The role of local and regional governments and their associations in Localizing the SDGs

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LGAs role achieving the 2030 Agenda

The role of national Local Governments Associations

For the national associations, global agendas present an opportunity to internationalize their municipal agenda.

The Localization of the SDGs can improve the capacities of its municipalities and provide international visibility for the progress made at a local and regional level.

Raising Awareness

Helping LRGs and citizens understand their role in:

1) the implementation of the SDGs in their territories
2) the definition and evaluation of national and territorial strategies.

Advocacy

Facilitate the participation of LRGs in the development of national SDG strategies to ensure they reflect and respond to local circumstances, needs and priorities, following a bottom-up
approach.

Reporting

It serves as a way to be more transparent and accountable, both inwards and outwards.
It can help strengthen coordination and cohesive policy and effective implementation of the SDGs.

Capacity Building

Support Knowledge transfer and update
Support Capacity of Local government politicians and technitians
Enable partnerships via other association (CIB)
Partnership with Academic

UCLG Areas of work

Awareness raising

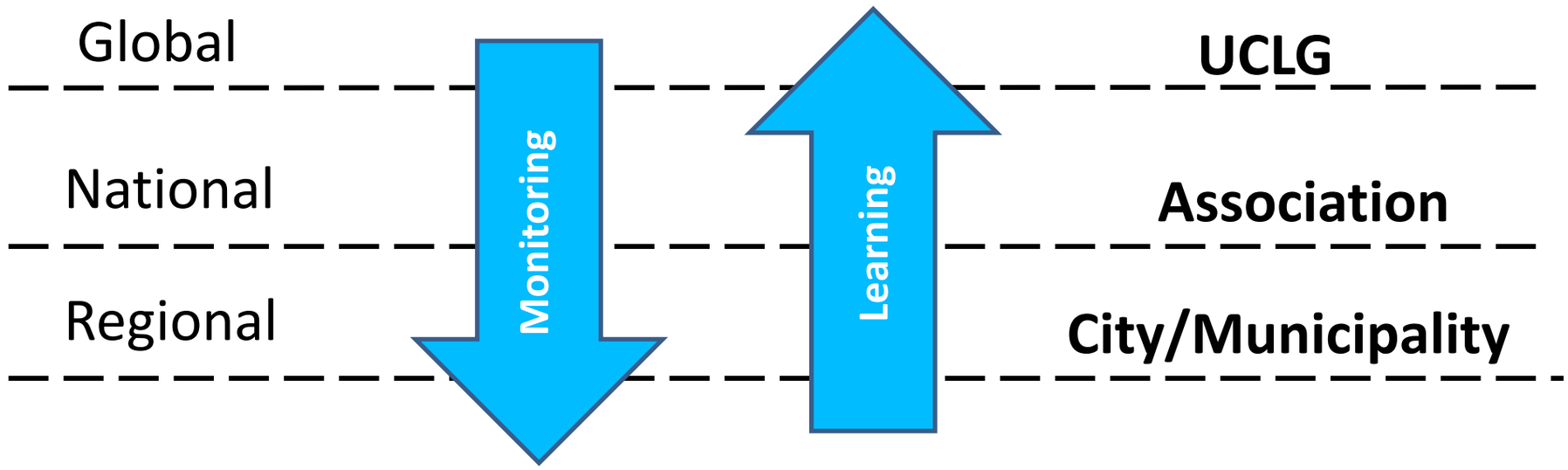
We, the local government Associations!

Localization relates both to:

1. How local and regional governments support the achievement of the SDGs at national level through action from the bottom up.

2. How the SDGs provide a framework for local development policy.

A multi-level perspective



Awareness and Advocacy
Local and Regional Governments at the HLPF

An opportunity for partnership

The COVID Aftermath Decalogue

Participating in the elaboration of the VNR of your country

- Reach out to national focal points at the highest political level.
- Maintain permanent contact with national focal points at the technical level.
- Clarify modalities and procedures of participation for LRGs in the VNRs.
- Co-organize a conference or event presenting the national consultation strategy.
- Foster the localization of the SDGs and its mechanisms & a bottom-up approach.
- Raise attention for An **enabling institutional environment** and an **adequate financing flows** to support localization.

Highlights of the 2020 Report to the HLPF "Towards the Localization of the SDGs"

- LRGs from all over the world reaffirm their strong commitment with the Global Agendas.

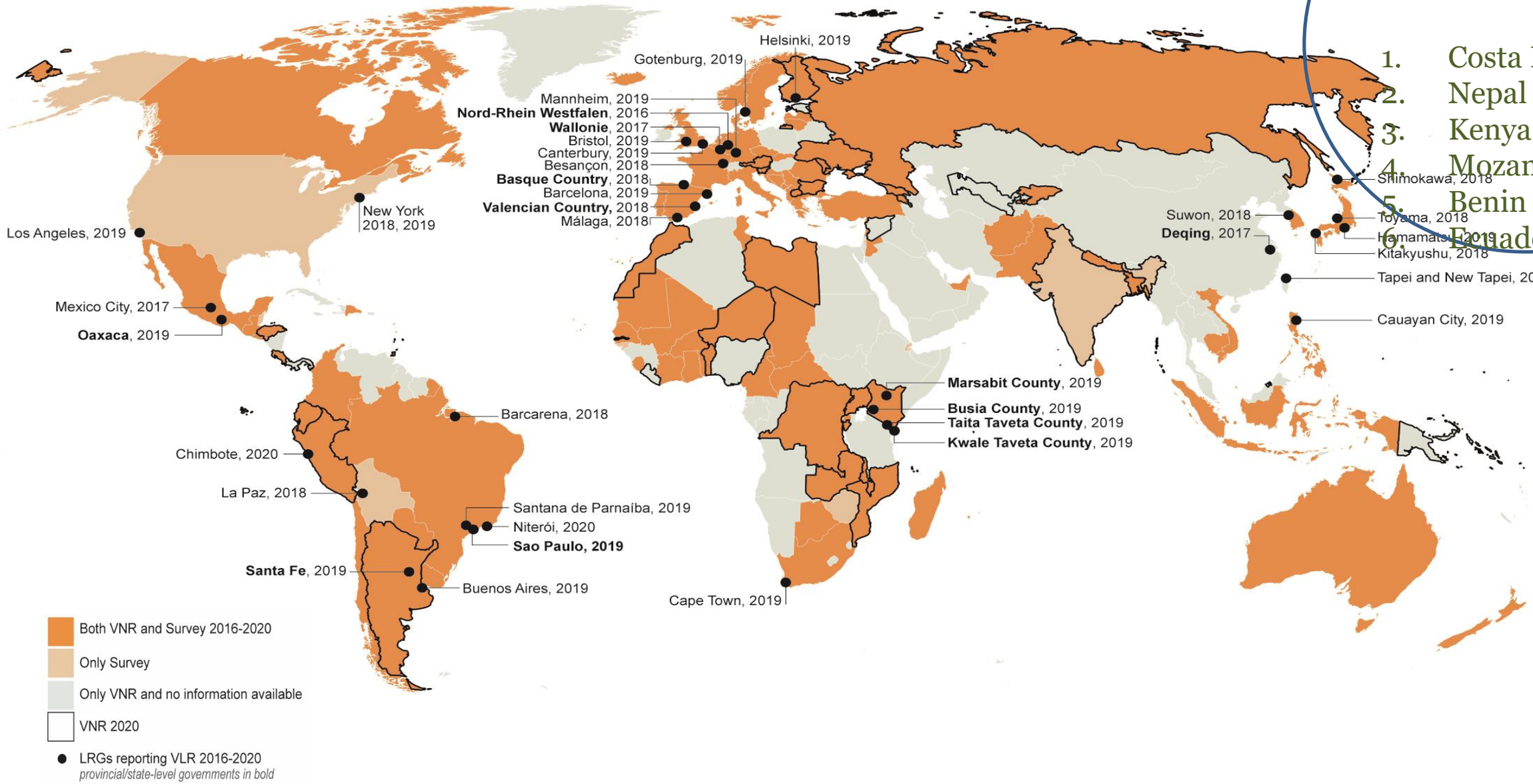
- LRGs are leading the expansion and amplification of the SDG localization movement

- Regions, provinces, cities from all sizes, metropoles, intermediary cities and towns are all making efforts to mainstream the SDGs into their local plans and policies:

LRGs from all regions contribute to the report & develop VLRs and VSR

2020,
6 pilot countries:

1. Costa Rica
2. Nepal
3. Kenya
4. Mozambique
5. Benin
6. Ecuador



Countries whose LRGs answered the GTF Survey (2016-2020) and that submitted their VNR to the HLPF

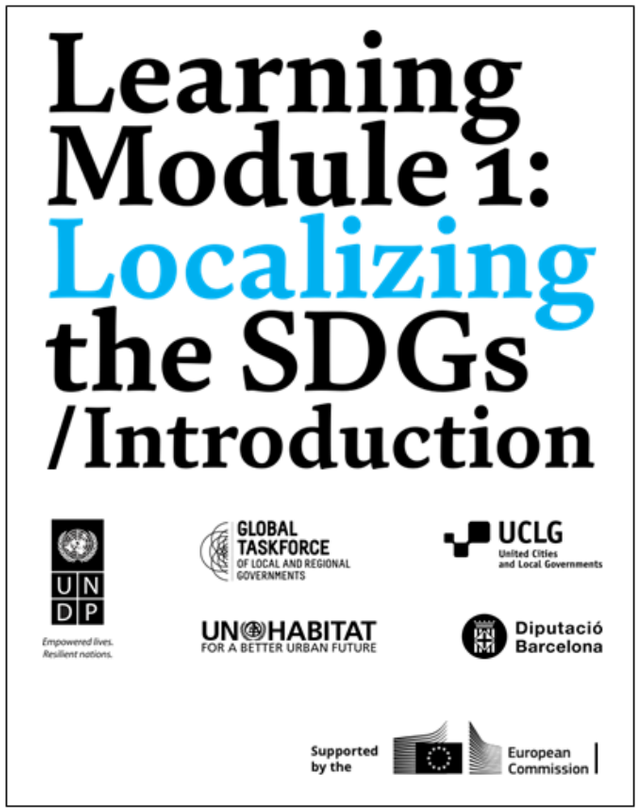
The UCLG Learning Agenda for Localizing the SDG

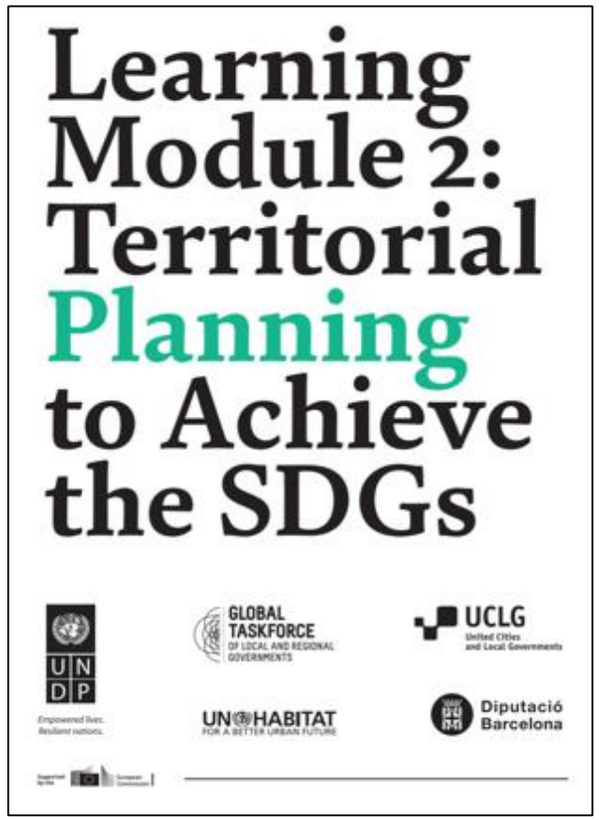
The objective of UCLG is to raise awareness for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) along local and regional governments, their associations, and networks to assist them in the localization process.

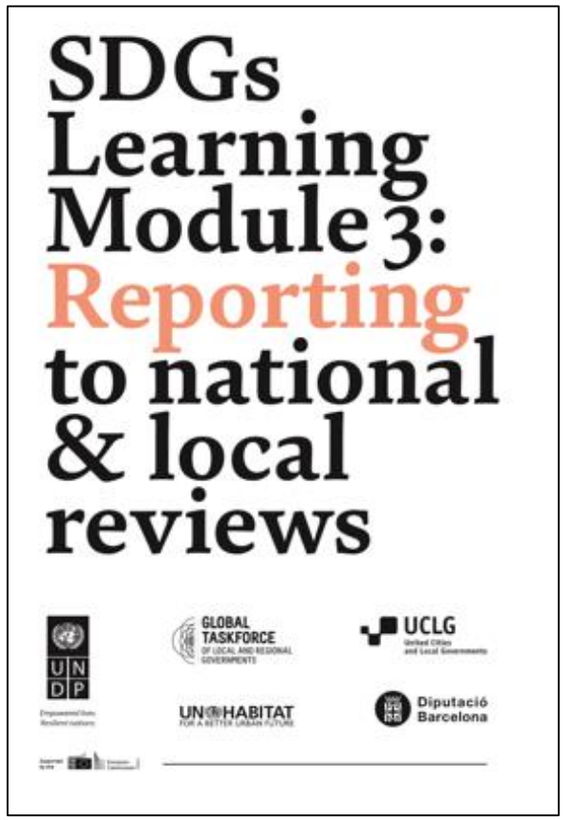
The Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments which is facilitated by UCLG, together with UNDP and UN-Habitat, have developed a series of tools to localize the SDGs.

The UCLG Learning Modules

Awareness raising → *SDG Alignment* → *Reporting*







What is in the learning pipeline ?

1. **Online courses** localizing the SDG , creating a Trainer community.
2nd course on localizing the SDG of 60 hours starts end of September

2. Massive online courses MOOC piloting a Mini Mooc on COVID response and on cultural strategies

3. MODULE 4 on localizing the SDG in Decentralized Cooperation

4. NEW area of Localizing the Sendai Framework and Resilience Development

5. Strategic use of webinars and engage trainer community promote the exchange of practices among members, identifying policy challenges

Localizing Global Agendas

- 1 ToT per region (TBC)
- Online courses (CIDEU & Dipu)
- Develop M4 on Descentralized Cooperation
- Launch Sendai Module

Peer-to-Peer Learning

- P2P Resilience (Costa Rica)
- P2P Assist Building Back Better (Indonesia)
- P2P (TBC)

Learning Forum

- New website (collecting learning tools within network)
- Webinars
- Virtual in-person exchanges

Partnership

Enlarge Capacity Building with United nation (ILO, UNDRR)
Partners of members (Escap, governments)
Network partners (Cconnective Cities)
Project partners

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Thank YOU

Looking forward to learn more

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