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"Actions Today for a Resilient Future - Localizing the SDGs and Advancing the Pact for the Future"

Concept Note

I. Context

As the world continues to urbanize, the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) demands a focus on accelerating progress in cities, towns and peri-urban areas. The latest data from the United Nations shows that over 55% of the world's population resides in urban areas. By 2050, 68% of the world's population is projected to be urban with nearly 90% of the increase in urbanization occurring in Asia and Africa.¹

SDG localization is the process of transforming the SDGs into reality at the local level, in coherence with national development frameworks and in line with local communities' priorities. With 65% of SDG targets linked to the work and mandates of local and regional governments, localization is a pre-condition for their understanding, uptake, and achievement.

The role of local and regional governments has gained prominence and visibility at the international level, recognized by Member States in General Assembly resolutions and High-level Political Forum (HLPF) political declarations², and by the Secretary-General in his report on *Our Common Agenda* and on *Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals: towards a rescue plan for people and planet*.³

The Pact for the Future adopted in September 2024 underscores the importance of a New Urban Agenda to localize sustainable development (Action 6), climate change, and digital cooperation including in the context of cities. By seeking the integration of local and regional governments into the global governance framework, the Pact aims to leverage the unique position of local and regional governments in implementing and achieving the SDGs (Action 55).⁴ Furthermore, in October 2023, the Secretary-General launched his Advisory Group on Local and Regional Governments to advance coordination and collaboration, among the constituency of local and regional governments and the United Nations system, towards coherent actions aligned to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda.⁵ The work of this Advisory Group informed the Pact for the Future.

Cities and towns across the globe face interlinked and growing crises as a result of conflicts, global economic uncertainty, increasing inequality, persistent poverty and hunger, unemployment, the triple planetary crisis of climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss, and widening digital and political divides. In these times of crisis, localization of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs ensures a focus on achieving concrete results. The 2025 report on SDG progress calls for action on six key transitions where intensified efforts could deliver transformative impact: food systems, energy access, digital transformation, education, jobs and social protection, and climate and biodiversity action.

¹ United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2019). World Urbanization Prospects 2018: Highlights (ST/ESA/SER.A/421).

² See, for example, A/RES/75/290B, para. 30 and A/RES/74/4, para. 27 (e).

³ A/78/80-E/2023/64

⁴ Action 55 of the Pact for the Future notes that engagement towards global challenges must involve multiple stakeholders including local authorities and includes the commitment of Member States to receive recommendations by the UN Secretary General on how engagement with local and regional authorities (83-e).

⁵ Secretary-General's remarks to launch the Advisory Group on Local and Regional Governments, 6 October 2023, available at: [Secretary-General's remarks to launch the Advisory Group on Local and Regional Governments | United Nations Secretary-General](#).

The report notes that only 35 per cent of targets are on track or making moderate progress, while nearly half are advancing too slowly and 18 per cent have regressed. More than 800 million people continue to live in extreme poverty, while billions lack access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene services. Temperatures reached 1.55°C above pre-industrial levels in 2024, making it the hottest year on record. Conflicts led to nearly 50,000 deaths that same year, and forced displacement affected over 120 million people worldwide. Exchange on the success stories occurring at local level is paramount for their scaleup. To address these challenges, the 2023 SDG Summit and its Political Declaration as well as the 2025 Ministerial Declaration of the HLPF identified localization as one of the high impact initiatives that can drive SDG progress.⁶

In 2024, the World Urban Forum (WUF) focused on Cities and Climate Action, the vulnerability of cities and urban citizens was underscored, as well as the capacity and financing gaps that cities and towns face to confront climate change.⁷ Cities and other urban areas require an estimated US\$4.5-5.4 trillion annually up until 2030 to invest in new or retrofitted climate-resilient infrastructure across transport, energy, water and waste, and telecommunication projects. In 2021-2022, cities only secured US\$831 billion per year for climate action and very limited amounts for adaptation. It is imperative that cities become prime recipients of international financing and investments. WUF13, taking place in Baku in 2026, will spotlight the global housing crisis—affecting nearly 3 billion people—as a key driver of sustainable urban development. Under the theme “Housing the World,” the Forum will explore how safe, resilient housing can advance equity, climate adaptation, and inclusive urban systems through practical, locally driven solutions.

As governments submit new Nationally Determined Contributions in 2025 to deliver on the Paris Agreement, the role of cities to ensure multi-level governance and localization of these national climate commitments is essential. Cities are on the frontline of responding to climate change and disaster risk reduction. Increasing urban density, expanding informal settlements, aging infrastructure, and climate-induced hazards such as floods, droughts, heatwaves, and earthquakes are amplifying the exposure and vulnerability of urban populations. Integrating disaster risk reduction, including nature-based solutions, into urban planning and development, including infrastructure development, is therefore essential to ensure long-term sustainability, protect investments, and minimize human and economic losses.

Approximately 40% of countries reporting to this year’s HLPF engaged closely with local and regional governments and recognized their role as key decision-makers in sustainable development.⁸ Building resilient cities requires coordinated efforts among local governments, national agencies, and communities to embed risk-informed planning and adaptive strategies into infrastructure, land use, and public service delivery. In the 2025 Ministerial Declaration of the HLPF, Member States committed to “promote a disaster risk - informed approach to sustainable development at the local, national, regional and global levels as well as effective local, national and regional multi-hazard early warning mechanisms and accelerate progress on integrating DRR into policies, programmes and investments at all levels.”⁹

The SDG localization process must account for local vulnerabilities by mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) into both development and climate policies, and strengthening institutional capacities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. As part of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and its linkage to the SDGs, cities must prioritize resilience-building not only as a response mechanism but as a foundational principle of local governance.

⁶ Ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2025 session of the Economic and Social Council and the 2025 high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council on the theme “Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for leaving no one behind. E/2025/L.16-E/HLPF/2025/L.1

⁷ World Cities Report, UN HABITAT, 2024

⁸ 9th Local and Regional Governments report to the 2025 HLPF “Towards the Localization of the SDGs”. Retrieved from: <https://sdglocalaction.org/hlpf2025-sdg-localization/>

⁹ Ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2025 session of the ECOSOC and the 2025 HLPF. E/2025/L.16-E/HLPF/2025/L.1 <https://docs.un.org/en/E/HLPF/2025/L.1>

The 2025 International Mayors Forum offers an important platform to share such best practices, policy instruments, and identify scalable solutions for resilient and inclusive urban futures.

Investment Pathways and Multiplier effects through SDG localization

In 2023, the United Nations Sustainable Development Group identified [Six Key Transitions: Investment Pathways to Achieve the SDGs](#) that have catalytic and multiplier effects across the SDGs to ensure accelerated progress. They include i) food systems; ii) energy access and affordability; iii) digital connectivity; iv) education; v) jobs and social protection; and vi) climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. A new SDG localization benchmark has also been proposed for inclusion into UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks to measure impact through the use of the SDG Fund.

Accelerating SDG localization through the six key transitions is already happening, but greater alignment is needed between national strategies and local realities. Improved planning from national to local level is essential to accelerate global to local progress on sustainable development.

Furthermore, the SDGs cannot be achieved without scaled-up and sustained investments in urban infrastructure and services, such as quality and affordable housing, access to quality education, sustainable public transport systems, health care services and sanitation, decent work and a safe environment, with a particular focus on the needs of the most vulnerable amid rising inequality. Investing in urban infrastructure has large multiplier effects across SDGs with infrastructure either directly or indirectly influencing the attainment of 92% of the 169 individual SDG targets.

Cities also play a leading role in the economic development of countries and global prosperity, contributing as much as 80% to the global Gross Domestic Product (GDP).¹⁰ As powerhouses of economic production, cities consequently account for 60-80% of global energy consumption, 70% of all resource consumption, and generate as much as 75% of the energy-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Unsustainable patterns of consumption and production are concentrated in cities, driving climate change, environmental degradation and loss of nature and biodiversity.

An estimated 95% of urban expansion will take place in developing countries over the next decades. As urbanization increases, it is also often accompanied by significant social and environmental challenges, such as the lack of access to adequate, affordable urban housing options, urban infrastructure and basic services for a growing number of citizens, who have to contend with rising inequality and exclusion, unemployment, food insecurity and extreme poverty.

Despite the closeness of local governments to the needs and realities of sustainable development, local authorities too often have limited financial and human resources at their disposal to fully achieve the SDGs. With an estimated gap of some US\$ 4 trillion per year, the SDGs require a quantum leap in finance flows – from billions to trillions – ensuring that financing delivers results locally.¹¹ The 2025 SDG progress report notes that low- and middle-income countries face record-high annual debt servicing costs of US\$1.4 trillion.¹² The 2025 Outcome of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development “Compromiso de Sevilla”¹³ underscored the need to close the local financing gap. Some countries are making progress, aligning national budgets with SDG targets, translating them to city-level, and issuing SDG debt vehicles such as SDG Bonds to close financing gaps even at sub-national level. Greater financial resources, capacity and innovation are required through strengthened national to local coordination and multi-level governance for the 2030 Agenda.

¹⁰ World Bank, 2025. Retrieved from: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/urbandevelopment/overview>

¹¹ UN Sustainable Development Group. Six Transitions: Investment Pathways to Deliver the SDGs September 2023. [https://unsdg.un.org/sites/default/files/2023-09/Six%20Transitions%20English.pdf#:~:text=These%20include%3A%20\(1\)%20food,are%20not%20a%20new%20agenda](https://unsdg.un.org/sites/default/files/2023-09/Six%20Transitions%20English.pdf#:~:text=These%20include%3A%20(1)%20food,are%20not%20a%20new%20agenda)

¹² <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2025/>

¹³ <https://financing.desa.un.org/sites/default/files/ffd4-documents/2025/Compromiso%20de%20Sevilla%20for%20action%2016%20June.pdf>

The SDGs can only be achieved through the substantial involvement of local actors, hence the need for localizing the SDGs, where local governments and stakeholders take action to achieve SDG targets in the context of climate vulnerability, climate adaptation and building resilience.

II. Goal and Objectives

The objective of the International Mayors' Forum is to provide an annual platform to local and regional governments for policy dialogue and knowledge sharing on key aspects related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. The Forum will profile success cases of local solutions that are accelerating progress across the six transformative SDG transitions. The Forum will also serve as a strategic opportunity for local, regional, and national governments to explore ways that can further the implementation of the outcomes of the Summit of the Future's Pact for the Future, the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development in 2025, and the Paris Agreement, thereby accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs.

Building on the outcomes of the 2024 International Mayors Forum held in Jakarta, the 2025 Forum will also promote dialogue and share practical experiences on how to accelerate SDG implementation through localization in the remaining five years of the Decade of Action, particularly in the face of increasing climate vulnerability and disaster risks in cities and towns. The Forum will highlight the importance of enhancing urban resilience and strengthening local-level DRR policies and systems to protect people, infrastructure, and essential services.

The Forum will focus on accelerating local-level action through transformative entry points—referred to as the Six Key Transitions: Investment Pathways to Achieve the SDGs—identified during the 2023 SDG Summit for their catalytic and multiplier effects across the SDGs. These include: (1) food systems; (2) energy access and affordability; (3) digital connectivity; (4) education; (5) jobs and social protection; and (6) climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. This year's Forum will prioritize discussions on these investment pathways, with explicit attention to integrating DRR and resilience-building into each thematic area to ensure cities are better equipped to cope with shocks and long-term stresses.

This will include presentations of local progress through Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs), including from Japanese cities and other subnational governments presenting their 2025 VLRs, with emphasis on how cities are mainstreaming DRR and resilience into their SDG localization strategies.

III. Organizers

The 2025 International Mayors Forum is organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). The Forum will be hosted by Toyota City, Japan, in cooperation with the Government of Japan and will be held at the Meitetsu Toyota Hotel in Toyota City, Japan, from 14-16 October 2025.

Rooted in the United Nations Charter and guided by the transformative 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, UN DESA upholds the development pillar of the United Nations. UN DESA brings the global community together to work towards common solutions to the world's most pressing problems. The Department also helps countries translate global commitments into national action in the economic, social and environmental spheres. Over the course of the past several years, UN DESA has supported the engagement of local government representatives at the HLPF. UN DESA also provides technical cooperation and support, including capacity development, to Member States at their invitation, working at national and regional levels with governments, civil society organizations, UN Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams (UNCTs) and other key stakeholders to advance sustainable development and ensure that no one is left behind.

Established in 2011, UN Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD) is part of the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) of UN DESA providing technical and advisory services in support of the implementation and monitoring of the SDGs, especially on climate action, and environmental targets. Since 2017, UNOSD has been organizing the annual International Mayors Forum



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to strengthen SDG localization and increase knowledge and commitments towards advancing the SDGs through national to local leadership. Established in 1971, UN Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) is part of DSDG of UN DESA, providing policy and technical support to advance sustainable development at the regional and local levels. UNCRD actively contributes to the International Mayors Forum and supports the development of VLRs to enhance local SDG implementation. It also promotes integrated approaches through its work on Smart Cities, DRR and water, and Quality Infrastructure, drawing on lessons from flagship initiatives such as the Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum and the EST Forum in Asia-Pacific. UN DESA is further supporting the annual International Mayors Forum through its UN Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), which aims to strengthen the public governance capacities of Member States in Asia and the Pacific and beyond to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

UN-Habitat is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable cities. UN-Habitat supports urban development projects in over 90 countries while actively advocating sustainable urban development regularly and in global events including the WUF.

As the host and organizer of the International Mayors Forum 2025, Toyota City reaffirms its commitment to sustainable urban development by providing a platform for mayors worldwide to exchange best practices and collaborate on advancing the SDGs. Toyota City will offer logistical support, including venue arrangements, transportation, and support staff, to ensure the smooth preparation and organization of the Forum. Additionally, Toyota City will host a welcome reception, fostering an environment for networking and collaboration among participants.

IV. Target Audience

Mayors and officials from subnational government entities, as well as key ministerial representatives from developed and developing countries, including least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and middle-income countries. Representatives of UN entities, Local 2030 Coalition and regional hubs, international experts and other stakeholders will also be invited to attend the Forum.

V. Outcome documents

The outcomes of the Forum 2025 will be summarized in a document titled “Key Messages”, highlighting the key discussions and insights from the event. Additionally, the commitments made by participating mayors and governors will be compiled into an outcome document, the “Toyota Action Plan for Partnerships”, outlining concrete actions and collaborative efforts to advance sustainable urban development and the SDGs.



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Agenda

Day 1 – 14 October 2025	
Time and Venue	Session
8:00 – 8:55 Meitetsu Toyota Hotel 7F	Registration
9:00 – 10:15 Banquet Hall "Kinsen-no-ma", Meitetsu Toyota Hotel 7F	Opening of the Forum Welcome remarks - Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations - Hon. Mr. Toshihiko Ota, Mayor of Toyota City, Japan - Mr. Toshitaka Kitagawa, Chairperson of Toyota City Council, Japan - Ms. Anacláudia Roszbach, Executive Director, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (video message) - Ms. Kazuko Ishigaki, Regional Director, UN-Habitat, Regional Office for Asia and Pacific (ROAP) Congratulatory Remarks - H.E. Ms. Yoko Kamikawa, former Foreign Minister of Japan / Member of the House of Representatives - H.E. Ms. Sariha Belén Moya Angulo, Minister of Economy and Finance Republic of Ecuador (video) - Ms. Toshimi Nishizaki, Deputy Director-General/Deputy Assistant Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan - Mr. Kenichi Kawamura, Deputy Minister for International Projects of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan - Hon. Mr. Hideaki Ohmura, Governor of Aichi Prefecture, Japan Group photo session
10:15 – 10:45 Banquet Hall "Kinsen-no-ma", Meitetsu Toyota Hotel 7F	Introductory session and high-level representatives of partner organizations - Mr. Chun Kyoo Park, Head, UN Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD), Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) - Mr. Shigeo Murata, Head, UN Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), DSDG, UN DESA - Mr. Kazuhiko Takemoto, Chair, International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), Japan
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee/Tea Break (Press conference)
11:00 – 12:20 Banquet Hall "Kinsen-no-	Session 1: Digital Connectivity for Preparedness and Resilience – Data and Infrastructure Moderator: Ms. Sanjeevani Dilanthi Singh, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP)

ma", Meitetsu Toyota Hotel 7F	- Hon. Mr. Tsutomu Iwata, Town Mayor of Susami Town, Japan - Hon. Mr. Linne Yun, Deputy Governor of Siem Reap Province, Cambodia - Mr. Mitsuhiro Yao, Counsellor for Global Strategies, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan - Ms. Son Hye Young, Director of Innovation and Growth City Strategy Division, IFEZ, Incheon - AI Smart City to Foster AI-driven Solutions, Korea Q&A
12:20 – 13:30	Lunch – <i>Participants will be directed to their lunch venues</i>
13:30 – 14:45 Banquet Hall "Kinsen-no- ma", Meitetsu Toyota Hotel 7F	Session 2: Safe and resilient housing, cities, and communities Moderator: Ms. Kazuko Ishigaki, Regional Director, UN-Habitat ROAP - Hon. Ms. Florence Namayanja, Mayor of Masaka, Uganda - Hon. Mr. Abdurahman Omary Shiloow, Mayor of Tanga, Tanzania - Mr. Amartuvshin Amgalanbayar, Deputy Governor of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia - Ms. Normaira Binti Abdul Rahman, Vice Mayor of Seberang Perai, Malaysia Q&A
14:45 – 16:00 Banquet Hall "Kinsen-no- ma", Meitetsu Toyota Hotel 7F	Session 3: Circular solutions, resource efficiency, and sustainable waste management towards cleaner cities Moderator: Mr. Choudhury Rudra Charan Mohanty, Environment Programme Coordinator, UNCRD-DSDG/UN DESA - Mr. Sho Nakamura, Director for promotion of Circular Society, Environmental Regeneration and Material Cycles Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Japan - Hon. Mr. Samuel Dusengiyumva, Mayor of Kigali, Rwanda - Hon. Mr. Hong Seng Wee, Mayor of Kuching South City, Malaysia - Ms. Rieko Kubota, Program Officer, Urban, DRM, Resilience & Land Global Practice, Tokyo Development Learning Center (TDLC), World Bank - Ms. Sachiyo Hoshino, Special Advisor for Regional Director, UN-Habitat ROAP - Mr. Felipe Dall, Programme Officer, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) International Environmental Technology Centre (IETC) Q&A
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee/Tea Break
16:15 – 17:30 Banquet Hall "Kinsen-no- ma", Meitetsu Toyota Hotel 7F	Session 4: Advancing national to local adaptation and competitiveness to address the climate crisis Moderator and introductory presentation: Ms. Sara Castro Hallgren, Sustainable Development Officer, UNOSD, DSDG/UN DESA - Hon. Barrister Murtaza Wahab, Mayor of Karachi, Pakistan - Hon. Mr. Claudelino Rodas, Mayor of Filadelfia, Paraguay - Ms. Yumi Otsuka, Senior General Manager for Sustainability Management, Toyota Motor Corporation - Ms. Azusa Matsumoto, Project Coordinator, Investment and Technology Promotion Office, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) - Ms. Oddy Angelo, Human Settlements Officer, UN-Habitat ROAP



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	Q&A
17:30 – 17:45	Wrap up by Day 1 Rapporteur – Mr. Richard Okuku, Secretary General, Uganda Local Governments Association
19:00 – 21:00	Welcome Reception
Banquet Hall “Hana-no-ma”, Hotel Toyota Castle 2F	<i>Participants are invited to take part in this special reception hosted by Toyota City</i>



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Day 2 – 15 October 2025	
Time and Venue	Session
8:30 – 9:00 Meitetsu Toyota Hotel 7F	Registration
09:00 – 10:30 Banquet Hall “Kinsen-no-ma”, Meitetsu Toyota Hotel 7F	Session 5: Financing for low-carbon and climate-resilient planning and bankable projects / Breaking the Local Government Finance Gridlock – investment pathways Moderator: Mr. Jurgen Gafke, Senior Programme Officer, DSDG/UN DESA Panellists - Hon. Mr. Pushyamitra Bhargav, Mayor of Indore, India - Ms. Gertrude Rose Gamwera, Head, East African Local Governments Association Q&A Learning Lab – City Climate Finance Gap Fund - Ms. Jazlyn Lee, Regional Engagement Lead for Southeast Asia and South Asia, The City Climate Gap Fund, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy - Mr. Marvin Lagonera, City Advisor for Southeast Asia and South Asia, The City Climate Gap Fund, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee/Tea Break
10:45 – 11:45 Banquet Hall “Kinsen-no-ma”, Meitetsu Toyota Hotel 7F	Session 6: Foresight and Institutional Capacities for Preparedness, Risk Reduction and Resilience Moderator: Mr. Alf Ivar Blikberg, Programme Management Officer, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Introductory statement - H.E. Mr. Abdihakim Hassan Ashkir, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs & Reconciliation, Somalia Panellists - Hon. Ms. Suzette A. Mamon, Mayor of Badiangan, Philippines - Mr. Deng Gatluak Guo, Director for Local Governance, Local Government Board, Juba, South Sudan - Mr. Mohd Bashir Bin Sulaiman, Director of Planning and Development, City Council of Penang Island, Malaysia - Mr. Sayan Thasanakosol, Director of Traffic Engineering Office, Traffic and Transportation Department (TTD), Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Thailand / Mr. Kenichi Yagi, Program Director, Toyota Mobility Foundation Q&A
11:45 – 13:00 Banquet Hall “Kinsen-no-ma”,	Session 7: Intergenerational Cooperation and Inclusive Governance Moderator: Mr. Jurgen Gafke, Senior Programme Officer, DSDG, UN DESA Presentations



Meitetsu Toyota Hotel 7F	• Introductory presentation: Mr. Jurgen Gafke, Senior Programme Officer, DSDG, UN DESA - The Pact for the Future • Ms. Farzana Faruk Jhumu, Youth Advisor, UN Secretary General Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change Introduction of two groups by the Deputy Mayor of Toyota City to be followed by the presentations • Ms. Kunie Tsuji, Deputy Mayor of Toyota City, Japan • Mr. Takeru Nagaya and Ms. Yuna Mori, representatives of the Toyota City Children's Assembly • Mr. Shunto Yoshimura, Ms. Keiko Yamamura and Ms. Seina Kimura, General Incorporated Association JUNTOS, presentation of the local youth action for the SDGs in Toyota City Plenary Dialogue on Year 2050 – Back to the Future
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch <i>Participants will be directed to their lunch venues</i>
14:30 – 15:45 Banquet Hall "Kinsen-no-ma", Meitetsu Toyota Hotel 7F	Session 8: Country experiences implementing multi-level governance to achieve the SDGs Moderator and introductory presentation: Mr. Prabin Maharjan, Programme Management Expert, UN Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government, UN DESA • Hon. Barrister Arsalan Islam Shaikh, Mayor of Sukkur Municipal Corporation, Pakistan (video) and Mr. Syed Kumail Hyder Shah, President, Association for Development of Local Governance (ADLG), Pakistan • Ms. Abiodun Essiet, Special Advisor, Office of the President on Community Engagement, Nigeria • Hon. Mr. Pablo Yves L. Dumlaog II, Mayor of Surigao, Philippines • Mr. Julio Saguir, Professor of Political Science, National University of Tucumán, Argentina (video) Q&A
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
16:00 – 17:00 Banquet Hall "Kinsen-no-ma", Meitetsu Toyota Hotel 7F	Session 9: Launch of Voluntary Local Reviews 2025 Moderator: Mr. Norichika Kanie, Keio University, Japan • Hon. Mr. Toshihiko Ota, Mayor of Toyota City, Japan • Hon. Mr. Hisaaki Suzuki, Mayor of Gamagori City, Japan • Hon. Ms. Orie Kishimoto, Vice Governor of Shiga Prefecture, Japan • Hon. Mr. Ichiro Hirosawa, Mayor of Nagoya City, Japan
17:00-17:15	Wrap-up by Day 2 Rapporteur
Day 3 – 16 October 2025	
Time	Session
09:00 – 10:15 Banquet Hall "Kinsen-no-ma",	Session 10: SDG Localization Champions and 2025 Global Voluntary Local Reviews Dialogue Moderator: Ms. Oddy Angelo, Human Settlements Officer, UN-Habitat ROAP



Meitetsu Toyota Hotel 7F	- Hon. Mr. Norman Alexander Sanchez, Mayor of Intibucá, Honduras (video) - Hon. Mr. Adam Azim, Mayor of Male City Council, Maldives (VLR 2025) - Hon. Mr. Tevita G Taginavula Boseiwaqa, Chairman of Suva City Council, Fiji (VLR 2025) - Hon. Mr. Kanop Ketchart, Mayor of Nahkon Si Thammarat, Thailand (VLR 2022) - Hon. Ms. Kapandula Annie Kalamatila, Executive Mayor, Lufwanyama District, Zambia (VLR) Q&A
10:15 – 11:30 Banquet Hall “Kinsen-no-ma”, Meitetsu Toyota Hotel 7F	Session 11: Monitoring Progress on SDG Localization and Ensuring Accountability – Champions in Action Moderator: Ms. Sara Castro Hallgren, Sustainable Development Officer, UNOSD, DSDG, UN DESA - Mr. Dongwook Kim, Director of Center of Intelligent Society and Policy, Seoul National University, Professor Emeritus of Department of Public Administration, Seoul National University, Korea - Ms. Sanjeevani Dilanthi Singh, Economic Affairs Officer, UN ESCAP - Hon. Mr. Arnold Arcillas, Vice Mayor of Santa Rosa, Philippines (VLR 2025) - Mr. Zeru Hadrod Mkandawire, Executive Director, Malawi Local Government Association (MALGA), Malawi Q&A “Toyota Action Plan for Partnerships” – Plenary dialogue Participants will outline concrete actions and collaborative efforts to advance sustainable urban development and the SDGs
11:30 – 11:45 Banquet Hall “Kinsen-no-ma”, Meitetsu Toyota Hotel 7F	Official Handover Ceremony for 2026 International Mayors Forum From Hon. Mr. Toshihiko Ota, Mayor of Toyota City, Japan to H.E. César Montaña, Ambassador of the Republic of Ecuador in Japan
11:45 – 12:15 Banquet Hall “Kinsen-no-ma”, Meitetsu Toyota Hotel 7F	Closing of the 2025 International Mayors Forum Concluding Statements - Mr. Mohanad Amro, Mayor, Dura Municipality, Palestine - Ms. Odette Uwizeye, Chairperson, Rwanda Association of Local Government Authorities (RALGA), Rwanda - Hon. Ms. Suzette Mamon, Mayor of Badiangan, Philippines Closing statements - Hon. Mr. Toshihiko Ota, Mayor of Toyota City, Japan - Ms. Kazuko Ishigaki, Regional Director, UN-Habitat ROAP - Mr. Chun Kyoo Park, Head, UNOSD, DSGD, UN DESA



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	Mr. Shigeo Murata, Head, UNCRD, DSGD, UN DESA
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch <i>Participants will be directed to their lunch venues</i>
14:00 – 18:30	Site visits in Toyota City 1) Tour of Toyota Motor Corporation Honsha Plant and Toyota Municipal Museum of Art, 2) Japanese Paper workshop and Kabuki Theatre in Obara area mountainous area of Toyota.

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Welcome Remarks

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MR. LI JUNHUA

Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations



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Congratulatory Remarks

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🕒 9 AM



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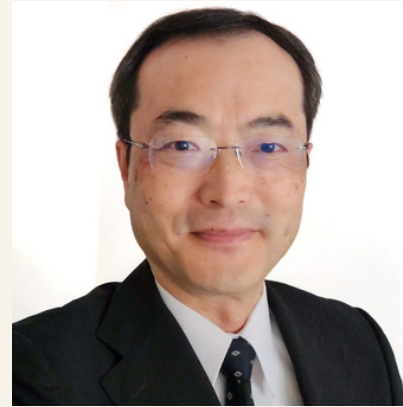
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Introductory Session

📍 Toyota City, Japan

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🕒 10:15 AM



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Session 1: Digital Connectivity for Preparedness and Resilience – Data and Infrastructure

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🕒 11 AM



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Session 2: Safe and Resilient Housing, Cities, and Communities

📍 Toyota City, Japan

📅 October 14

🕒 1:30 PM



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Session 3: Circular Solutions, Resource Efficiency, and Sustainable Waste Management towards Cleaner Cities

📍 Toyota City, Japan

📅 October 14

🕒 2:45 PM



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Session 4: Advancing National to Local Adaptation and Competitiveness to Address the Climate Crisis

📍 Toyota City, Japan

📅 October 14

🕒 4:15 PM



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Session 5: Financing for Low-Carbon and Climate-Resilient Planning and Bankable Projects / Breaking the Local Government Finance Gridlock – Investment Pathways

📍 Toyota City, Japan 📅 October 15 ⌚ 9 AM



**MODERATOR:
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Session 6: Foresight and Institutional Capacities for Preparedness, Risk Reduction and Resilience

📍 Toyota City, Japan

📅 October 15

🕒 10:45 AM



MODERATOR:
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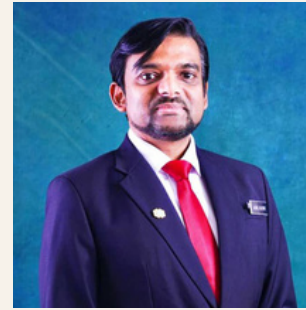
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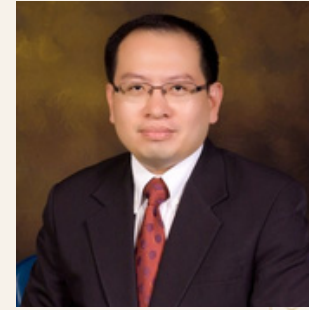
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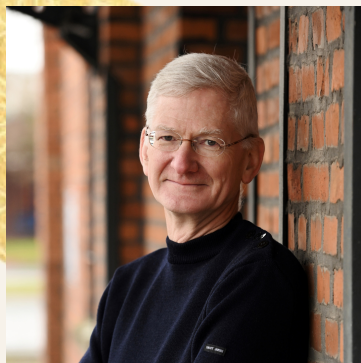


Session 7: Intergenerational Cooperation and Inclusive Governance

📍 Toyota City, Japan

📅 October 15

🕒 11:45 AM



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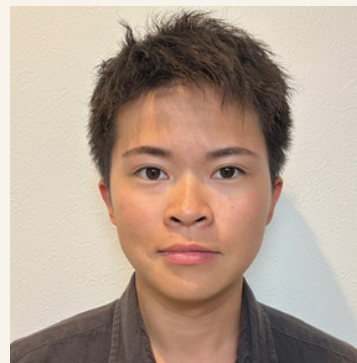
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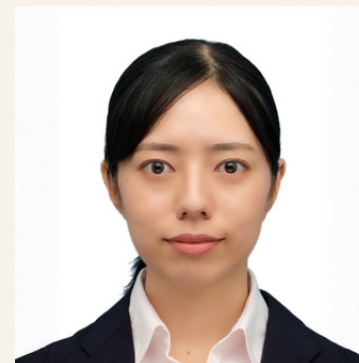
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Session 8: Country Experiences Implementing Multi-Level Governance to Achieve the SDGs

📍 Toyota City, Japan

📅 October 15

🕒 2:30 PM



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MR. PRABIN MAHARJAN**

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Session 9: Launch of Voluntary Local Reviews 2025

📍 Toyota City, Japan

📅 October 15

🕒 4 PM



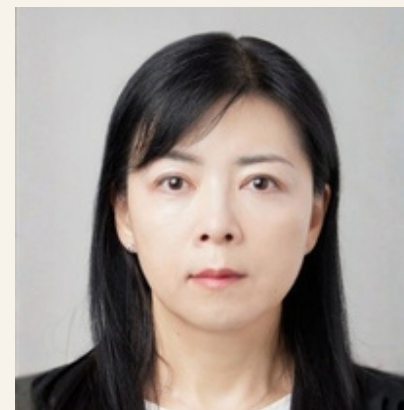
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Session 10: SDG Localization Champions and 2025 Global Voluntary Local Reviews Dialogue

📍 Toyota City, Japan

📅 October 16

🕒 9 AM



MODERATOR:
MS. ODDY ANGELO

Human Settlements Officer, UN-Habitat



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Session 11: Monitoring Progress on SDG Localization and Ensuring Accountability – Champions in Action

📍 Toyota City, Japan

📅 October 16

🕒 10:15 AM



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Closing of the 2025 International Mayors Forum

📍 Toyota City, Japan

📅 October 16

🕒 11:45 AM



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Information Note
2025 International Mayors Forum
14-16 October 2025
Meitetsu Toyota Hotel, Toyota City, Japan

Venue

The Meeting will take place from 14 to 16 October 2025 at **Meitetsu Toyota Hotel** located in Toyota City in Japan. The hotel is just minutes' walk away from the “Meitetsu TOYOTASHI” Station”. The hotel is about 1 hour drive from Chubu Centrair International Airport (NGO).



Address: Meitetsu Toyota Hotel
1-140 Kitamachi, Toyota City, Aichi, 471-0027, Japan
Telephone: +81 565-35-6611

**Please see the map [here](#).*

The welcome reception on the evening of the 14th will be held at Hotel Toyota Castle, which is also within walking distance from the “Meitetsu TOYOTASHI” Station”.



Address: Hotel Toyota Castle
COMO Square West, 2-160 Kitamachi, Toyota City,
Aichi, 471-0027, Japan
Telephone: +81 565-31-2211

**Please see the map [here](#).*

Participants are kindly requested to arrange your own hotel accommodation.

Accommodation

Please refer to the information below for hotel options.

Accommodation Information

**When making a hotel reservation, it is strongly recommended that you should book on cancelable terms in case of unforeseen circumstances.*

Transportation

*Toyota City will operate scheduled shuttle buses from the airport to the venue (Meitetsu Toyota Hotel) for the forum. Specific operating hours of the shuttle buses are below.

If the operating hours of the shuttle bus is not convenient with your arrival time, you can use taxi or other means (shown below) to reach your hotel using Terminal Expenses given by the UN.

<Schedule for Shuttle Bus>

*Kindly note that the schedule may change without prior notice. We appreciate your understanding."

- 13 September 2025
 - From Chubu Centrair International Airport (NGO)
At 10:00/ 15:00/ 18:00/ 21:00
 - From Nagoya Station
At 13:00/ 18:00
- 17 September 2025
 - To Chubu Centrair International Airport (NGO)
5:40/ 9:15/ 12:45
 - To Nagoya Station
7:00/ 10:00

-Other transportation options can be seen below:

From Chubu Centrair International Airport (NGO)

▶ By taxi:

- Regular Taxi: Cost: JPY 15,000 - 20,000 (Approx. USD \$100 - \$150)
 - Duration**: 70-90 minutes (depending on traffic)

▶ By Airport Shuttle/Bus

- Bus
 - Cost: JPY2,100 (Approx. USD \$15)
 - Duration: 60 - 90 minutes
 - Operates three times a day.
 - Tickets are sold at Central Japan Travel Center (Arrival Lobby, 2nd Floor, Terminal 1, Chubu Centrair International Airport)

▶ By Train

- Cost: JPY1,960 (Approx. USD \$13)
- Duration: 90-100 minutes

It is recommended to take a flight arriving at Chubu via the cities below which has a flight to Chubu but it is also possible to fly in Chubu via Tokyo (Haneda/Narita). If you take a flight arriving at KIX, you need to take a train to arrive in Toyota, which will take 3-4 hours.

Destinations served by Chubu Centrair International Airport (NGO):

- ◆ Asia
 - South Korea: Seoul (Incheon), Busan
 - China: Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Qingdao, Yantai, Shenyang, Xi'an, Nanjing, Dalian, Tianjin, Hangzhou
 - Taiwan: Taipei (Taoyuan), Kaohsiung, Taichung
 - Hong Kong: Hong Kong International Airport
 - Singapore: Changi Airport
 - Thailand: Bangkok (Suvarnabhumi and Don Mueang)
 - Vietnam: Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City
 - Philippines: Manila, Cebu
- ◆ North America
 - USA: Honolulu
- ◆ Europe
 - Finland: Helsinki
- ◆ Oceania / Pacific
 - Guam: Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport

Online Registration

Participants are requested to register online through <https://convention-net.jp/p/cg/2025imf/new2.php>.

Online registration is required for the Secretariat to prepare name badges, field visits, meals, and other arrangements. If you need a visa to enter Japan, we strongly recommend registering and requesting the necessary documents as early as possible (see below for visa arrangements).

Visa Requirements

Kindly be advised that obtaining a visa is the responsibility of each participant. Please check the visa requirement for your nationality [here](#).

Health and Safety

Travel Insurance

All participants are strongly encouraged to purchase individual health travel insurance before travelling. Emergency and hospital claims are **not** covered by the organizers in case of any emergencies. Please contact your usual insurance provider or travel agency.

Local Emergency Numbers

Police: 110

Medical Emergency: 119

Fire Department: 119

Local Information

Language

The official language of the event and all documentation will be in English. However, English is not an official language in Japan. While airport and hotel employees may be conversational in English, taxi drivers and workers at smaller stores and restaurants may not be. Applications like 'Google Translate' can be helpful for translating Japanese to English.

Time Zone

Japan operates on Japan Standard Time (JST), which is UTC+9. Japan does not observe Daylight Saving Time (DST).

Currency

Japan's official currency is the Japanese Yen (JPY). 1 USD is approximately JPY 150, though rates may vary with market fluctuations. Currency exchange services are available at Chubu Centrair International Airport. In Toyota City, currency exchange can be done at major banks, as well as select hotel. However, availability may be limited, so it is recommended to exchange currency at the airport or in larger cities when possible.

Debit and Credit Cards

American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard, and Visa are widely accepted at stores and restaurants in Japan. However, it's advisable to carry some cash, especially when traveling to more remote areas.

Weather

Toyota City has a temperate climate with four distinct seasons: spring, summer, autumn, and winter. In October, Toyota City experiences mild autumn weather with comfortable temperatures and lower humidity. Daytime temperatures typically average around 25°C (77°F), while nighttime temperatures can drop to about 15°C (59°F). Rainfall is generally moderate.

Internet

Wi-Fi internet access will be available throughout the meeting. Free Wi-Fi is also common in many cafés and airports.

IC card/app for Transportation

Across Japan, rechargeable IC cards such as Suica and PASMO in Tokyo, TOICA and manaca in Nagoya, and other regional options can be purchased at train stations or downloaded to your smartphone, and they can be used seamlessly on trains, subways, buses, and even for shopping.

Communication

Local SIM Cards and eSim

Purchasing a local SIM card in Japan is relatively straightforward and can be done at major international airports, as well as at electronics stores and some convenience stores in urban areas. Popular providers include NTT Docomo, SoftBank, and au. Prepaid SIM cards with data plans are available, though options for voice and SMS may be limited for short-term visitors. Be sure to bring your passport, as identification is required for purchase.

An eSIM can also be purchased before arriving in Japan through various providers

International Roaming

Most international mobile operators provide roaming services in Japan, but charges can be high. It is recommended to check with your provider for international roaming rates and packages before traveling. Alternatively, using a local SIM card or an eSIM with a data plan can offer a more cost-effective.

Electricity

The standard voltage in Japan is 100 volts and with a standard frequency of 50 Hz. The outlet type used in Japan is Type A, which has two flat parallel pins, similar to those used in North America. 100V/ 50 Hz on following outlets:



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