Global High Level Dialogue on Localizing the Post-2015 agenda
- Turin, Italy, 14-15th October -

Background

This high-level meeting in Turin marks the culmination of the consultation on ‘Localizing the post-2015 Development Agenda’, led by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), on behalf of UNDG, together with the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments for the Post-2015 Development Agenda towards HABITAT III (Global Task Force - GTF). The Localizing consultation is one of six related dialogues on the ‘means of implementation’ of the post-2015 agenda. An initial report on the recommendations of all six consultations has already been published by the UNDG and presented in New York on September 25th (see attached report ‘Delivering the post-2015 development agenda: Opportunities at the national and local levels’).

The consultation process

The consultation, which was launched in April 2014, has included:

- An online consultation including e-discussions on the World We Want platform and Twitter.

- National dialogues in 13 different countries in: Africa (Burundi, Cameroun, Ghana, Malawi and Tanzania), Asia & Pacific (Armenia, Philippines, Tajikistan and Vanuatu), Europe (Portugal) and Latin America & Caribbean (Ecuador, El Salvador and Jamaica).

- Six regional dialogues:
  - EU Committee of the Regions, Brussels.
  - CLGF Board, Abuja, Nigeria
  - UCLG ASPACUCLG ASPAC, in Taipei, September 2014.
  - FOGAR in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, September 2014.
  - Arab Countries with the support of Platforma, in Amman, Jordan.
  - CLGF CARICOM

- And 3 global dialogues:
  - EU Policy Forum on Development, Lima, Peru.
  - UCLG Executive Bureau, Liverpool, UK
  - ECOSOC Integration Segment on Sustainable Urbanization
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The climax of this consultation process, **the aim of this global event is:**

- To gather and present the preliminary key messages and recommendations drawn from the local/territorial, national, regional, and global stakeholders on how to implement the new agenda at the local level;
- To amplify the voices of local stakeholders (local governments, civil society organizations, private sector, etc.), paying specific attention to also include the poor and other traditionally excluded groups in formal intergovernmental negotiation processes on a post-2015 agenda;
- To present and discuss the final report on “Localizing the Post-2015 Development Agenda” *(see first draft attached)*. This report, enriched with the contributions of the debates in Turin, will be submitted to the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-Moon. The report will be formally presented and discussed in Turin on October 15th from 14:00 to 15:30. PLEASE READ IT BEFORE THE MEETING.
- To define an advocacy strategy to ensure that the messages and recommendations of the localizing consultation are communicated effectively at national, regional and global level, particularly within the official SDG negotiation process.
- To consider next steps and concrete measures to facilitate localization in the implementation stage, including: pilot initiatives; the establishment of an advisory committee on localization; means of resource mobilization; and improving local data and monitoring.

**The event will include the following sessions** *(see attached Agenda and Logistical briefing for more information):*

1st Day (October 14th)
1. Opening ceremony
2. Presentation of the key messages from local and national dialogues: “Localizing the post 2015 development agenda”

2nd Day (October 15th)
3. Panel: What will make the post 2015 agenda work at the local level: identifying key elements for localizing in the post-2015 development framework
4. Panel: The challenge of working together towards a transformative agenda: how to promote linkages between territorial and global processes
5. Endorsement of the “Report on the Localization Dialogues” to be submitted to the UN Secretary General
6. Closing Ceremony