

**Local and Regional Governments Day**  
***"Accelerating transformation from the ground-up in a post-Covid era"***  
**10 July 2020 – 12:30-17:30**

The objective of the LRG Day is to bring together the delegation of local and regional governments to discuss and agree on the constituency's Statement to the HLPF; define the priorities of the constituency for the post-COVID19 era. It will take place virtually.

**12:30-13:00      Welcome and setting the scene**

**13:00-14:30      Political context and priorities in the aftermath of Covid19**

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the crucial role of local and regional governments as first responders and providers of essential public services. The roadmap for local and regional governments remains the same: the 2030 Agenda and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Local public service delivery, as the backbone to deliver the Decade of Action, must be maintained beyond the outbreak to effectively address inequalities and to protect the human rights of our communities.

This includes strengthened multilateral system that scales up knowledge sharing and promotes collaboration between levels of government, regions, cities and the communities to achieve transformational objectives and to ensure that no one and no place is left behind.

*One hour break*

**15:30-16:30      Findings of the GTF Report and situation of localisation**

As in previous editions yet grounded in the increasing gravity of the current situation, the Report emphasises the direct contribution of local and regional governments to the implementation of the Global Agendas and to the global response to the COVID 19 crisis. It takes stock of the progress made, but also the obstacles faced, by local and regional governments to accelerate the localization of the SDGs in all regions, in their involvement in national strategies, in the coordination mechanisms and in the reporting processes.

It reviews the diversity and the breadth of local initiatives implemented by cities and territories to improve human wellbeing through the defence of human rights, public services and adequate housing, celebrating initiatives to reduce gender inequalities and protect cultural diversity. It underlines the myriad of local innovations to fight against climate change and protect our environment. It shows how local and regional governments can lead local economic development and contribute to addressing the current economic recession.

The Report finalizes with a call for establishing a joint agenda between local, national and international levels to bolster local action and accelerate the implementation of the Agenda 2030, enhancing and upscaling local and regional governments initiatives. It claims, more than ever, to intensify international solidarity and cooperation.

**16:30-17:30      Looking ahead and future perspectives**

- ❖ The 2020 Rome Charter: Cultural participation for equity, justice and human dignity. The Charter identifies five capabilities: Discover, Create, Share, Enjoy and Protect.
- ❖ Cities for Adequate Housing: ways forward, structural responses and new challenges on how to advance new partnerships with civil society and the private sector to guarantee the right to adequate housing for all as well as the promotion of an international call on the necessary funding and regulatory frameworks to allow local and regional governments to respond to their citizens' housing needs.

**LRG speaker's proposal**

- **Jan Van Zanen**, Mayor of The Hague, UCLG Co-President
- **Uğur İbrahim Altay**, Mayor of Konya, UCLG Co-President
- **Li Mingyuan**, Mayor of Xi'an, UCLG Co-President
- **Berry Vrbanovic**, Mayor of Kitchener, UCLG Treasurer
- **Madelaine Y. Alfelor-Gazman**, Mayor of Iriga,
- **Carola Gunnarsson**, Lord Mayor of Sala Municipality, 1st Vice President of SALAR, UCLG Vice-President
- **Christian Di Candia**, Mayor of Montevideo, UCLG Vice-President
- **Aysen Nikolayev**, President of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Vice-President of UCLG
- **Pablo Jurado Moreno**, President of the Consortium of Provincial Autonomous Governments from Ecuador, UCLG Vice-President
- **Mohamed Saadie**, President of the Union of Dannieh Municipalities and President of UCLG-MEWA, UCLG Vice-President
- **Pilar Díaz Romero**, Mayor of Esplugues de Llobregat
- **Yaku Pérez**, Prefect of Azuay
- **Carlos Martínez**, Mayor of Soria,

- **Rohey Malick Lowe**, Mayor of Banjul
- **Valerie Dumontet**, vice-president of Aude Département in France, and president of SDGs working group at Cités Unies France
- **Almudena Maillo**, Councilor of Madrid, Secretary General of UCCI
- **Bernat Solé**, Regional Minister of Foreign Action, Institutional Relations and Transparency of Catalonia
- **Nadine Girault**, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie of Québec
- **Ana Bailao**, Councillor, City of Toronto
- **Participation of UCLG-UBUNTUs**