Development Partners Network on Decentralisation and Local Governance (DeLoG)

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"Inclusive and Resilient Decentralisation & Local Governance"

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02:30 pm CEST  Welcome & Opening

02:35 pm CEST  Enable and support Human Rights at the Local Level
- Katarina Westman, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
- Rikard Eduards, Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD)
- Morten Kjaerum, Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI)

03:05 pm CEST  Q&A on Inputs

03:20 pm CEST  Enabling participation and inclusion of local stakeholders through enhanced multi-level governance
- Martino Miraglia, UN-Habitat
- Gabriela Mercurio, Cities Alliance
- Ville Taajamaa, Focal point for Agenda 2030, Espoo Municipality, Finland
- Diana Wachira, Programme Officer at Pamoja Trust, Kenya

03:40 pm CEST  Q&A on Inputs

03:50 pm CEST  Open Discussion & Brainwriting

04:10 pm CEST  Key Messages & Concluding Remarks
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**1) DURING THE INPUTS**
- Please...
  - ...always keep your microphone muted
  - ...deactivate your camera

**2) CHAT**
- Use the chat...
  - ...for technical difficulties
  - ...if you want to ask a question

**3) RAISE YOUR (VIRTUAL) HAND**
- Raise your hand...
  - ...if you want to ask a question or comment on sth. (we inform you when you have the floor)
  - ...to participate in a voting / in our interactive polls

**4) INTERVENTIONS**
- Once you have the floor, please...
  - ...unmute yourself
  - ...indicate your name, followed by your organisation/country
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Panel Inputs

- **Input 1:** Swedish goals and implementation of the Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) with focus on the local level
  – Katarina Westman, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)

- **Input 2:** How these goals are manifested through the two new Human Rights Networks with LGs in Sweden and Southern Africa, how collaboration between LGs and academia and civil society is enabled
  – Rikard Eduards, Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD)

- **Input 3:** Human Rights Cities
  – Morten Kjaerum, Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI)
Enabling capacity building for a human rights based approach at the local level

Katarina Westman, Programme Manager Sida, September 2021
How does Sweden work with HRBA?

- A working methodology directed to promoting and protecting human rights

- The four principles:
  - Non-discrimination
  - Participation
  - Transparency
  - Accountability

- Why & what – result - development contribute to fulfilment of HR

- How we work – process - a working method – integrate HR
Sida’s tool box - P.L.A.N.E.T. – key components

**Participation:** Is there meaningful participation of rights holders and opportunities for them to influence the outcomes?

**Link to HR systems:** How are HR standards from treaties or laws - and related recommendations – identified and used to advance the outcomes (or how could they be)?

**Accountability:** Who are the duty bearers? Have they been taken into account? What powers and capacities do they have (and not have) to advance their HR obligations?
Non-discrimination: Who are the rights holders? Have they been taken into account in designing the contribution? Have efforts been made to include the most marginalised?

Empowerment: How is the capacity being strengthened of duty bearers to achieve their obligations & of rights holders’ to claim their HR?

Transparency: Is information available in an accessible way for all stakeholders concerned? Are rights holders able to attend and observe meetings and processes where issues are discussed that affect them?

Four principles of a HRBA and P.L.A.N.E.T

- Participation
- Non-discrimination
- Transparency
- Accountability

Link to human rights system
P.L.A.N.E.T.
Sida’s tool box


• Children’s rights
Enable capacity building for HRBA at the local level

Develop capacity of duty bearers
Empowering rights-holders
Supporting civil society

Two examples of Sida-funding to enable HRBA at the local level:
ICLD Human Rights Networks

Our aim: Enabling capacity building for HRBA through decentralized cooperation - supported by combination of partnerships, training and research
ICLD Human Rights Networks

- What challenges are we addressing through the networks?

- How are they designed?
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Challenges:

• Declining interest from Swedish LGs to participate in decentralized cooperation
• Democratic Backlash
• COVID-19
Two approaches, one set of objectives

HRBA
- Focus on unfulfilled rights
- Target group identified as agents of change
- Process is as important as results

Local democracy development
- Focus on lacking capacity
- Target group consulted, not agents of change
- Results are more important than process

Equity
 Participatio n
 Accountability
 Transparency
**1st HR network**
- 16 LGs = 8 LG partnerships
- 2021-2024
  - 2021: Inception phase
  - 2022-2024: Project + Steering group

**2nd HR network**
- ≈ 10 LGs
- 2022 - 2025
Focus on regional cluster to enable joint capacity building

South – South LG-exchanges. Sharing and comparing HR-challenges:
Zambia
Botswana
South Africa
(Zimbabwe upcoming)
(+ best practices from other countries)

North – South joint LG-projects, addressing local challenges relating to HR-topics:
- UN convention on the rights of the child
- Gender equality
- Lack of inclusion of marginalized groups
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Supports partnerships with knowledge and inspiration
ICLD Human Rights Networks

What’s ahead? - Challenges and prioritizations
Thank you for listening!
Introducing HRBA as a Local Government tool

Human Rights - Research, Education, Support & Advice

RWI
Introducing HRA to the localisation of global agendas (SDG’s, Paris Agreement & Sendai Framework)

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Introducing HRBA as a Local Government tool

National Partners
- ICLG
- VINNOVA

LG Projects
- Regional Asia
- Zimbabwe
- Turkey
- Scandinavia
- Kenya
- Russia

Int’l Partners
- UCLG
- Gwangju
- KOICA/GIC
- DeLog/members
- OHCHR
- SIDA

Sweden
- SKR
- LU
- Lund (HRC+)

Capacity Building/Research
Inclusive and Resilient Local Governance
Developed with a Human Rights Based Approach

UN Agencies
DeLog Members
LRG
RWI
EU + HRC’s Europe
Gwangju /GIC
Global HRC Movement

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Enabling participation and inclusion of local stakeholders through enhanced multi-level governance

- Joint statement by UN-Habitat and Cities Alliance
  - Martino Miraglia, UN-Habitat
  - Gabriela Mercurio, Cities Alliance

- Local Partners
  - Ville Taajamaa, Focal point for Agenda 2030, Espoo Municipality, Finland
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Brainwriting exercise

- How can human rights and inclusive urban governance be addressed and further developed in DeLoG?
Key Messages & Concluding Remarks

Joel Laurén & Martino Miraglia
Thank you!

Session Evaluation