



## Act local to go global

— SHANGHAI, CHINA —

## CONCEPT NOTE

### ROUNDTABLE 2

17:30 – 19:00 *Beijing Time*

12:30 – 14:00 *Nairobi Time*

10:30 – 12:30 *Central European Time*

## From Local to Global: Multilevel Governance for Impact

### Background

The goals and visions of the 2030 Agenda are agreed at global level, but a large part of their implementation takes place locally. To make things work, we need all levels. The bold decisions required to achieve the SDGs can only be carried through when those who are governed feel included and understood by those who govern. SDG 16 calls for effective institutions at all levels. One determinant of effectiveness is the way institutions work together across levels.

The 2030 Agenda for Development pushes for going beyond “governance as usual” in order to reach the SDGs, primarily through adequate multi-level governance and inter-institutional cooperation mechanisms to enable their achievement. Horizontal and vertical policy coherence as well as collaboration mechanisms between local, national and international layers of governance are the corner stones of a successful process. This shared vision of the 2030 Agenda is meant to strengthen policy design, planning and implementation. It should also promote the inclusion of marginalized societal groups, and promote specific institution set-ups for complex areas, breaking down to areas of interest and relevance to SDG localization (i.e. local economic development policies, planning public policy processes).

Through increased local action, countries will be able to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs by 2030. In order for cities and communities to deliver better and faster, an effective multi-level and multi-stakeholder governance is needed to articulate actions from country, regional and city levels, engaging proactively with all stakeholders in strategies, policies, their implementation and monitoring.

### Objectives

- To convene a space during the World Cities Day in which to bring the importance of multilevel governance.
- To foster the debate on the role of local and regional governments as key actors to govern crisis and advance sustainability at the local level, thus acknowledging them as fundamental pillars for multilevel and multistakeholder dialogues.
- To scale up the debate on multilevel governance, offering some examples of good practices and recommendations for peer-to-peer learning and capacity building.
- To identify the challenges that multilevel governance encounters and define solutions.
- To highlight good practices and make recommendations on the way forward.

### Expected Results

- The promotion of the institutionalization of multilevel and multistakeholder governance. processes to accelerate the implementation of global goals at the local level is reinforced
- Good practices are identified.
- Recommendations are made by panelists on the way forward to increase multilevel and multistakeholder governance.

## Guiding Questions

- Please share your particular experience(s) from your city and organization on the modalities and impacts of multi-level governance.
- What processes have been used to increase inter-institutional cooperation and achieve better impacts.
- How has local action helped accelerate results to achieve national and/or regional goals?

## Moderator:

- **Mr. Laxman Perera**, Senior Human Settlements Officer, UN-Habitat Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

## Panelists:

- **Dr. Muhammad Ashraf**, Chairman, Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR), Pakistan
- **Ms. Chamindry Saparamadu**, Director General / CEO, Sustainable Development Council, Sri Lanka
- **Mr. Anil Kumar**, Mayor of Kochi, Kerala, India
- **Mr. Nelson Legacion**, Mayor of Naga City, Bicol Region, The Philippines
- **Prof. David Adamson**, Group Chief Strategic Engagement Officer, Home in Place, Australia
- **Mr. Zhu Dajian**, Professor of Tongji University, China

### Note to the speakers:

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- Please provide a bio of yourself (200 words)
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- Please share the above with [Damien.Thibon@un.org](mailto:Damien.Thibon@un.org) before 26 October 2022.