



Governance for the Sustainable Development Goals Capacity Development Curriculum

Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation

Module 1: Course Overview

Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government











I. Understanding the Sustainable Development



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17 Goals & 169 Targets





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Three Dimensions of Sustainable Development

- Sustainable development has been defined as *"development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"*. -Brundtland report, 1987
- For sustainable development to be achieved, it is crucial to harmonize three core elements: economic growth, social inclusion and environmental protection.



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Another Way to Look at SDGs – The Five Ps

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Universal

Inclusive

the SDGS

Indivisible

connected.

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All 17 goals are

"Leave no one

behind" is the

principal behind

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Every Actor involved has a moral duty to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda



Integrated Approach

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

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The issues confronting society today which the SDGs aim to tackle are so complex that they require multi-disciplinarily, transversal approach, also at the local level

2030 Agenda

The SDGs are a moral compass for a long-term vision

Cooperation

The SDGs can only be attained if we collaborate with all actors involved





Principles of

Effective Governance for Sustainable Development

Effectiveness

- » Competence
- » Sound policymaking
- Collaboration

Accountability

- » Integrity
- » Transparency
- » Independent oversight

Inclusiveness

- » Leaving no one behind
- Non-discrimination
- Participation
- Subsidiarity
- Intergenerational equity

Principles of effective governance for sustainable development

What are they for?

- » Building strong institutions at all levels
- » Serving as a reference point that brings together relevant standards and technical guidelines
- » Informing public sector reform initiatives for the SDGs

Where do they come from?

- » Developed by CEPA specifically for SDG implementation
- » Endorsed by the UN Economic and Social Council
- » Based on United Nations agreements

How can countries benefit from them?

- » As an analytical framework in policy formulation
- » As a guide in assessing institutional capacities, processes and culture
- » As a foundation of SDG awareness raising and training initiatives

Committee of Experts on Public Administration CEPA is an expert body of the United Nations that studies

- and makes recommendations to improve governance and public administration structures and processes for development.

Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development

How can they be of benefit?

- build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
- Support countries in operationalizing the institutional aspects of SDG 16 through concrete strategies
- Promote mainstreaming of effective ۰ governance in SDG implementation
- Engage all relevant stakeholders
- Bring together proven standards and operational guidelines
- Provide a baseline for policymaking





EFFECTIVENESS



What are the 11 principles of effective governance?

How does one know when countries have implemented good governance? Although a cornerstone of all developmental efforts and the sine qua non of sustainability, governance is often nebulous. As a concept, it is hard to decipher. As a practice, it is hard to pin down. The eleven Principles of effective governance for sustainable development tackle precisely this conundrum: how to lucidly operationalize governance so that everyone can find common ground when talking about its scope and scale thereby integrating it ably into SDG implementation.

Developed to help interested countries, on a voluntary basis, build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions with a view to achieving the transformative vision of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, they apply to all public institutions, including executive and legislative organs, public entities active in security and justice sectors, independent constitutional bodies and state enterprises, among others.

Coupled with 62 commonly applied strategies, many of which have been recognized and endorsed over the years in various United Nations forums, resolutions and treaties, the 11 principles are being operationalized in such ways that the global tapestry of governance can be made more visible and legible for all countries and all people.

What are the objectives?

Help interested countries, on a voluntary basis, build

effective, accountable, inclusive

institutions at all levels, with a view to achieving the shared vision for the people and the planet embodied in the 2030 Agenda.



SDG implementation

Strengthening evidence -based and action-oriented support for the implementation and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda

Promoting policy and institutional coherence

Effective governance

Bringing together relevant standards and operational guidelines in all areas of institution-building relevant to SDGs



Engagement platform

Engaging the relevant United Nations organizations, regional organizations and professional and academic communities Invigorating partnerships

Promoting collaboration and engagement

Reference point

Establishing, maintaining, and enhancing effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

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11 Principles - 62 Strategies of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development

	Effectiveness					Accountability					
Competence		Sound policymaking		Collaboration		Integrity		Transparency		Independent oversight	
1.	Promotion of a professional public	9.	Strategic planning and foresight	17.	Centre of government	22.	Promotion of anti-corruption	29.	Proactive disclosure of	34.	Promotion of the independence of
2.	sector workforce Strategic human resources	10. 11.	Regulatory impact analysis Promotion of		coordination under the Head of State or		policies, practices and bodies	30.	information Budget transparency	35.	Arrangements for review of
3.	management Leadership development and	12.	coherent policymaking Strengthening	18.	Government Collaboration, coordination,	23.	Codes of conduct for public officials	31.	Open government data		administrative decisions by courts or other bodies
	training of civil servants		national statistical systems		integration and dialogue across	24.	public	32.	Registries of beneficial	36. 37.	Independent audit Respect for legality
4.	Performance management Results-based	13.	Monitoring and evaluation systems		levels of government and functional areas	25.	procurement Elimination of bribery and	33.	ownership Lobby registries		
6.	management Financial management	14.	Science-policy interface	19.	Raising awareness of the		trading in influence				
7.	and control Efficient and fair	15.	frameworks		Sustainable Development	26.	Conflict of interest policies				
8.	revenue administration Investment in e- government	16.	Data sharing	20.	Goals Network-based governance	27.	Whistle-blower protection Provision of				
	0			21.	Multi- stakeholder		adequate remuneration				
					partnerships		and equitable pay scales for public servants				



Inclusiveness

11 Principles - 62 Strategies of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development

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Inclusiveness							
Leaving no one behind 38. Promotion of equitable fiscal and	Non-discrimination42. Promotion of public sector	Participation 49. Free and fair elections	Subsidiarity 54. Fiscal federalism 55. Strengthening	Intergenerational equity 58. Multilevel governance 59. Sustainable development			
 monetary policy 39. Promotion of social equity 40. Data disaggregation 41. Systematic follow-up and review 	 workforce diversity 43. Prohibition of discrimination in public service delivery 44. Multilingual service delivery 45. Accessibility standards 46. Cultural audit of institutions 47. Universal birth registration 	 50. Regulatory process of public consultation 51. Multi-stakeholder forums 52. Participatory budgeting 53. Community- driven development 	urban governance 56. Strengthening municipal finance and local finance systems 57. Enhancement of local capacity for prevention, adaptation and mitigation of external shocks	 impact assessment 60. Long-term public debt management 61. Long-term territorial planning and spatial development 62. Ecosystem management 	ECOSOC United Nations		
	48. Gender-responsive budgeting						





Equipping Public Servants with the Capacities to Implement the SDGs

The <u>2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</u> recognizes the need to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies that provide equal access to justice. It calls for societies based on respect for human rights (including the right to development), on effective rule of law and good governance at all levels and on effective, accountable and inclusive institutions, as elaborated in Sustainable Development Goal 16.

The <u>11 Principles of Effective Governance</u> for Sustainable Development, developed by the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 2018 highlight the need for pragmatic and ongoing improvements in national and local governance capabilities to reach the SDGs. One of the Principles of Effective Governance is competence. A competent and effective public service with well-motivated and professional public servants is at the center of success in implementing government policies and programs related to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, including in delivering services to those left furthest behind. Without a dedicated effort to help governments mobilize and develop the knowledge and capacities of public servants at all levels, progress on the SDGs may be undermined.



"The pandemic has provided us with an important moment to reflect on two key issues: How to better support public servants in their work and how to build institutional resilience in the public sector so that we can better meet such challenges in the future." Mr. Zhenmin Liu, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs on the occasion of UN Public Service Day 2020





VISION

The Curriculum on Governance is a comprehensive set of training of trainers capacity development toolkits, which contain ready-to-use training material on key governance dimensions needed to advance the implementation of the SDGs. By facilitating training of trainers, the Curriculum can help equip public servants with the knowledge and capacities to effectively implement the SDGs. The Curriculum's training material can be used to run face-to-face and online training workshops at national and local government levels.

GOAL

The Curriculum's goal is to promote critical understanding of sustainable development issues, enhance governance capacity, strengthen public servants' awareness of their active role in contributing to the achievement of the SDGs and develop the knowledge and capacities required to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The capacity development training workshops intend to support concrete outcomes and lasting impact.

STRUCTURE

The Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs is composed of a number of training of trainers toolkits. They have been developed in a holistic way and are complementary. They are structured around modules that include readings, self-assessment situation analysis, application of theories learned to concrete issues and challenges, priority setting exercises, cooperative and experiential learning through case studies, action planning and other activities that can assist countries in advancing governance transformation for sustainable development.





METHODOLOGY

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The Curriculum is designed and implemented through the engagement of governments and schools of public administration. Its methodology is based on key building blocks in line with the UN Secretary General's vision:

• Promoting systems thinking;

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- Leveraging the potential of ICT and digital government;
- Fostering collaboration and co-creation;
- Driving institutional transformational change;
- Focusing on impact;
- Enhancing flexibility.

The Curriculum provides methodologies and approaches that can advance knowledge and assist governments in developing capacities at the individual, organizational and institutional/societal level, to drive the transformational change needed to implement the 2030 Agenda. The toolkits are intended to be used in interactive, results-oriented and engaging training courses. Modules from various toolkits can be combined based on a country's needs. The training toolkits will be continuously updated and expanded based on the feedback received from schools of public administration and governments. They will become "living documents".







GLOBAL INITIATIVE ON GOVERNANCE FOR THE SDGs

UN DESA's Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), which is leading the UN Programme on Public Administration, coordinates the Global Initiative on Developing Capacities of Public Servants for SDG implementation. The Initiative is in line with the ECOSOC Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development. It aims at developing the capacities of governments and public servants (in terms of knowledge, skills, attitudes, leadership competences and mindsets) to support the implementation of the SDGs.

The Global Initiative has led to the establishment of Regional Task Forces of Schools of Public Administration, Management Development Institutes and human resources managers in the public sector. The Regional Task Forces have contributed to the overall design of the Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs, which was developed by UN DESA/DPIDG. Every year new toolkits will be added depending on the demand and needs of governments and schools of public administration, and in close collaboration with the Resident Coordinators system and relevant partners.

UN DESA/DPIDG'S CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOCUS

UN DESA leads the development arm of the United Nations Secretariat. With a mission to promote development for all, the Department provides thought leadership, capacity development, and encourages multilateral partnerships to empower countries and people to achieve their development goals. It also brings the UN together on sustainable development to facilitate greater complementarity and coherence.

The overall capacity development mission of the <u>UN</u> <u>DESA/DPIDG</u> is to support governments in strengthening their capacities to translate the SDGs and other internationally agreed goals into institutional arrangements, strategies and programmes for effective service delivery and participatory, accountable and inclusive decision-making processes.

The Division's capacity development efforts are geared towards supporting developing countries, with a focus on Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).





BENEFICIARIES

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The Curriculum and its training toolkits can be used in different ways by:

- Governments and schools of public administration or institutions with training mandates. Trainers have access to the material produced to mainstream the courses and modules into their own curricula, depending on their specific needs.
- Resident Coordinators, UN agencies and Regional Commissions to conduct national capacity development workshops.
- Members of the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN).
- •UN DESA to conduct regional and national workshops, upon governments' request, and in collaboration with the United Nations Regional Commissions and Resident Coordinators.





What are the Topics of the Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs?





PUBLIC SERVANTS' MINDSETS TO IMPLEMENT THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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INNOVATION AND ICT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY

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TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND ETHICS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

UN DESA | DPIDG Training of Trainers I English



GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS

UN DESA | DPIDG | UNPOG Training of Trainers I English



INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND GOVERNANCE CAPACITIES FOR POLICY COHERENCE

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EFFECTIVE NATIONAL TO LOCAL PUBLIC GOVERNANCE FOR SDG IMPLEMENTATION

UN DESA | DPIDG | UNPOG Training of Trainers I English



RISK-INFORMED GOVERNANCE AND INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND RESILIENCE

UN DESA | DPIDG | UNPOG Training of Trainers I English



DIGIT4SD: DIGITAL GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTATION

UN DESA | DPIDG Training of Trainers I English







E-GOVERNMENT FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

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INTEGRATED POLICIES AND POLICY COHERENCE FOR THE SDGs

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IV. Training Toolkit at a Glance



Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation

Related SDGs: SDG 11,16, 17

Keywords: Institutions, National to Local, SDG 16

Language: English

Objectives:

The primary objective of the training is to strengthen public institutions to facilitate more coherent implementation of the SDGs, while supporting greater integrated public governance, including through planning, policymaking and finance practices, between national and local authorities.

Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the training, participants will be able to:

- Apply the principle of effective governance to build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels, with a view to achieving the shared vision for the people and the planet embodied in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- **Mobilize whole-of-government approaches** for strengthening vertical coordination and aligning national to local planning to accelerate progress on the Sustainable Development Goals
- **Implement whole-of-society approach** for national to local planning to ensure effective stakeholder engagement in public governance and leave no one behind
- Identify and apply various innovating financing to advance local SDG implementation
- **Develop a governance strategy and roadmaps** on monitoring, evaluating and accelerating SDG implementation at the local level while communicating progress.
- Participate in developing local government's reports in the localization of the SDGs and the global agendas. These actions will serve as key inputs to support their involvement in the national process and contribute to the report to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development







IV. Training Toolkit at a Glance (Cont.)



Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation

Methodology

- Set of comprehensive and fully customizable training material
- Can be used as direct training or training of trainers
- · In-class lectures and course assignments
- The feedback on the assignments will be given in-class
- Full attendance and participation in the assignments is required
- Can be tailored for the specific context.

Target Audience

- Government officials, from both national and local government agencies,
- Schools of public administration and institutes of public management
- UN Country Teams and others
- Other relevant stakeholder, including civil society organizations, the private sector, and academia, will also be actively involved

Access the Toolkit: The toolkit is free of charge; link to the Toolkit will be provided.









IV. Training Toolkit at a Glance (Cont.)



Syllabus

The Toolkit is comprised of the following Modules that can be used to conduct a regional or national training:

Module 1: Course Introduction & Self-Assessment

Module 2: Strengthening Institutional Effectiveness for SDGs

- Module 2.1: Effective Institutions
- Module 2.2: Institutional Arrangements
- Module 2.3: Whole-of-Government Approach
- Module 2.4: Whole-of-Society Approach
- Module 2.5: Need for Localization of SDGs

Module 3: Localizing the SDGs

- Module 3.1: Regional and Global Trends of Localization
- Module 3.2: Vertical Integration for Policy Coherence
- Module 3.3: Consultation Process for Policy Formulation
- Module 3.4: Localization from national to Sub-national
- Module 3.5: National to Local Planning
- Module 3.6: National to Local Governance for Effective Health Emergency Management
- Module 3.7: Resource Allocation and Capacity Building

Module 4: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting

- Module 4.1: Monitoring and Evaluation
- Module 4.2: Reporting SDGs

Module 5: Action Plan for Accelerating Change

- Identification Roadblocks And Opportunities
- Change Project Completion



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V. Training Toolkit at a Glance (Cont.)



Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation							
Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5		
Modules	Strengthening Institutional Effectiveness for SDGs	Localizing the SDGs	Localizing the SDGs	Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting	Action Plan for Accelerating Change		
	Module 1: Welcome & Course Introduction Introduction of Speakers and Participants; Programme Overview; Icebreaker Activity (09:00-10:00)	Module 3.1: Regional and Global Trends of Localization Presentation (09:00-09:30) Activity(09:30-10:30)	Module 3.5: National to Local Planning Presentation (09:00-09:20) Activity (09:20-09:50) Presentation (09:50-10:10) Activity (10:10-10:30)	Module 4.1: Monitoring and Evaluation Presentation (09:00-09:30) Activity (09:30-10:00) Presentation (10:00-10:30) Activity (10:30-11:00)	Module 5: Action Plan for Accelerating Change Identification and Roadblocks and Opportunities		
Morning Session	Module 2.1: Effective Institutions Presentation (10:00-10:15) Group Discussion (10:15-10:30) Presentation (10:30-10:45) Group Discussion (10:45-11:00)	Module 3.2: Vertical Integration for Policy Coherence Presentation (10:30-10:45) Activity (10:45-11:00) Presentation (11:00-11:25)	Module 3.6: National to Local Governance for Effective Health Emergency Management Presentation (10:30-11:30) Activity(11:30-12:00)	e Health Emergency ManagementActivity (11:30-12:00)Presentation (10:30-11:30)	(09:00-12:00)		
	Module 2.2: Institutional Arrangements Presentation (11:00-11:15) Short Discussion (11:15-11:30) Presentation (11:30-11:45) Group Discussion (11:45-12:00)	Activity (11:25-12:00)					
		L	unch Break				
	Module 2.3: Whole-of-Government Approach Presentation (13:30-14:00) Activity(14:00-14:30)	Module 3.3: Consultation Process for Policy Formulation Presentation (13:30-13:45) Activity (13:45-14:15) Presentation (14:15-14:30) Activity (14:20-15:00)	Module 3.7: Resource Allocation and	Module 4.2: Reporting SDGs	Module 5: Action Plan for Accelerating Change		
Afternoon Session	Module 2.4: Whole-of-Society Approach Presentation (14:30-14:45) Group Discussion (14:45-15:00) Presentation (15:00-15:15) Activity(15:15-15:30)	Activity(14:30-15:00) Module 3.4: Localization from National to Sub- National Presentation (15:00-15:30) Activity (15:30-15:50)	Capacity Development Presentation (13:30-14:00) Activity (14:00-14:30) Presentation (14:30-15:00) Activity (15:00-15:30) Presentation (15:30-16:00) Activity (16:00-16:20)	Presentation (13:30-14:00) Activity (14:00-14:30) Presentation (14:30-15:00) Activity (15:00-15:30) Presentation (15:30-16:00) Activity (3:16:00-16:30)	Completion & Presentation of Change Project (13:30-15:30) Lessons and impressions (15:30-16:30)		
	Module 2.5: Need for Localization of SDGs Presentation (15:30-16:00) Activity(16:00-16:30)	Presentation (15:50-16:10) Activity(16:10-16:30)	Activity (16:00-16:30)		Course Evaluation by Participants & Closing Session		
	Wrap-up & Reflection (16:30 -17:00)	Wrap-up & Reflection (16:30 -17:00)	Wrap-up & Reflection (16:30 -17:00)	Wrap-up & Reflection (16:30 -17:00)	(16:30 - 17:00) 22		





SDG achievement depends strongly on solving the societal problems.

There is a gap in the real challenges and opportunities due to the lack of effective institutional mechanisms at the local level to deliver on the SDGs.

Local governments are often confronted with difficulties and struggling.

SDGs implementation remains scattered or fragmented.

Lack of institutional effectiveness among national and local governments may challenge SDG implementation.

Citizens, governments, private sector, government institutions all tend to be indifferent to SDGs.

The toolkit focuses on localization effort of the national and local governments



V. Background of the Training Toolkit



A call to strengthen institutions from national-local level



December 2017 Symposium

"Building Effective, Accountable and Inc lusive Institutions and Public Administr ation for Advancing the 2030 Agenda fo r Sustainable Development"





June 2018 UN Public Service Forum Workshop "Governance to localize the S DGs" **November 2019 Regional Symposium** Workshop "Governance to localize the SDG s"





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WORKING TOGETHER: INTEGRATION, INSTITUTIONS AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

World Public Sector Report 2018



World Public Sector Report 2018

- Use Decentralization Legal/Regulatory Framework to Empower Local Governments for SDG implementation
- Ensure Public budgets are Participatory and Resource Allocation match LG responsibilities
- Incentives for public service to break silos work via Whole of Government approach
- Closing National to Local Capacity Gaps, and
- Using Integrated Planning Tools

Chapter 3: Vertical Integration for the Implementation of the SDGs



V. Background of the Training Toolkit



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High-level political forum on sustainable development Convened under the auspices of the General Assembly 24 and 25 September 2019 Item 6 of the provisional agenda* Adoption of the political declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Political declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly

The high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly

 Adopts the political declaration entitled "Gearing up for a decade of action and delivery for sustainable development: political declaration of the Sustainable Development Goals Summit", annexed to the present resolution;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly endorse, at its seventy-fourth session, the political declaration as adopted by the forum.

10 Accelerators for the SDGs

(e) Bolstering local action to accelerate implementation: we commit to empower and support cities, local authorities and communities in pursuing the 2030 Agenda. We recognize their critical role in implementing and realizing the SDGs.



VI. Objectives



Strengthening institutional effectiveness

Localizing SDGs for accelerating progress on the SDGs

Apply whole-of-government and whole-ofsociety approach

Reinforcing the mechanism of monitoring, evaluating and accelerating SDG implementation 3

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VII. Key Questions



What are the gaps and barriers between national and local governments for implementing SDGs and how large are those gaps? What are the strategies for empowering, engaging and inspiring local governments to implement SDGs?

How do you ensure, support and improve citizen engagement on the local level for SDG implementation? How can we achieve effective coordination and collaboration between national government, local governments and citizens for sustainable development?



VIII. Relation to Other Training Toolkits







Changing Mindsets in Public Institutions to Implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Transparency, Accountability and Ethics in Public Institutions

Institutional Arrangements and Governance Capacities for Policy Coherence

Government Innovation for Social Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups



Risk-informed Governance and Innovative Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience



Innovation and Digital Government for Public Service Delivery



Integrated Policies and Policy

Coherence for the SDGs



DiGIT4SD: Digital Government Implementation



IX. Let's Get to Know Each Other





What has brought you here?

What is a main challenge you or your organization is facing in localizing the sustainable development goals?

What would you like to learn from this workshop?

Describe how you want your country to be in 10 years. Prioritize 3 changes relative to the National to Local coordination. Discuss changes required in values, attitudes, behaviours, capabilities, relations, institutions and policies





Please attend the entire session of the workshop

Share your ideas



Actively participate and contribute to discussions

Try to connect the lessons learned to your work function in concrete terms



X. Change Project



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During the workshop, each participant will develop Change Project which identifies potential challenges and opportunities from your own localization process in your national context Change project will be related to the problems the trainee has identified in his organization. The change project should ideally have practical relevance for the trainee or the organization that he/she is working for

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As the workshop proceeds, each learning points will be incorporated to enhancing the Change Project

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At the end of the workshop, each participant will present the Change Project to the group

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Contact us for any requests for further capacity development support

The toolkit is intended to be used in face to face or virtual capacity development trainings. To consider follow-up support, we encourage national and local governments to request further capacity development assistance by sending an email to Juwang Zhu, Director, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG) of United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) at **unpan@un.org**. This is the Decade of Action, and at the UN we are committed to helping governments achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and leave no one behind.



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Annex

Annotated Day By Day Agenda

Day 1: Strengthening Institutional Effectiveness for SDGs

9:00-10:00	Module 1: Welcome and Course Introduction
5.00-10.00	Introduction of Speakers and Participants; Programme Overview; Icebreaker Activity
10:00-11:00	Module 2.1 : Effective Accountable and Inclusive Institutions
	This module introduces, defines, and explains effective institutions. It will facilitate the understanding of the requirement of effective institutions for the achievement of
	the 2030 Agenda. Participants will be introduced an approach to supporting and strengthening institutions as well as the 'Principles of Effective Governance for
Content	Sustainable Development' developed by the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA).
content	Activity
	Reviewing the CEPA 11 Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development
	Group discussion on effective institutions
	Learn the concept of effective institutions
	 Identify the need of effective Institutions for SDGs implementation
Learning Outcomes	Understanding why effective institutions is vital for SDG implementation
	Identify approaches to effective institution building
	Understanding institutional roles and responsibilities
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	Group Discussion (10:45-11:00)



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11:00-12:00	Module 2.2: Institutional Arrangements
Content	Institutional arrangements refer to formal government organizational structures as well as informal norms which are in place in a country for arranging and undertaking its policy work. These arrangements are crucial as they provide the government at all levels (federal, provincial and Local) with the framework within which to formulate and implement policies. All governments do have a cross-jurisdictional nature, which include national, intermediary (provincial/state) and municipal/local authorities. The better coordinated their actions are, the higher the SDG implementation rates tend to be. SDGs implementation remains scattered or fragmented due to the lack of effective collaboration and coordination between national and local governments to solve social problems and promote and implement SDGs. Lack of institutional effectiveness among/within national and local governments may challenge SDG implementation. Multi-dimensional nature of SDGs, their complexity and interconnectedness call for rethinking governmental strategies and for applying different approaches to governance, based on the principles of accountability, innovation, integration, and collaboration. A variety of institutional arrangements for SDG implementation were reported in countries at the national as well as sub-national levels. The Module presents institutional arrangements at the national and local level focusing on the horizontal and vertical coordination among the different level of governments. It also provides examples of such practices from different corners of the world including institutional mechanisms facilitating multi-stakeholder engagement, models of engagement with CSO and, local stakeholders.
	Case Studies • Pakistan: Institutional Coordination and Oversight • SDGs national coordination team in Indonesia • Institutional structure for SDG implementation in Nigeria • Institutional arrangement for SDG implementation in Sierra Leone Activity • Group Discussion on Coordination • Group Discussion on improving institutional arrangements for SDG implementation
Learning Outcomes	 Understanding the importance of institutional arrangements for SDGs implementation Understanding how institutional arrangements can be strengthened Learn about different types of institutional arrangements Identify approaches horizontal and vertical coordination Increased understanding of cross-sectoral coordination
Key Readings	 Economic, U. N., & Council, S. (2018). Committee of Experts on Public Administration. Report on the sixteenth session. https://publicadministration.un.org/en/CEPA/session16 UN ESCAP (2019). Report of the Sixth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development. https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/APFSD6_3E_1.pdf UNDP (2017). Institutional and Coordination Mechanisms: Guidance Note on Facilitating Integration and Coherence for SDG Implementation. t.ly/UUD0 United Cities and Local Governments (2019). The Localization of the Global Agendas How local action is transforming territories and communities. Chapter 2:The metropolitan context and the SDGs. https://www.metropolis.org/sites/default/files/resources/The-Localization-of-the-Global-Agenda.pdf United Nations (2018). Compendium of National Institutional Arrangements for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. https://www.local2030.org/library/441/Compendium-of-National Institutional Arrangements for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.tly/2yzQ United Nations (2020). Compendium of National Institutional Arrangements for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.tly/rFjb Tasan-Kok T. and Vranken J (2011), Handbook for Multilevel Urban Governance in Europe
Schedule	Presentation (11:00-11:15) Short Discussion (11:15-11:30) Presentation (11:30-11:45) Group Discussion (11:45-12:00)
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break




13:30-14:30	Module 2.3: Whole-of-Government Approach
Content	The creation of a coordinating structure to incorporate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into the actions of all areas of government and to bring various government institutions together to develop and implement integrated policies is one of the most formal mechanisms for adopting the whole of government approach. However, to sustain impetus for implementation of the 2030 Agenda, efforts need to go beyond merely creating an institutional framework. They need to create new dynamics for collaboration throughout policy cycles, across sectors and between levels of government. This module introduces a whole-of-government approach to facilitate synergies, manage trade-offs, and avoid or minimize negative spill-overs, in line with the "indivisible economic, social and environmental pillars" of the 2030 Agenda. It also describes the main characteristics of the whole-of-government approach. The module aims to investigate specific experiences of implementing the whole of government approach as part of the 2030 Agenda. Case Studies:
	 Belize: A strategy for strengthening cross-sectoral coordination Georgia: An evolving institutional landscape to implement and review the 2030 Agenda Guatemala: A strategy for coordinating different levels of government Mongolia: Aligning policies to the 2030 Agenda and strengthening policy coherence Activity Discussion on the challenges and opportunities of coordination mechanisms
Learning Outcomes	 Understand what is whole of government, its need for SDG implementation Explores the barriers and enablers to whole of government work Identify the main strengths and challenges of different coordinating structures and common features in the organization of these structures. Understanding the rationale of whole of government to localizing and achieving the SDGs
Key Readings	 Colgan, A., Kennedy, L.A., and Doherty, N. (2014) A Primer on implementing whole of government approaches. Dublin: Centre for Effective Services. Global Alliance (2019). Enabling the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through SDG 16+: Anchoring peace, justice, and inclusion. ITU (2019). SDG Digital Investment Framework A Whole-of-Government Approach to Investing in Digital Technologies to Achieve the SDGs. Karina Cázarez-Grageda (2019). The whole of government approach: Initial lessons concerning national coordinating structures for the 2030 Agenda. OECD (2006). Whole of Government Approachs to Fragile States OECD (2011), Estonia: Towards a Single Government Approach, OECD Public Governance Reviews, OECD Publishing
Schedule	Presentation (13:30-14:00) Activity(14:00-14:30)





14:30-15:30	Module 2.4: Whole-of-Society Approach
Content	Multi-dimensional nature of SDGs, their complexity, and interconnectedness call for the engagement of key stakeholders in defining meaningful policies, programs, and actions as well as in their implementation. A variety of institutional arrangements for such engagements were reported in countries at the national as well as sub-national levels. The Module presents examples of such practices from different corners of the world including institutional mechanisms facilitating multi-stakeholder engagement, models of engagement with academia, youth, local stakeholders. In addition, it introduces principles and methodologies of stakeholder engagement. Critically, it emphasizes an engagement with those who do not benefit from the gains of development risk being left behind. The module also introduces approaches and Tools for Strengthening Stakeholder Engagement for the SDGs. Case studies • Experience of Timor Leste's multi-stakeholder engagement • Planning for effective engagement in Mauritius • Working with non-state actor representative bodies to develop an inclusive VNR in Chile • Partnership to ensure iterative engagement in Cameroon Activity • Stakeholder Engagement – Basic Questions & Challenges • Institutionalizing Engagement
Learning Outcomes	 Strengthened understanding of the importance of stakeholder engagement in SDG implementation at the local level Explore the challenges of stakeholder identification and engagement Ability to define principles for stakeholder classification and strategies for their engagement and their potential application locally to tackle SDG targets and local challenges Understanding of possibilities for integrating stakeholder perspectives into planning processes from the beginning
Key Readings	 BCCIC(2019). A whole-of-society approach: Partnerships to realize the 2030 Agenda. Karina Cázarez-Grageda (2018). The Whole of Society Approach: Levels of engagement and meaningful participation of different stakeholders in the review process of the 2030 Agenda. Marchessault, L. (2015). Public participation and the budget cycle: Lessons from country examples. London: Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency. UN DESA (2020). Multi-stakeholder engagement in 2030 Agenda implementation: A review of Voluntary National Review Reports (2016-2019). OECD (2020). A territorial approach to the sustainable development goals. https://www.oecd.org/cfe/a-territorial-approach-to-the-sustainable-development-goals-e86fa715-en.htm
Schedule	Presentation (14:30-14:45) Group Discussion (14:45-15:00) Presentation (15:00-15:15) Activity(15:15-15:30)





15:30-16:30	Module 2.5 : Need for Localization of SDGs
Content	 Localizing refers to the process of adapting, implementing and monitoring the SDGs at the local level. Nearly all the SDGs have targets that will depend on local government actions. Localization is the process by which local authorities and local stakeholders will adapt and implement these targets within cities and human settlements. Most countries today have multi-level governance structures, meaning that urban and local governments are directly responsible for delivering a large part of the national governments' commitment to the SDGs. In fact, as much as 65 percent of the SDG agenda may not be fully achieved without the involvement of urban and local actors. Given their critical role, local governments cannot be mere implementers of a global or national SDG agenda, but must be partners in co-creating and defining policy and programmatic responses, and in the implementation and monitoring of progress against the goals and targets. This module introduces the need for SDG localization. This module aims to support nationa, local and regional governments to localize the SDGs and to influence national policy-making to create an enabling environment for action at local and regional level. Case Studies Various short cases on Localizing the 2030 Agenda Activity Why SDGs are Important for Local & Regional Government and vice versa?
Learning Outcomes	 Understanding of the concept and importance of localization of SDGs Support to Improving of localization strategy Understand why SDGs are Important for Local & Regional Government Learn the importance of LRGs for SDGs
Key Readings	 Oosterhof, P. D. (2018). Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals to Accelerate Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Reddy, P. S. (2016). Localising the sustainable development goals (SDGs): the role of local government in context. SDNS, U. (2016). Roadmap for localizing the SDGs: Implementation and monitoring at subnational level. Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments. UCLG (2018). The Sustainable Development Goals: What Local governments need to know. UN-Habitat, UNDP & GTF of Local and Regional Governments. Localizing the post-2015 development agenda- dialogues on implementation. s.l. : United Nations, 2015. United Nations Development Agenda. Version of 31st October 2014. New York: UNDP. VVSG (2020) Inspiration Guide - Integrating the SDGs into your Multi-Annual Policy Plan The Sustainable Development Goals: What Local Governments Need to Know From MDGs to Sustainable Development For All: Lessons from 15 Years of Practice Local and Regional Voices on the Global Stage: our Post-2015 Journey Roadmap for localizing the SDGs in Cities: a Guide for Local Stakeholders Localizing the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Dialogues on Implementation Delivering the SDGs in Cities: a Guide for Local Stakeholders Localizing the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Dialogues on Implementation Delivering the SDGs in Cities: a the National Levels
Schedule	15:30-16:00: Presentation 16:00-16:30: Group Activity
16:30-17:00	Day 1 Wrap up and Reflection





Day 2: Localizing the SDGs	
09:00-10:30	Module 3.1: Regional and Global Trends of Localization
Content	The UN Secretary-General's 2019 report to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) acknowledges that 'progress is being made and some favourable trends on SDG implementation are evident', but the 'global response has not been ambitious enough'. Overall, national governments have shown a high level of commitment to the achievement of the SDGs. Since 2016, the local and regional movement for the localization of the SDGs has been progressively expanding to all parts of the world, albeit at a different pace within and between regions. LRGs find themselves at different stages of the SDG implementation process. Although with important differences, committed LRGs in the majority of the regions are mostly in the preparatory phase of the process: moving from commitments to alignment with the SDGs of their urban development plans, policies or territorial strategies, raising awareness between local stakeholders and involving local partners, and defining coordination or followup mechanisms. This module offers the glimps of localization processes in world regions: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East and West Asia, and North America. It provides a set of guidelines and a roadmap to make localization a reality, to fully achieve the SDGs and other global agendas at the local level, and a call for territories and communities to 'leave no person or place behind'.
	 Local and Regional Governments Involvement in national coordination mechanisms and strategies
	Understanding the global trends of SDG localization trends
Learning	 Learn the different approaches to coordinate and align between national and subnational-level for SDG localization
Outcomes	Understanding how LRGs can be involved in SDG localization
	Finding the gap of SDG localization process between the World region
	UCLG (2019). Towards the localization of the SDG.
Key Readings	• Fernando Ortiz-Moya, Hirotaka Koike, Junko Ota, Yatsuka Kataoka, and Junichi Fujino (2020). STATE OF THE VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEWS 2020
	• Tony Pipa and Max Bouchet (2020). Next generation urban planning Enabling sustainable development at the local level through voluntary local reviews (VLRs)
Schedule	Presentation (09:00-09:30)
	Activity (09:30-10:30)
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break





	Day 2: Localizing the SDGs
10:30-12:00	Module 2.2: Vertical Integration for Policy Coherence
Content	At the high-level political forum, countries have emphasized that policy coherence, both horizontal (across government) and vertical (from national to regional and sub regional levels of government) presents a key challenge. The realization of the SDGs requires the coordination of actions of different levels of government. Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development, as a means of implementation that cuts across all the SDGs, is challenging to conceptualize, analyze, and communicate to decision-makers and the public. Vertical policy integration is required to deal with the challenge of coordinating and integrating sustainable development strategies and policies across different levels of governance. This module introduces the policy coherence framework to better align policy from national to local government. It also provides various approaches and tools available for creating vertical policy coherence, integration and partnerships for SDG implementation
	 Case Studies Mechanisms for multi-level collaboration and coordination in Germany Pakistan National SDG Framework - Engaging Three Levels of Government Aligning budgets to SDGs in Colombia Activity Readiness Assessment on Institutional Arrangements for Policy Coherence to Implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
Learning Outcomes	 Understand the concept and relevance of policy coherence Reflect on the building blocks of an institutional system for policy coherence Learn vertical integration across levels of government at the planning stage Learn the tools for vertical integration in SDG implementation
Key Readings	 Curran, P., Dougill, A., Pardoe, J., & Vincent, K. (2018). Policy coherence for sustainable development in sub-Saharan Africa. Policy brief, Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy. Dickens, C.; Nhlengethwa, S.; Ndhlovu, B. (2019). Mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals in developing countries. Colombo, Sri Lanka: International Water Management Institute OECD. (2016). Better Policies for Sustainable Development 2016: A New Framework for Policy Coherence. OECD Publishing OECD. (2017).Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development 2017. Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Prosperity. OECD. (2018). Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development 2018. Towards Sustainable and Resilient Societies. OECD. (2019). Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development 2019. Empowering People and Ensuring Inclusiveness and Equality. UNDP (2017). Rapid Integrated Assessment (RIA) Facilitating mainstreaming of SDGs into national and local plans. United Nations Environment Programme. (2016). Policy coherence of the sustainable development goals: a natural resource perspective. UN. Wayne-Nixon, Laurel, Wragg-Morris, Tanya, Mishra, Anjali, Markle, Dawson, Koster, Valenda, and Kindornay, Shannon. (2019). Transformative and coherent policies to realize the 2030 Agenda in Canada. Good Practice in 2030 Agenda Implementation Series. Vancouver and Ottawa: British Columbia Council for International Cooperation and Canadian Council for International Co-operation
Schedule	Presentation (10:30-10:45) Activity (10:45-11:00) Presentation (11:00-11:25) Activity (11:25-12:00)
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break





13:30-15:00	Module 3.3: Consultation Process for Policy Formulation
	Participation, consultation, and engagement are the critical elements for effective implementation of the 2030 agenda.
Contont	Citizens are indifferent to SDGs. They should be informed that the SDGs are relevant to their basic needs such as poverty and unemployment. In order to increase citizens' interest and support for SDGs, it is necessary to increase citizen engagement in the SDGs implementation and strengthen communication on the progress of SDGs implementation. In generic terms, citizens, governments, private sector, government institutions, etc. all tend to be indifferent to SDGs if they do not see a direct linkage between a specific SDG and a specific immediate benefit or service resulting from it. This is precisely one of the departure points to highlight the role of local authorities as they tend to be directly responsible for facilitating services which benefit citizens most directly, i.e. maternal health care and primary health care, water facilities, public transport, housing, job generation, energy, etc.
	This module focuses on the consultation process involving LRGs and the public for SDG localization.
	Case Studies
	Transparency in the local budgeting process – an example of the Republic of Korea
	Funding for SDGs and local participation – example of Australia
	Understand the concept, guidance, and process of consultation
Learning	 Learn to engage a multi-level dialogue with lower, upper levels of government and other stakeholders to localize the SDGs
Outcomes	 Learn to ensure the inclusiveness and accountability of the consultations Utilize different tools for consultation
	 Understanding how to tailor-make stakeholder engagement processes for vulnerable groups
	 Giguère, S. (2001). Local governance and partnerships: A summary of the findings of the OECD study on local partnerships. Paris: Co-operative Action Programme on Local
	Economic and Employment Development
	 Rodrigo, D., & Amo, P. A. (2006). Background document on public consultation. Available from the web site of Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.
Key Readings	
	Deliberation, 8(2), Article-9.
	TAP Network (). Promoting Inclusive Government Consultations.
	• United Nations Guidance Note on the Protection and Promotion of Civic Space (2020). https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/CivicSpace/UN_Guidance_Note.pdf
	Presentation (13:30-13:45)
	Activity (13:45-14:15)
Schedule	Presentation (14:15-14:30)
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15:00-16:30	Module 3.4: Localization from National to Sub-National
	Sustainable development depends on "the effective decentralization of responsibilities, policy management, decision-making authority and sufficient resources, including revenue collection authority, to local authorities, closest to, and most representative of, their constituencies".
	Local governments are often confronted with difficulties and struggling to take action on societal problems and sustainable development due to a number of constraints such as limited political and fiscal authority and development resources. Local governments embarking on SDG implementation should be proactive in strengthening their discretionary powers, as well as their performance and accountability. Local authorities could be given mandates and responsibilities which are commensurate with their capacity to deliver and their ability to obtain fiscal resources independently.
Content	This module focused on the decentralization and local governance approach to localize the SDGs. It teaches participants the mechanisms to stregthen and encourage local government. It alos assess decentralization and local governance based on citizen perspectives, multiple stakeholder perspectives, and self-assessments by local government institutions.
I	Case studies
I	National Disaster Management Information System, Republic of Korea
I	Activity
I	 Identification of the potential challenges and opportunities from decentralization for localizing the SDGs
L	Group discussion on to find out whether participants are familiar with any of the assessment tools (at country level, local level, on thematic issues, etc.)
1	Understanding the different approach of localization
Learning	Learn different forms of integrated local governance
Outcomes	 Explore mechanisms to strengthen & encourage local government Learn how to access decentralization and local government tools
<u> </u>	 Learn how to assess decentralization and local governance using different tools Aid, E. (2007). Supporting Decentralisation and Local Governance in Third Countries. Europe Aid Tools and Methods Series Reference Document, (2).
1	 Aid, E. (2007). Supporting Decentralisation and Local Governance in Third Countries. Europe Aid Tools and Methods Series Reference Document, (2). Government of the Republic of Korea (2018). Cases of Good Governance in Korea.
1	 Grävingholt, J., & von Haldenwang, C. (2016). The promotion of decentralization and local governance in fragile contexts (No. 20/2016). Discussion Paper.
1	 Illner, M. (2000). Decentralization reforms in Central and Eastern Europe and the CIS after 1989: aims, problems and solutions. decentralization: conditions for success. Lessons from Central and Eastern Europe
1	and the Commonwealth of Independent States. ST/ESA/PAD/SER. E/7, 23-38
Kay Boodings	Presidency, I. (2005). Decentralized Governance for Democracy, Peace, Development and Effective Service Delivery.
Key Readings	• Rao, S., Scott, Z. and Alam, M. (2014). Decentralisation and Local Government: Topic Guide (3rd ed.) Birmingham, UK: GSDRC, University of Birmingham.
1	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC. (2016). SDC Policy Democratization, Decentralization and Local Governance.
1	UNDP. (1999). Decentralization: a sampling of definitions. Working Paper.
1	• Welch, G., Work, R., & Rabinovitch, J. (2014). Decentralised governance for development: a combined practice note on decentralization, local governance and urban/rural development. t.ly/2Tu2
1	 UNDP (2015) A Users' Guide to Measuring Local Governance. https://bit.ly/3tVzrza UNHABITAT (2007) International guidelines on decentralisation and the strengthening of local authorities. https://bit.ly/2gk2IXI
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	Day 3: Localizing the SDGs	
09:00-10:30	Module 3.5: National to Local Planning	
	The main idea of this Module is that, for the successful implementation of the SDGs, their inclusion and mainstreaming into national and territorial policies, plans and strategies is crucial. The SDGs can be included in all the different stages of the policy cycle process. This means that, regardless of the stage that the trainees are currently in, they should be able to align their initiatives to the SDGs in any stage as it is very likely that they will have to develop this process in other stages of the planning and implementation processes in the future. Participants will explore the national-local linkage that inform and guide the translation of global agendas such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Participants will also learn how to tailor SDGs to national and local contexts. This Module also aims to stimulate a reflection on how the SDGs and the principles of the 2030 Agenda can be integrated into local development planning exercises. The goal is to inform participants on how SDGs can be instrumental for improving local development planning processes and, consequently, how local development planning can become a key driver for achieving the SDGs at all levels.	
Content	 Case Studies Germany's Sustainability Architecture and the SDGs' to the federal government Integrating the SDGs into development planning: Uganda Systems Thinking and Strategy Formulation in Belize based on the VISIS Approach Growth and Sustainable Development Strategy: <u>Belize</u> 	
	 Activity Checklist of aligning the public policy cycle to the 2030 Agenda; Exploring the Policy Cycle – Case Study and Group Work Exploring the Policy Cycle – Case Study and Group Work 	
Learning Outcomes	 Understanding of the key concepts of development planning processes, including its stages and key elements Learn about integration of the SDGs into the local policy plan 	
Key Readings	 OECD (2018). Policy Framework on Sound Public Governance. SDNS, U. (2016). Getting Started with the SDGs in Cities–a Guide for Stakeholders. SDSN/GiZ. Accessed through: http://unsdsn. org/wpcontent/uploads/2016/07/9.1, 8. Swanson, D. (2015). Mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Interim Reference Guide to UN Country Teams. United Nation Development Group. The AtKisson Group (2016). An Introduction to VISIS. UCLG (2018). Sustainable development through local action sustainable development goals and local government associations. https://www.local2030.org/library/705/Sustainable-Development-through-Local-Action.pdf VVSG (2018). Inspiration Guide: Integrating The Sdgs Into Your Multi-Annual Policy Plan UN HABITAT (2019). Framework for Action to Advance Integrated Territorial Development. https://unhabitat.org/sites/default/files/2020/03/url-gp-1.pdf UN HABITAT (2018). International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning (IG-UTP) Handbook PAGE (2016), Integrated Planning & Sustainable Development: Challenges and Opportunities. 	
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Day 3: Localizing the SDGs	
10:30-12:00	Module 3.6: National to Local Governance for Effective Health Emergency Management
	Reducing the health risks and consequences of emergencies is vital to local, national, and global health security and to build the resilience of communities, countries, and health systems. Sound risk management is essential to safeguard development and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including the pathway to universal health coverage (UHC), the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 (Sendai Framework), International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005), Paris Agreement on Climate Change (Paris Agreement) and other related global, regional and national frameworks. To address current and emerging risks to public health and the need for effective utilization and management of resources, this module aims to inform the national and local government on reducing health risks and consequences of emergencies and disasters from the perspective of governance.
Content	
	Case Studies Inter-agency coordination for emergency response in Korea COVID-19: Global Government Financial Assistance Measures
	Activity
	Crisis management through Golden Hour
Learning Outcomes	
	 Understanding the Golden Hour- The Road to Recovery Learn about data-driven decision-making and digital government tools to manage health emergencies
Key Readings	 UN DESA (2020). We will help the world rise stronger after COVID-19. https://www.un.org/development/desa/en/covid-19.htm United Nations. (2015). Sendai framework for disaster risk reduction 2015–2030. UNSDG (2020). Shared responsibility, global solidarity: Responding to the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19. Whitelaw, S., Mamas, M. A., Topol, E., & Van Spall, H. G. (2020). Applications of digital technology in COVID-19 pandemic planning and response. The Lancet Digital Health. World Health Organization. (2017). A strategic framework for emergency preparedness. World Health Organization. (2019). Strengthening Preparedness for COVID-19 in Cities and Urban Settings. https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/strengthening-preparedness-for-covid-19-in-cities-and-urban-settings World Health Organization. (2020). 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCOV): strategic preparedness and response plan. https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/strategic-preparedness-nd-response-plan-for-the-new-coronavirus UN-HABITAT (2020). Strategy Guidance:Solid Waste Management Response to COVID-19. https://unhabitat.org/sites/default/files/2020/05/un-habitat_strategy_guidance_swm_reponse_to_covid19.pdf UN-HABITAT (2020). UN-Habitat CovID-19. https://unhabitat.org/sites/default/files/2020/05/un-habitat_strategy_guidance_sace.pdf UN-HABITAT (2020). Spatial Planning Guidelines during COVID-19. https://unhabitat.org/sites/default/files/2020/11/covid19_spatialplanning_eng1.pdf UNDC (2020). Accountability and the prevention of Corruption in the allocation and distribution of emergency economic rescue packages in the context and aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. https://bit.ly/3aBW3I6 Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index; World Bastk Worldwide Governance Indicators (Control of Corruption); World Bustk Project Rule of Law Index;
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This module introduces concepts of effective public finances in line with the Principles of Addis Ababa Action Framework and recommendations of the Inter-agency Task Force for Financing for Devenheits different steps and critical factors for their implementation in line with a country's fiscal, political, and administrative decentralization context. It will examine how local governments can address financial gaps for addressing SDGs by unlocking private finance. It will examine how local governments can capture financing in the decentralization and the challenges in this regard. Concepts of participatory budgeting will also be explored as potential drivers for SDG advancement. This module will explore how resources are central to local budgeting processes, examining country cases from attending participants. Countries will be encouraged to provide practical lessons learned in their contexts – examining municipalities or peri-urban ones are especially challenged in capturing resources. This module also discusses building capacities for effective and responsive local government in terms of human resources and technologies. Content Case Studies: • Grassroots participatory budgeting in the Philippines • Integrated Bottom-Up E-Planning and E-Budgeting – example of Indonesia • Social Impact Bonds for Employment – Colombia Activity • Financial readiness in institutions Reshaping both national and local financial systems in line with sustainable development • Learn various financial readiness in institutions	e context of e allocated in
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 Putting basic building blocks in place: investing in infrastructure and skills to be digital-ready Understand different mechanisms for building capacity of local government Develop civil service skills for public value 	
Hege, E., & Brimont, L. (2018). Integrating SDGs into national budgetary processes. Studies, (05/18). OECD (2017). Skills for a High Performing Civil Service. Pineiro, A., Dirheixh, H., & Ohar, A. (2018). Financing the sustainable development goals: Impact investing in action. PRIA Global Partnership (2011). Capacity Development of Local Governance Institutions in South Asia. SDNS, U. (2016). Getting Started with the SDGs in Cities-a Guide for Stakeholders. SDSN/GiZ. UN (2018). Financing for Development: Progress and Prospects UN (2020). Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up. UN (2020). Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development Report 2019. UN DESA (2020). Financing for Sustainable Development Report 2020. UNDP (). Development Finance Assessment and Integrated Financing Solutions Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the Era of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. UNDP (2016). Financing the SDGs in the Least Developed Countries (LDCs): Diversifying the Financing Tool-box and Managing Vulnerability. UNDP (2019). Integrated Financing bolutions. UNDP (2019). Integrated Financing the 2030 agenda for sustainable development. Venice City Solutions 2030 – Financing the SDGs at Local Level.	
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Day 5: Action Plan for Accelerating Change	
09:00-12:00	Module 5: Action Plan for Accelerating Change
Content	The module allows time for the preparation, review, presentation, and submission of country Change Project proposals. It will allow learners to develop impact-oriented Change Projects that can also be evaluated by UN DESA through follow up in six- months or one-year post participation in the training. Countries will present their final Change Projects for UN DESA follow up at the conclusion of the module. This module also serves as the culmination of the training. The session also leads to an analysis of the learnings during the course as well as an understanding of potential changes that need to be done to the course content and methodological approach.
Learning Outcomes	 Reflection of Lessons learned as a result of the course Review of potential follow up actions and next steps planned by country participants Review of feedback and participant recommendations to strengthen the overall course
Schedule	09:00-12:00: Identification and roadblocks and opportunities activity
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-16-30	Module 5: Action Plan for Accelerating Change (Continued)
Schedule	 13:30-14:30: Completion of Change Project 14:30-15:30: Presentation on Change Project 15:30-16:30: Lessons and impressions (Key Takeaway)
16:30-17:00	Course Evaluation by Participants & Closing Session