



Group Discussion

- One Takeaway from the 2023 International Mayors Forum
- One Action to take as a mayor when you return



Session 2 Key Takeaways

Session Title: Implementing the SDGs at local and regional levels

- The experience of Argentina, Japan, the Gambia and South Africa underscore the value of localizing the SDGs and using the VLR process and reports to visualize SDGs, engage stakeholders, inform citizens of progress, gaps and challenges faced implementing global, national and local development agendas, plans and programmes.
- A whole-of-government and a whole-of-society approach are essential to adapt SDGs to local realities in planning, costing and budgeting processes.

Country/City Experiences

- Province of Tucuman, Argentina
- Brikama Area, the Gambia
- Toyota City, Japan



Session 3 Key Takeaways

Session Title: Goal 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation

- Despite access to water and sanitation being a basic human right, many local governments face significant challenges with serious health and gender inequality implications that require urgent action.
- Application of technology and innovation in water management can significantly improve community access to water and sanitation services.
- Supporting and strengthening the role of local communities, peer support for the water and sanitation facilities, and replication of best practices among local governments can play a crucial role in achieving SDG 6 at local level.

Country/City Experiences

- Lufwanyama District, Zambia
- Abasan Al-Kabira, Palestine



Session 4 Key Takeaways

Session Title: SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy

- Implementation of proper urban development exercises can accelerate cities' progress towards achieving the SDGs.
- Access and affordable renewable energy help cities in creating jobs and offering better livelihoods; cultivating social inclusion; and encouraging the improvement of living standards and economic development. It also helps to protect local and regional ecosystems.

Country/City Experiences

- Secondary cities, Ethiopia
- Marsabit County, Kenya



Session 5 Key Takeaways

Session Title: SDG 9 – Resilient Infrastructure, Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization, and Innovation

- Industrialization is necessary for employment creation at scale, but environmental and wage issues need to be addressed.
- Incorporating ICT tools in agriculture and food systems can increase productivity, value, and market participation.
- Urban climate adaptation strategies require collaboration and collective resolve, with resident engagement.
- Changing the mentality from charity and dependency to working together and self-determination can improve urban slums.
- Sustainable transport is a key element for industrialization, especially for region with tourism industry.

Country/City Experiences

- Antananarivo, Madagascar
- Ezulwini, Eswatini



Session 6 Key Takeaways

Session Title: SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

- Integrated monitoring frameworks at local levels is crucial to overcome data gap on SDG 11.
- Urban nature and innovative green urban infrastructure can have multiple impacts and making cities and communities more sustainable
- Waste management is a common challenge, and comprehensive waste management approach in cities can have strategic and catalytic impact.
- People living in slum-like conditions are experiencing the full range of impacts of inequalities, exclusion and poverty, and they should be prioritized.
- Integrated urban programmes and inclusive spatial strategies can address issues related to waste management, job creation, water and sanitation, housing, mobility, green infrastructure, and inequalities

Country/City Experiences

- Rufisque, Senegal
- Oromia Region, Ethiopia



Session 7 Key Takeaways

Session Title: Challenges and solutions to reduce the adverse environmental impacts of cities, reducing disaster risks and building resilience

- A collective and systemic approach is needed to facilitate disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation and mitigation, and sustainable urban development.
- Appropriate technologies and tools can enable forecasting of disasters and thus increasing resilience.
- Partnerships are critical to help marginalized cities to foster inclusive, just, and accelerated transformation.

Country/City Experiences

- Yerba Buena, Argentina
- Buenos Aires, Argentina



Session 8 Key Takeaways

Session Title: Enhancing infrastructure asset management at national and local government levels for Improved service delivery, resilience building and sustainable Development

- Challenges of efficient asset management include, but not limited to poor asset information, poor awareness, unclear asset roles, lack of clear processes, inadequate funding.
- Effective asset management is about having right assets, tools, place, and people which has the potential to improve essential service delivery, yield positive results for the citizen, and enhance public confidence through open competitive procurement.

Country/City Experiences

- Tanga City, Tanzania
- Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
- Nairobi, Kenya



Session 9 Key Takeaways

Session Title: Means of Implementation and the Global Partnership

- Partnerships are effective ways to ensure successful transfer of know-how especially regarding equitable investment in physical and social infrastructure.
- Choosing green infrastructure over grey infrastructure for urban real estate may sacrifice faster financial returns, but the benefits of green infrastructure can be more widely distributed, leading to greater interest in its implementation and maintenance by various social groups.
- Need to embed incentives in by-laws and budgets for building political constituencies through multi-sector dialogue, demonstration projects, and capacity building.

Country/City Experiences

- Dhankuta Municipality, Nepal



Session 10 Key Takeaways

Session Title: Governance

- Smart City solutions need to be respectful of local traditions, and local contexts. The end goal of smart city initiatives should not be to simply replicate another city's success, but to integrate these into the local environment.
- Enhancing governance capacity and strengthening public servants' awareness of their active role in contributing to the achievement of the SDGs can help boost SDGs implementation.
- Establishing and strengthening clear governance structures and guidelines, and leadership and political will to support inter-agency collaboration for SDG implementation is recommended.

Country/City Experiences

- Abuja, Nigeria
- Lodhran, Pakistan



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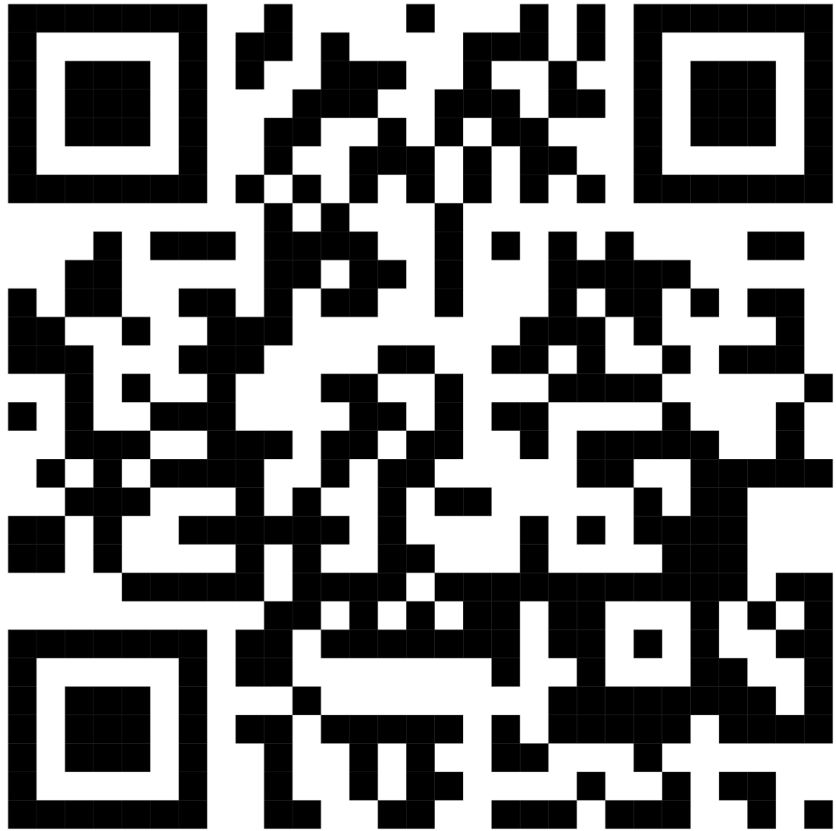


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