

Side Event: Cities and the SDGs - Ensuring That No One Is Left Behind	
ORGANIZATION (PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS)	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) UN-Habitat The Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments towards Habitat III (GTF) CDIA
DATE/TIME	27 July, 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.
VENUE	Crystal 5
DESCRIPTION	<p>As was stressed by the UN Secretary General, “many of the investments to achieve the sustainable development goals (SDGs) will take place at the subnational level and be led by local authorities”. With 65% of the indicators relevant to local authorities, the effective implementation of Agenda 2030 and the New Urban Agenda (NUA) depends on the local ownership and involvement of various stakeholders at local level.</p> <p>Localization is of particular importance to meet the principle of “leaving no one behind” that both the New Urban Agenda and the Agenda 2030 are built on. Hidden under global and national averages are groups of people, mostly the poorest and most marginalized, that have not been properly reached by development efforts. Many of these people reside in urban areas.</p> <p>In order to facilitate the implementation of both agendas at the local level; UNDP, UN-Habitat and the GTF will showcase various approaches, mechanisms and tools that have been successful in addressing poverty in order to create more inclusive cities. The panel discussion will highlight lessons learned from the MDG localization process, as well as approaches to institutionalize national enabling frameworks to help local and regional governments to monitor SDG and New Urban Agenda implementation.</p> <p>The event will also showcase a <i>Toolbox</i> that is currently being developed to support local stakeholders in designing and implementing strategies ensuring that no one is left behind. This Toolbox will help city leaders and municipal governments to translate the Agenda 2030 and New Urban Agenda objectives into concrete poverty reduction strategies.</p>

