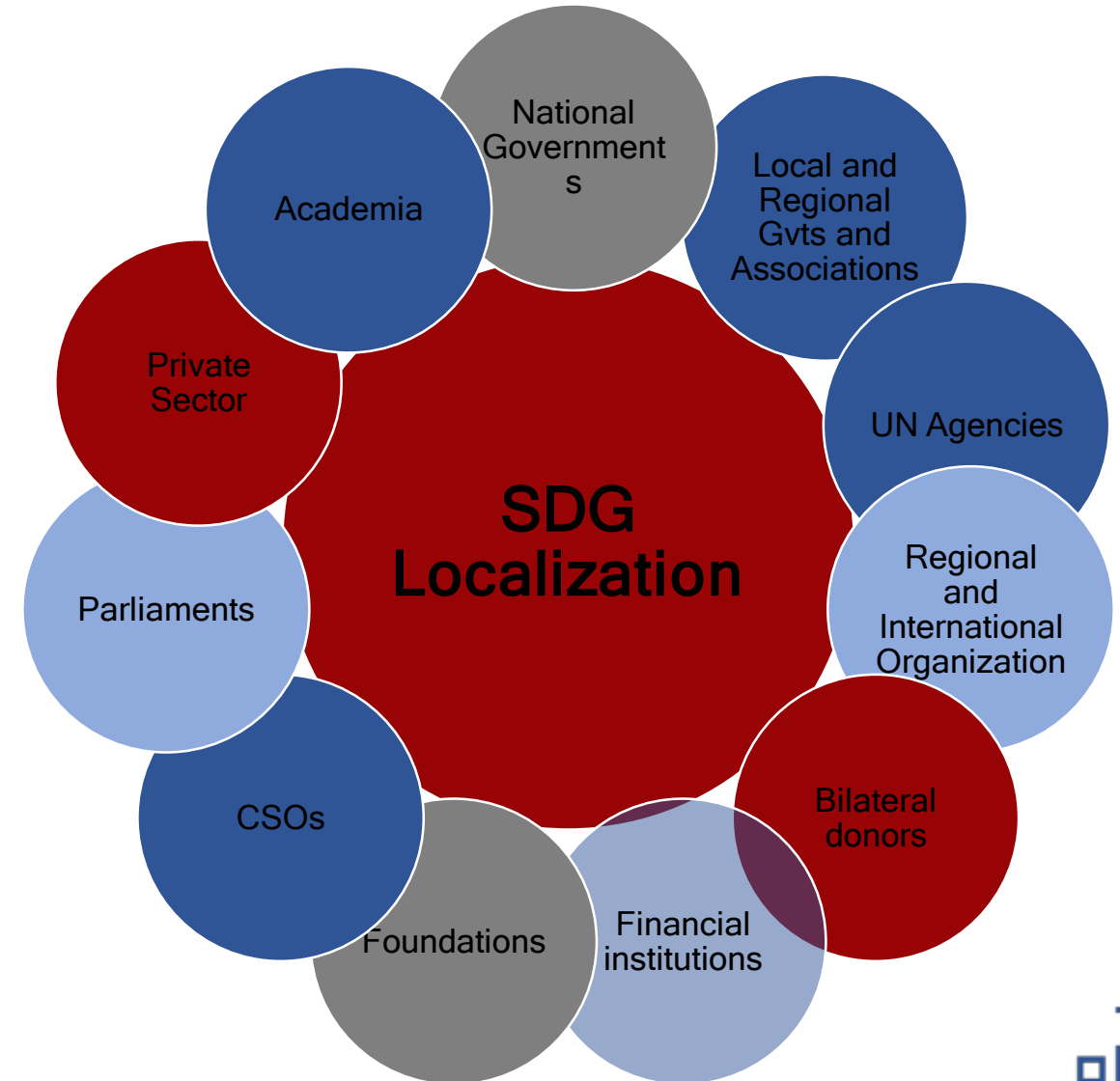
Localizing the SDGs is a **two-ways process** where the local meets the national and the global.

It refers to the process of **transforming the Goals into a reality at local level**, in coordination with national frameworks and in line with communities' priorities

Multilevel

Multiactor

Multisector



# VLRs Global overview



**207**

VLRs HAVE BEEN  
PUBLISHED SINCE 2016



**168**

LOCAL AND REGIONAL  
GOVERNMENTS

**44**

COUNTRIES HAVE PRODUCED  
AT LEAST ONE VLR

Africa: 11 VLRs (7%)

Asia: 41 VLRs (22%)

Europe: 71 VLRs (41%)

Latin America & the Caribbean: 71 VLRs (22%)

North America: 11 VLRs (7%)

Oceania: 2 VLRs from (1%)



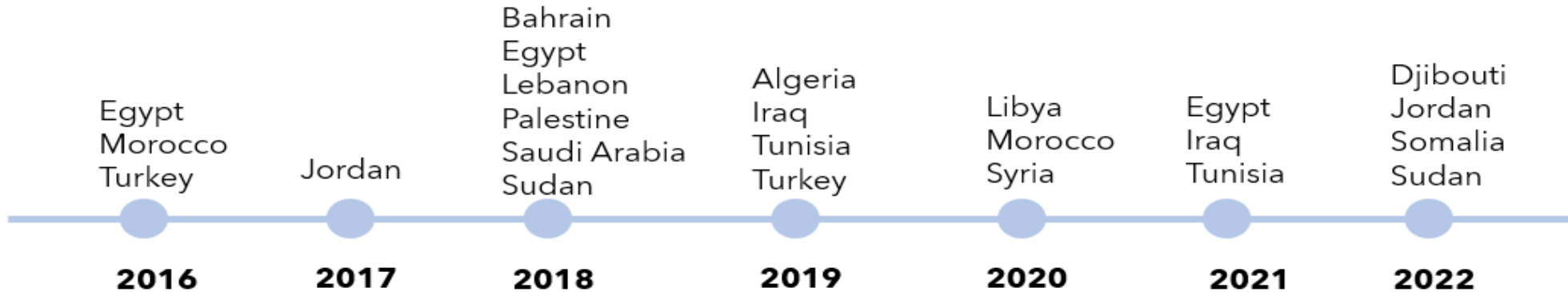
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[VLR Platform](#)



# Regional Overview



## Voluntary National Reviews



## Upcoming VNRs 2023

- Bahrain
- Kuwait
- Saudi Arabia
- Syrian Arab Republic

## Voluntary Local Reviews

- Greater Amman Municipality (Jordan) published its first VLR in 2022
- In February 2023 Madinah's VLR was issued (Saudi Arabia)

## Upcoming VLRs

- Agadir, Morocco
- Ramallah, Palestine
- Irbid, Jordan
- Ennour, Tunisia
- Istanbul, Turkey
- Kyrenia, Cyprus



# UN-Habitat work on SDG Localization

A comprehensive approach

**The**  
**Global  
Urban  
Monitoring  
Framework**

**SDG**  **Cities**  
Global Initiative

**MLG** MULTILEVEL  
GOVERNANCE



Two Global Projects to foster country/regional programmes on SDG localization:

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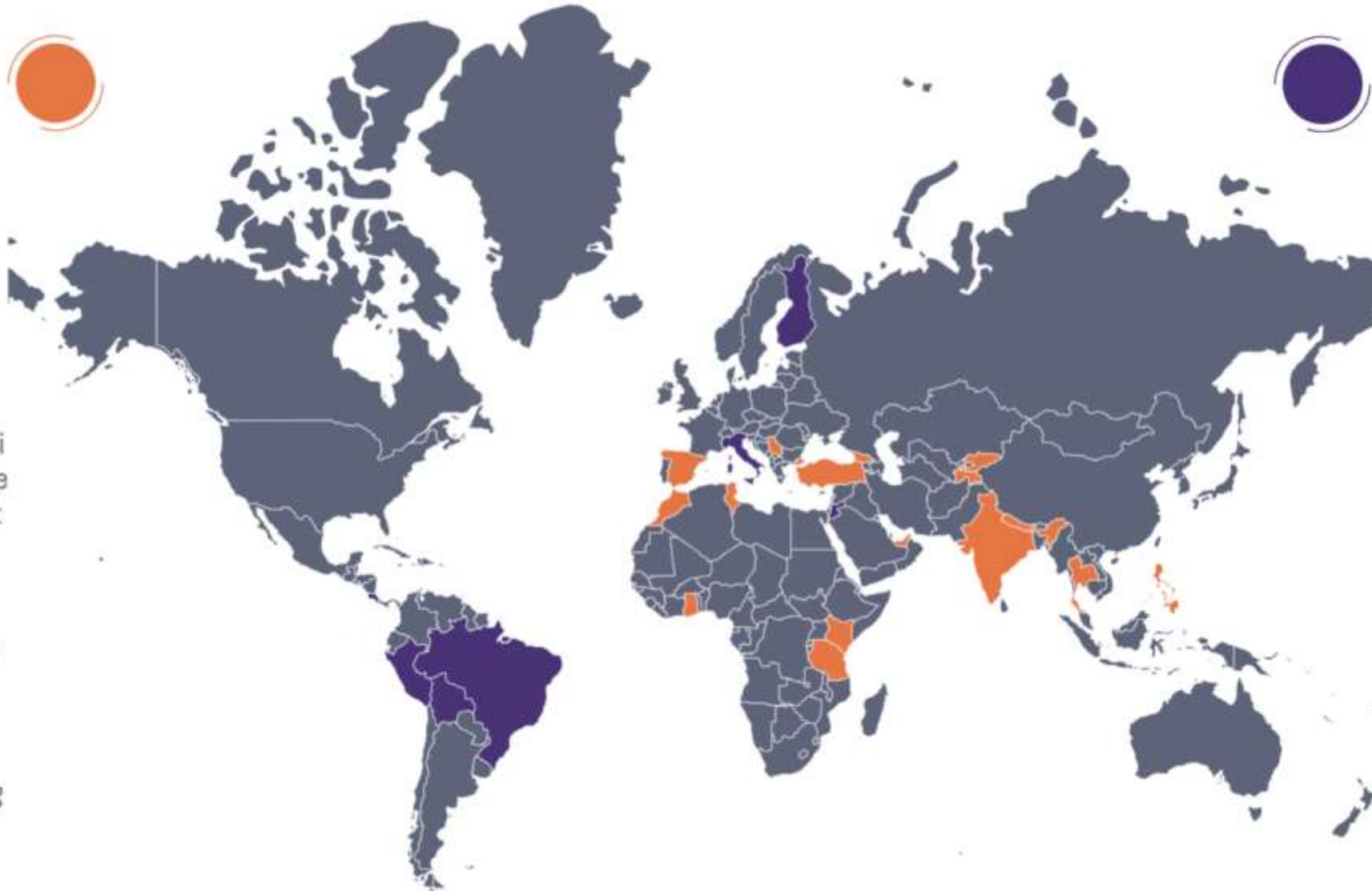


# Where do we work?

Ongoing support :



Turkey: Istanbul  
Spain: Madrid  
Finland  
Georgia: Tibilisi  
Serbia: Nis  
India: Bhopal  
Nepal: Itahari  
Philippines:  
Malaybalay  
Thailand: Udon Thani  
Tajikistan: Dushanbe  
Kyrgyzstan: Bishkek  
UAE: Abu Dhabi  
Jordan: Irbid  
Tunisia: Ennour  
Palestine: Ramallah  
Morocco: Agadir  
Kenya: Nakuru  
Ghana: Obuasi  
The Gambia: Kanifing  
Tanzania: Mwanza



Previously supported:



Italy: Metropolitan City of Florence (2021)  
Kosovo: Vushtrri (2022)  
Jordan: Greater Amman Municipality (2022)  
Peru: Trujillo (2020), Chimbote (2020)  
Costa Rica: Atenas, Belén, Escazú, Goicoechea, Sarchí, Puriscal (2022)  
Bolivia: La Paz, El Alto, Cochabamba, Santa Cruz de la Sierra (2022)  
Brazil: Niteroi (2020), Rio de Janeiro (2020)



# 2030 Agenda Sub-fund Overview

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## FUND

UN Peace Development Fund  
2030 Agenda Sub-fund

## PERIOD

2022-2025

## PARTNERS

UN-Habitat, UNECA, UNESCAP, UNESCWA, UNDESA, UCLG

## COUNTRIES

Kenya, Ghana, The Gambia, Nepal, Philippines, Thailand, Tunisia, Jordan, Palestine

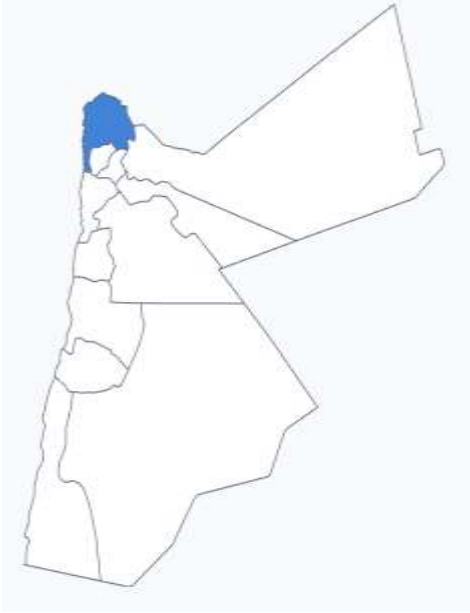
## COORDINATION

UN-Habitat SDG Localization and Local Governments Team, Urban Practices Branch

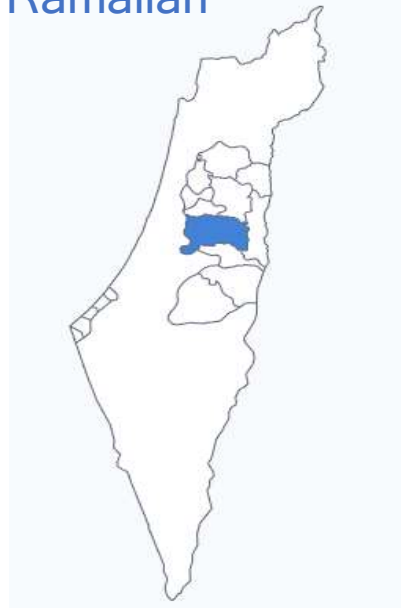


# Arab Pilot Countries and Cities

Jordan Irbid



Palestine  
Ramallah



Tunisia Ennour



# Project Objective and Outcomes

## OBJECTIVE

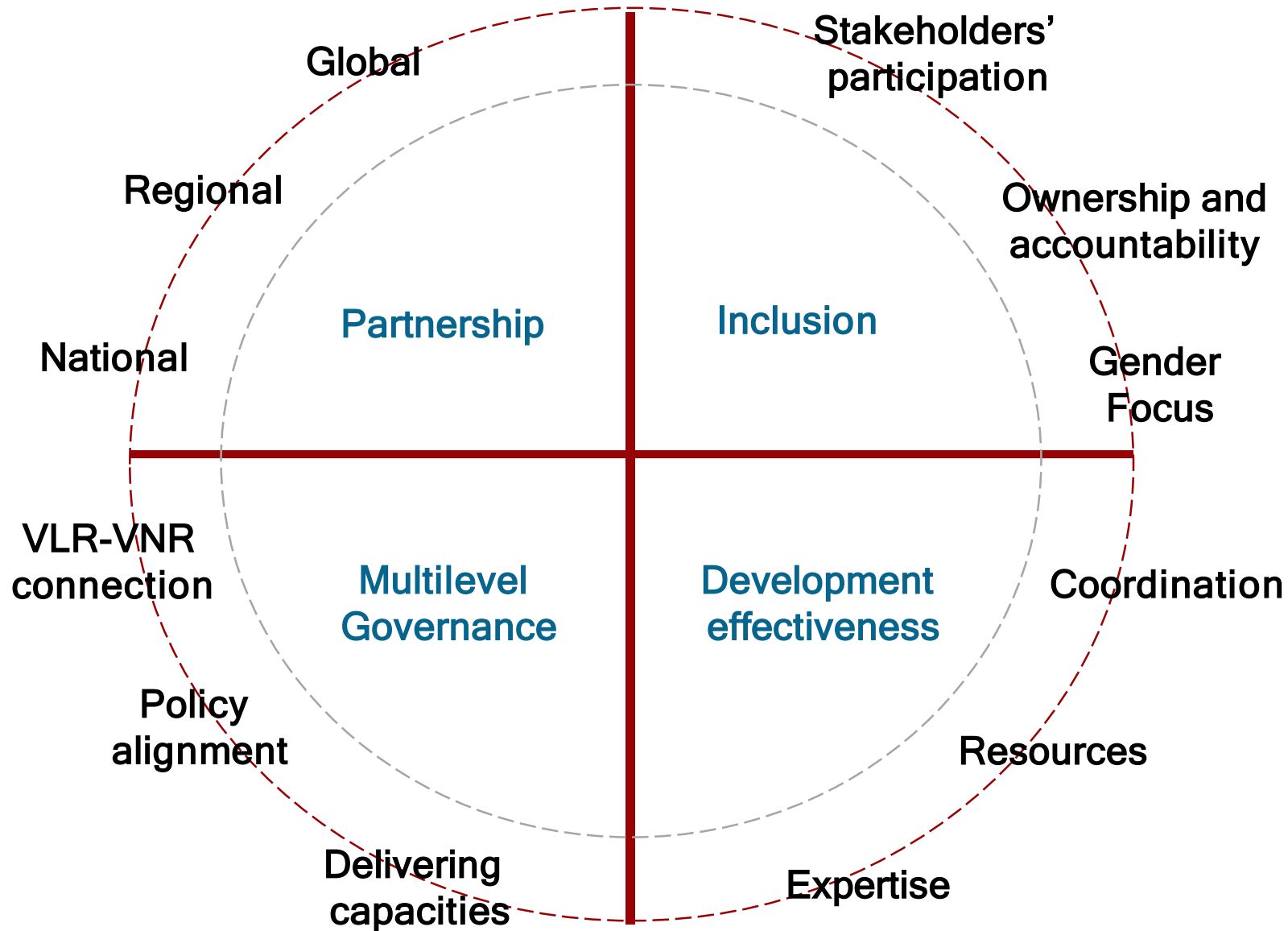
To promote inclusive post-pandemic recovery and advance the localization of the SDGs in Asia and the Pacific, Africa and the Arab States

## OUTCOMES

OC 1: Strengthened capacities of Local and Regional Governments to develop **Voluntary Local Reviews** and **localize the SDGs** to advance the post- pandemic recovery process

OC2: Enhanced **multilevel governance** and interlinkages between local and national governments as well as regional and international processes on SDGs implementation and COVID-19 recovery

# Project Approach



# Project Components



**Technical  
Cooperation**



**Regional  
Activities**



**Learning and  
Capacity Building**



**Multilevel  
Governance**



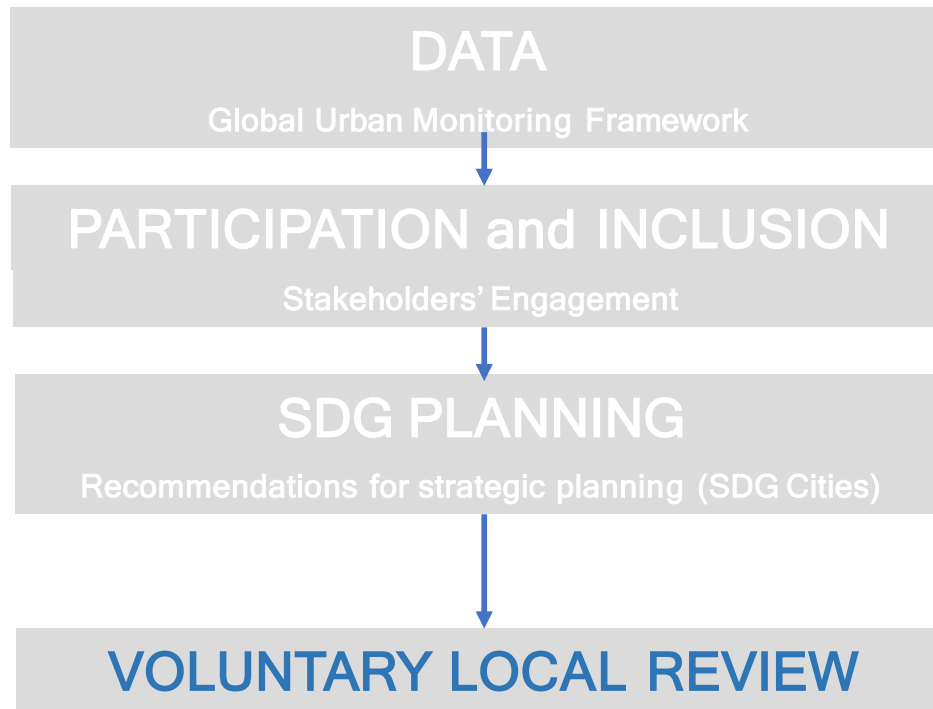
**Regional and  
Global Advocacy**

# Component 1. Technical Cooperation

What are we going to do?

## *New Generation of action-oriented Voluntary Local Reviews*

Forward-looking and planning-oriented VLRs based on the UMF and integrating recommendations for SDG related strategic planning



Methodological References

UNESCWA-UN-Habitat Regional Guidelines for the ESCWA Region

UN-Habitat-UCLG Global Guidelines

Regional Experiences (GAM; Agadir etc.)



# Component 2. Regional Activities

What are we going to do?



## Arab States Mayors Academy

Learning from the Asia Pacific experience and adapting it to the Arab region's context

Capacity building and peer-learning



## SDG Localization Platform for the Arab States Region

Online platform led by UN-Habitat and UNECSWA gathering knowledge and activities from regional, national and local partners from the region

Linking and reinforcing existing platforms



# Component 3. Learning and Capacity Building

What are we going to do?

## Learning Module 2: Territorial Planning to Achieve the SDGs

The Trainer's Guide

<https://learning.uclg.org/localizing-global-agendas/>

## Online Courses



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# Component 4. Multilevel Governance

What are we going to do?

**Survey** on status of Multilevel Governance in each pilot country

Strengthen connection with VNR process

Regional and Global VLR-VNR Studios

**MLG** MULTILEVEL  
GOVERNANCE

Methodological reference



UN-Habitat  
**Research** on  
Multilevel  
Governance for  
SDG Localization

Multilevel Governance Platform  
<https://www.multilevelgovernance.org/>

# Component 5. Regional and Global Advocacy

What are we going to do?



# LOCAL 2030

LOCALIZING THE SDGS

... brings together the UN-System, local and regional governments and their associations, national governments, businesses, and community-based organizations to foster collaboration, incubate innovation, share solutions, and implement strategies to support local stakeholders in achieving Agenda 2030

... promotes coherent and integrated action in the UN System for SDG localization

... supports local actors in delivering initiatives that can be adapted and scaled up by many others, generating a multiplier effect on accelerating SDG localization efforts.

... will be the UN mechanism to mobilize greater commitment, financing, and technical support to leverage the power of local action.

... will ensure that in the post-2030 Agenda, localization will be a central element rather than merely an implementation modality

# Local2030: A three-pronged strategy

Rather than implementing its projects, the Local2030 Coalition aims to **provide a convening space to build on existing initiatives and support enhancing the enabling environment to fill in the gaps in:**

**ADVOCACY:** Increase awareness and enhance bottom-up and inclusive processes to apply the 2030 Agenda at the local level as a roadmap to overcome the present crises, development challenges, and their subsequent effects.

**ACTION:** Build and nurture a support platform and system for SDG localization, and increase and channel finance to multi-stakeholder initiatives backed by the Local2030 Coalition members and partners.

**MONITORING:** Increase monitoring and reporting by subnational and local actors and opportunities for them to exchange knowledge and perspectives and contribute to national frameworks.

# Governance of the Local2030 Coalition

<b>Co-chairs and Steering Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Make key strategic decisions and ensures effective governance oversight.</li><li>- 2 United Nations Co-chairs: UN-Habitat (permanent Co-chair), and UNDP (1st Co-chair for 2022-2023, followed by FAO)</li><li>- 5 designated SC members: LRGs, LRG associations and networks, member states, CSOs, and the private sector</li></ul>
<b>Secretariat (UN-Habitat)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Coordinate the definition, implementation, monitoring, and reporting of the Local2030 Coalition's activities</li></ul>
<b>UN Directors Group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Advisory body, comprised of director-level members of UN agencies, offices, funds, and programmes.</li><li>- Provide strategic direction and inputs for the consideration of the Steering Committee and contributes to delivering Local2030 Coalition's activities.</li></ul>



Thank you!

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