



Dear reader,

welcome to the new issue of the DeLoG newsletter with the latest activities of the network and news on upcoming events as well as course announcements and recent publications.

We would like to draw your attention especially to DeLoG's Annual Meeting, which took place in The Hague from 23-25 May.

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DeLoG Activities

13th DeLoG Annual Meeting in The Hague

From 23-25 May, the 13th Annual Meeting of the Development Partners Network on Decentralisation and Local Governance (DeLoG) took place in The Hague, Netherlands. It was hosted by the International Cooperation Agency of the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG International) and over 30



participants from 19 DeLoG member- and partner organisations attended.

This year's meeting had a special focus on decentralisation and local governance in fragile contexts and on migration and forced displacement. Furthermore, discussions focussed on DeLoG's workstreams on urban and territorial governance, fiscal decentralisation and local financing as well as localising the SDGs. Participants had the opportunity to address these topics in working groups, and to develop DeLoG's work plan for the upcoming year.

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Webinar on Decentralisation and Local Governance in fragile and conflict-affected settings



On June 13 a DeLoG webinar will be hosted by Nicolas Garrigue (UNDP), which aims to provide an enhanced understanding of the role that local governance can play in securing sustainable pathways to peace and development in fragile and conflict-affected settings, and of the different factors that

shape the success of decentralisation and local governance approaches in such contexts.

The webinar is open to the public.

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News from our Members & Partners

Renewed partnerships to monitor the state of local democracy and achieve the SDGs at the heart of the UCLG Executive Bureau

From 23-26 May, the UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments) Executive Bureau met in Strasbourg, France. This meeting took place under the theme 'Inclusive and Safe Cities: Key for Sustainable Development', and was for the first time organised together with UN-Habitat and provided a space for dialogue between all



levels of government.

The 2018 edition of the Executive Bureau focused on the key priorities of local and regional governments for the global goals. The debates in Strasbourg created the opportunity to share experiences at local and national level and to pave the way for a greater structural dialogue between different spheres of government, essential to achieve the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

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Launch of DEVCO Academy

The EU Directorate-General DEVCO's online learning platform, the DEVCO academy, has been launched. This new public platform provides free access to DEVCO's learning resources covering a

wide range of relevant topics, including development policies, thematic areas, methodological approaches and financial management. The learning resources on the platform come in four different learning formats: e-learning courses, webinars, videos and documents.



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VNG and ALGASL launch new project on inclusive local economic development



On 12 April 2018, VNG International together with the Association of Local Authorities of Somaliland (ALGASL) launched a new two-year project on inclusive economic development. The Advancing Strong Partnerships for Inclusive and Resilient Economic Development (ASPIRE) focuses on strengthening the capacity of Berbera District and Berbera Economic Forum to provide services promoting inclusive economic development to local

businesses, in cooperation with civil society and local communities. ALGASL supports the dissemination of lessons learned beyond Berbera to the other Somaliland districts.

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The 2018 Atlas of Sustainable Development Goals: an all-new visual guide to data and development



The World Bank has released the 2018 Atlas of Sustainable Development Goals. With over 180 maps and charts, the new publication shows the progress societies are making towards the 17 SDGs.

The atlas is filled with annotated data visualisations, which can be reproducibly built from source code and data.

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Somaliland LGA adopts new and more inclusive constitution

As the culmination of an intensive participatory process supported by VNG International through its Inclusive Decisions At Local Level (IDEAL) programme, the Association of Local Government Authorities of Somaliland (ALGASL) unanimously adopted a revised constitution during a Special General Assembly held on 9 April 2018. All of ALGASL's member districts participated. Amongst others, the new constitution provides for a more inclusive composition of ALGASL's governing bodies, such as mandatory female representation and representation from rural districts.

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Info, Links, Downloads

Local and Regional Governments' Forum at HLPF 2018



Co-hosted by UNDESA, UN-Habitat, and the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, the first Local and Regional Governments' Forum will take place from 9 - 18 July in New York, in the

margins of the 2018 High-Level Political Forum to explore the important role of Local and Regional Governments in the implementation and follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda. The adoption of an integrated approach to territorial development and the progressive recognition and global awareness of the role of local and regional governments as key development actors to implement the 2030 Agenda is a ground-breaking and indispensable shift. Local and regional governments have a wealth of valuable experience in the "localisation" of the 2030 Agenda, where they provide leadership in the mobilisation of a wide range of stakeholders, the facilitation of "bottom-up" and inclusive processes, and the formation of multi-stakeholder partnerships. This work directly supports the transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies, the thematic focus of the 2018 HLPF.

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CEPA 17 Experts Call for Investing in Public Servants to Deliver on SDGs

The UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration met for its 17th session to discuss 'Readying Public Institutions for the Implementation of the SDGs', from 23 - 27 April in New York.

Topics examined by the Committee include: effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; policy and institutional coherence; principles of effective governance for sustainable development; capacities and budgetary resources for 2030 Agenda's implementation; awareness, competencies and skills of civil servants; participation and engagement in SDG implementation; misconduct and corruption in the public sector; and enhancing and equipping institutions in urban and rural communities to support societal changes required under the 2030 Agenda.



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Local authorities in EU external action after 2020: Strategic actors or distant voices?



A new buzzword has appeared in the richly endowed development jargon: multi-actor partnerships. It reflects the gradual realisation that central governments alone cannot deliver the goods. Effective collaboration with other actors, including civil society, the private sector as well as local

authorities, is key to transform economies, galvanise societies and ensure better governance.

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UNSD Opens Access to Data on SDG Progress

The UN Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs launched an online data hub that provides access to official SDG data, covering 132 out of the 232 SDG indicators.

The data can be explored by SDG, country, or region, and as global aggregates, and can be viewed as maps and other visualisations.



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The 5th Conference of Local and Regional Authorities (ICLEI) - call for decentralisation of water management



Local governments came together at the 5th Conference of Local and Regional Authorities, held in Brasilia during the 8th World Water Forum, calling for a decentralised approach to financing and management of water resources. Local governments focused on the need to foster stronger and more diversified partnerships to better

coordinate complex water governance systems. Also, the importance of a multilevel alignment to promote general access to water, and greater coordination between federal, state and municipal entities, was highlighted.

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The Basque Country presents the Agenda Euskadi Basque Country 2030, aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals of the UN



The document constitutes the next step in the commitment of the Basque Government to focus its public policies on the challenges of the UN's 2030 Agenda. This is the first Public Administration of the Spanish State to reflect its compromise with

the 2030 Agenda. The president of the autonomous government of the Basque Country stressed the importance of the implication of the sub-state entities for the consecution of the SDGs.

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Courses



International Training Centre (ILO)

» [Effective Project Implementation](#)

Date: 9 - 13 July, 2018

Apply by: 25 June, 2018

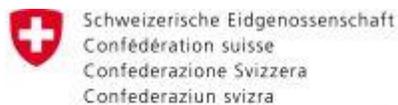
Place: Turin, Italy

» [Monitoring and evaluation of development projects and programmes](#)

Date: 10 - 21 September, 2018

Apply by: 20 August, 2018

Place: Turin, Italy



**Swiss Agency for Development
and Cooperation SDC**

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

» [Thinking and working politically](#)

Date: 11 - 12 September, 2018

Apply by: 12 July, 2018

Place: Bern, Switzerland



Swiss Peace

» [Executive Program in Civilian
Peacebuilding Essentials](#)

Date: September 2018 - August 2019

Apply by: 30 June, 2018

Place: Basel, Switzerland

Local Governance and Decentralisation

"It Is About Time to Promote Policy and Institutional Coherence for the SDGs"



International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), 2018

The SDGs are designed as “indivisible” and this means that each Goal needs the involvement of several or many sectors at several levels. This paper by the UN

Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) suggests combining nine different approaches to promote coherence for implementation of the SDGs, and outlines ten recommendations for achieving these goals.

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Community-driven development: does it build social cohesion or infrastructure?

International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), 2018

This paper synthesises evidence on 23 community-driven development programmes. It examines whether programme objectives and design have changed over the decades and how effective community driven development (CDD) has been in improving outcomes. It combines narrative synthesis and meta-analysis to examine the impact of these programmes along their causal chain.

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Devolution after Brexit – Managing the environment, agriculture and fisheries

Institute for Government, 2018

This report by the Institute for Government argues that after Brexit all four governments of the UK – Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Westminster – must go back to the drawing board to redefine their relationships. The authors argue that the devolution arrangements of the late 1990s were designed to function within membership of the EU. On that account, the report makes recommendations for how the four governments can work together now and after Brexit.



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The future is decentralised: Block chains, distributed ledgers & the future of sustainable development

UNDP, 2018

Block chains can ease the frictions that prevent a vast array of sustainability, humanitarian, and environmental initiatives from fulfilling their potential.

This white paper explains how this unconventional technology works and how it is already being used to pursue conventional ends. It illustrates how block chains have brought new levels of efficiency and effectiveness to the fields of development aid, supply chain management, renewable energy, economic growth, and several others.

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Fiscal Decentralisation / Local Finance

UN-Habitat Municipal Finance Handbook Advances NUA, SDG 11

International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD, 2018)

The UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) has launched a resource guide on municipal finance, highlighting the importance for the implementation of the New Urban

Agenda (NUA) and the SDGs, particularly SDG 11 (sustainable cities and communities). The handbook provides city leaders with a range of financing solutions that emphasise sustainability, inclusion and financial autonomy, aiming to contribute to discussions on how cities can finance large capital expenditures, infrastructure maintenance and operation, and public services.



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Local governance, decentralisation and anti-corruption in Bangladesh and Nigeria

ODI, 2018

This report by ODI aims to deepen understandings of the links between decentralised governance and corruption, and the implications of such linkages and dynamics for the effectiveness of anti-corruption measures at the local level. It synthesises the findings from two in-depth case studies on decentralised governance and corruption in Bangladesh and Nigeria.

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River basin management and fiscal decentralisation: mutually supportive or counterproductive? A case study of Mongolia



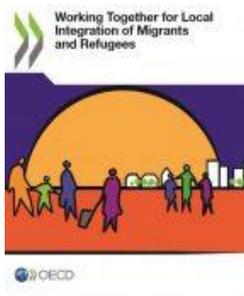
German Development Institute (DIE), 2018

In the last decade, Mongolia has undergone parallel processes of institutionalising River Basin Organisations (RBOs) and of fiscal decentralisation. River basin management calls for managing water resources at the river basin level in order to promote a sustainable resource use. However, often RBOs remain underfunded. Fiscal decentralisation involves shifting certain fiscal responsibilities to lower levels of government. Against this background, this paper by the German Development Institute (DIE) asks whether fiscal decentralisation supports or counteracts river basin management in the Mongolian case.

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Migration & forced displacement

Working Together for Local Integration of Migrants and Refugees



OECD, 2018

This report by OECD describes what it takes to formulate a place-based approach to integration through concerted efforts across levels of government as well as between state and non-state actors. It draws on both quantitative evidence, from a statistical database, and qualitative evidence from a survey of 72 cities. These include nine large European cities (Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Berlin, Glasgow, Gothenburg, Paris, Rome and Vienna) and one small city in Germany (Altena), which are the subject of in-depth case studies. The report also presents a 12-point checklist, a tool that any city or region can use to work across levels of government and with other local actors in their efforts to promote more effective integration of migrants.

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Localising the SDGs

Stakeholders Assess Local, Regional Involvement in Sustainable Development Agendas

International Institute for Sustainable Development, 2018

Cities Alliance and adelphi published a report on 'Local and Regional Governments in the Follow-up and Review of Global Sustainability Agendas'. The report outlines recommendations for strengthening synergies between the follow-up and review of the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on climate change and the New Urban Agenda, and for further involving local and regional governments.

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Localising the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Options for India

FLEDGE, 2018

The Forum for Law, Environment, Development and Governance (FLEDGE) launched its new report on SDGs focusing on how they can be localised at village level in India. The report explores the option of positioning the SDGs within the Gram Panchayat Development Plans' (GPDP) planning process. To further this, this paper reviews the National Guidelines for Preparation of GPDP in a bid to centralise the SDGs within the planning framework. It is believed that this can facilitate better practice of the

constitutional idea of participatory democracy and planning while promoting development toward India's Targets on the Sustainable Development Goals. The Ministry of Panchayat Raj (Government of India) will be using the framework as a part of developing the village level development plans.

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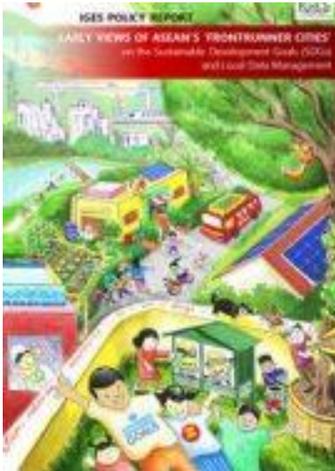


Localising the Sustainable
Development Goals (SDGs)
Options for India



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Early Views of ASEAN's 'Frontrunner Cities' on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Local Data Management



The adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015 as one of the core frameworks driving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provided the impetus to design a new phase of the ASEAN ESC Model Cities programme which is aligned to the SDGs. This report aims to present the perspectives and practical viewpoints of stakeholders about localising the SDGs.

Therefore, the author conducted surveys among national and local stakeholders who have participated in the Model Cities Programme. The survey covered stakeholders' viewpoints on the SDGs and aimed to uncover their

early/first impressions perceptions, expectations and priorities regarding the global goals.

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UNDP, 2018

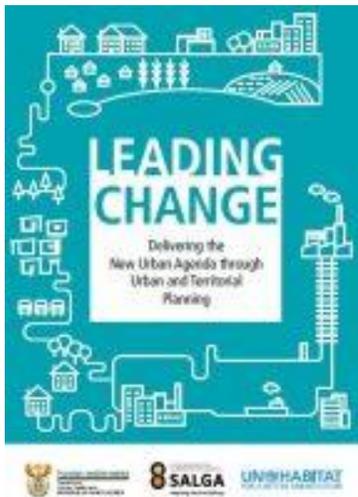
The search for the most appropriate means of localising the SDGs is critical to the successful implementation and optimisation of the Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda in Africa. Drawing from research on the state of local governance in Central Africa, the report's outputs are expected to strategically contribute to the localisation of the SDGs by providing a set of recommendations for fostering inclusive services delivery, enhance local economic development and reinforce related capacities of Local Governments in Africa.



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Urban & Territorial Governance

Leading Change: Delivering the New Urban Agenda through Urban and Territorial Planning



UN-Habitat, 2018

The International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning (IG-UTP) are a pivotal component of the framework for delivering a sustainable urban future. This book by UN-Habitat contains the strategic considerations and supporting line of reasoning that need to be considered when applying the IG-UTP. It is not a primer on planning and hence does not cover every issue encompassed by the IG-UTP.

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Rethinking Regional Development Policy-making

OECD, 2018

This report by OECD addresses questions related to the improvement of the design and delivery of regional development policies: What can governments do to enhance economic development in regions and cities? What lessons can be drawn from theory and practice to ensure public spending and investments contribute to regional development as effectively as possible? Bringing together frontier economic theory and country practices regarding performance frameworks, financial instruments, policy conditionalities, contractual arrangements and behavioural insights in regional policy, this report identifies cross-cutting lessons to help policy-makers manage common trade-offs when designing public expenditure and investment programmes for the development of regions and cities.

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Global State of National Urban Policy

UN-Habitat, 2018

This study, building on regional studies by UN-Habitat and the OECD on the state of NUP for the 35 OECD member countries, provides a first attempt at assessing NUP trends, strengths and ways forward across member and non-member countries, and paves the way for the definition of a common methodology to monitor the progress of NUPs at the global level.

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