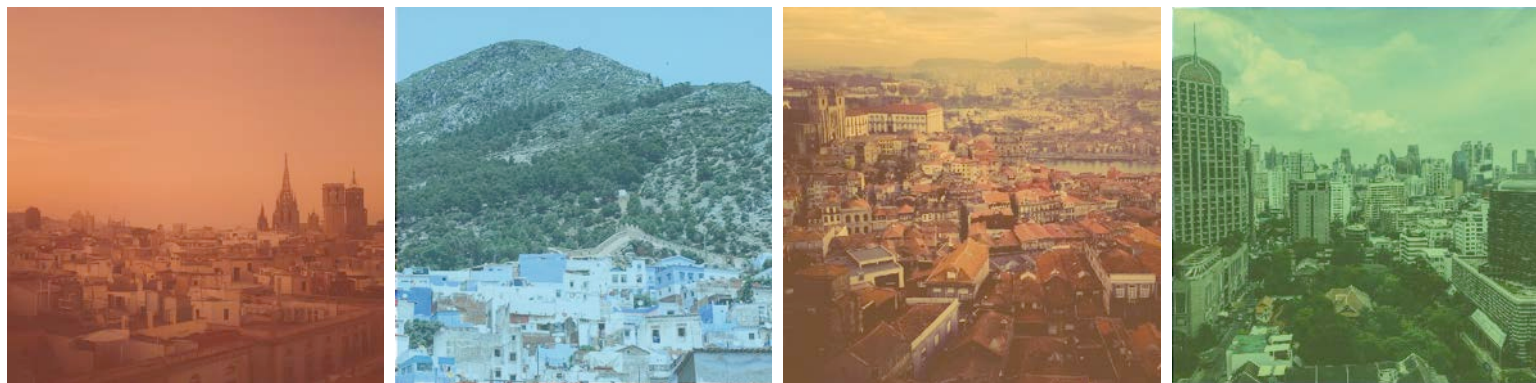


UNESCO learning cities' response to COVID-19
New ways of governance, partnership and education
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United Cities and Local Governments

Localizing global agendas in the new normality

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**Are you familiar
with the work
of UCLG?**

UCLG: THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF CITIES AND LOCAL, METROPOLITAN AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS

United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

is the world organization of local and regional governments and their associations, representing and defending their interests on the world stage.

An inheritor of the century-old International Municipal Movement, UCLG was created in 2004 when local and regional authorities across the world decided to unite their voices before the international community.

UCLG facilitates the work of the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, which gathers over 30 networks active at international level.



A STRONG AND UNITED VOICE BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

+240,000
TOWNS, CITIES, REGIONS AND METROPOLISES

+175 LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATIONS



PROMOTING FAIR AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES CHARACTERIZED BY SOLIDARITY AND BASED ON LOCAL DEMOCRACY, SELF-GOVERNMENT AND DECENTRALIZATION



TO SHAPE A BETTER FUTURE



TO SHARE THE INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL



TO INFLUENCE THE GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

UCLG REPRESENTS



5 BILLION
PEOPLE ACROSS THE WORLD

70%
OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION

WHERE ARE WE?



140
OF THE 193 UNITED NATIONS MEMBER STATES

7

REGIONAL SECTIONS

AFRICA
ASIA-PACIFIC
EUROPE
EURASIA

LATIN AMERICA
MIDDLE EAST AND WEST ASIA
NORTH AMERICA

1

METROPOLITAN SECTION

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FORUM OF REGIONS

OUR GOALS

REINFORCE the role of local and regional governments in international decision-making processes.

MOBILIZE local action in favour of development.

PROMOTE strong and effective local and regional governments and representative national associations.

ENCOURAGE innovation that benefits local governance.





2. Learning at UCLG

Through training, creating a learning culture throughout the organization and promoting decentralized cooperation as a key tool of international cooperation and development programs.

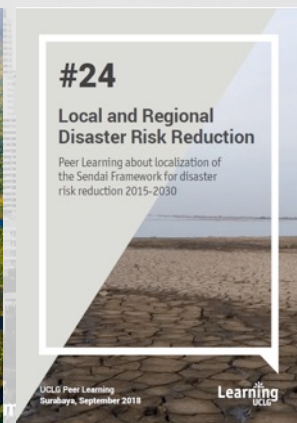
Localizing the SDGs – Training of Trainers

Learning Module 1: **Localizing** the SDGs /Introduction

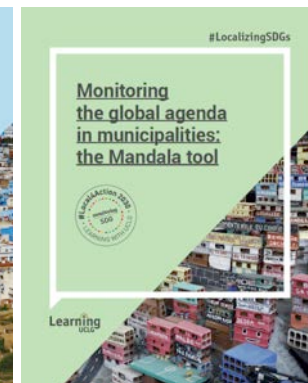
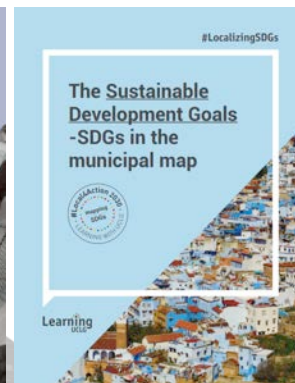
Learning Module 2: Territorial **Planning** to Achieve the SDGs

SDGs Learning Module 3: **Reporting** to national & local reviews

Peer Learning



Learning Tools



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#BeyondTheOutbreak Live Learning Experiences

Virtual space for exchanges, collective learning, and policy recommendations. Adapting didactic methodologies to virtual environment.

#BeyondTheOutbreak

Live Learning Experience: *Beyond the immediate response to the outbreak of COVID-19*

Building the Community
Housing
Mobility
Local & Regional
Government Associations
Digital Technologies
Migration
Culture
Local Finance
Informalities
Local Economic
Development
Women's Leadership
Public Service Workers
Accessibility

- Local and Regional Governments at the frontline of the response and recovery through **public service provision**.
- Schools and care centers play a **role beyond education** (meals, social services, etc.).
- Confinement can easily **exacerbate educational inequalities**, particularly in contexts marked by social vulnerability and limited access to the internet.
- **Communication barriers**, be it due to language diversity, accessibility or lack of access to information.
- **Cultural concerns** must be at the centre of the recovery.
- Home schooling and childcare tasks continue to fall disproportionately on **women**.
- Importance of gender mainstreaming when applying **digital technologies**.
- Digital tools must ensure that **citizen's rights** are being protected as well as serve to **bridge the socioeconomic divide** and promote the transformation needed to achieve the global agendas.
- Learning and **capacity building** for public service workers.

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The Global Agenda beyond the outbreak

The SDGs and the localization of the Agenda 2030 provides a key framework to implement the transformation that will be necessary beyond the outbreak for a sustainable future

How has COVID-19 impacted the localization of Global Agendas

- The crisis has impacted all policy areas
- The sustainable development agenda confronts additional challenges
- Global Agendas don't count with adequate finance
- Urban agglomerations have been particularly impacted
- Public service provision has gained respect and recognition
- Resiliency and the new normal are an opportunity for urban transformations
- The local level has been recognized as the most pertinent for action and implementation

UCLG Decalogue for The COVID-19 aftermath



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GUARANTEEING Public Services



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FINANCIAL Support packages



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Proximity models of CONSUMPTION and PRODUCTION



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4

A worldwide GREEN DEAL



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NEW CITIZENSHIP and freedoms for renewed democracy



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GENERATION EQUALITY



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Territories that care for their PUBLIC PROVIDERS



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CULTURE AS AN ANTIDOTE for the secondary effects



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An INTERURBAN SYSTEM



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Next GENERATION MULTILATERALISM

“We need food for our reflections on multilateralism, the **Decalogue** is a political process [for the post Covid-19 era] and will therefore contribute to the dialogue #UN75”



Emilia Sáiz

Secretary General of UCLG (United Cities & Local Governments)

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



SDG Principles

1. Based on experience
2. Multi-dimensional
3. Leave no one behind
4. Global in nature
5. Universal
6. Integral
7. Inclusive
8. Measurable

5

Next Steps: Deepening mindful online learning

Enhance online meetings formats being mindful of individuals, continue improving and adapting to online learning formats (MOOCs, virtual forums, workspaces, etc.), and recognize the value of face-to-face learning opportunities.



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