



Localizing the SDGs

Why decentralization and local governance are key

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Agenda



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Taking into account the local context

Specifying the Agenda 2030 for sub-national governments and non-state actors

Implementing the Agenda 2030 and monitoring its implementation with local stakeholders



Localizing the SDGs is not equivalent to implementing national policies and strategies at the sub-national level (top-down)

Negotiation process to harmonize national and sub-national priorities and needs



Localization of SDGs is closely connected to the political, administrative and territorial constitution of a state

Localizing the SDGs and DLG

“Agenda 2030 is here!”



“Finally, a local self-government!”



Localizing the SDGs - a push for local self-governance?

The localization of the SDGs raises awareness on the status quo of decentralization and related challenges.

It has the potential to



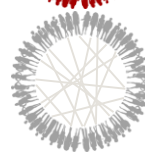
trigger a discussion about the functionality of the existing multi-level governance system



review the distribution of responsibilities, human and financial resources between government levels



increase participation of LG in national policy discussions and decision-making



better define local needs, capacities and resources / engage in raise awareness



DLG – a precondition for localizing the SDGs?

A functional multi-level governance system increases the likelihood to successfully implement the Agenda 2030.



Accountability of all governance levels / multiplication of change agents



Role of national and sub-national governments / their interaction



Decentralized tasks and responsibilities as a starting point for localizing the SDGs



Capacities, human and financial resources of sub-national governments as enabling/limiting factor



Discussion



Time pressure (> 2030) vs. “decentralization takes time”



Risk of (re)centralization for quick wins?



What is your experience on the linkages between localizing the SDGs and DLG?

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