

2025 International Mayors Forum Introductory Session

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Introduction to UNOSD



United Nations

Department of
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The **United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD)**, under DSDG/UN DESA, was established in 2011 in Incheon, the Republic of Korea. UNOSD is currently at its second phase (2021-2030).

Established under the Host Country Agreement (HCA) with the Government of the Republic of Korea, and a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Environment (MoE) of the Republic of Korea



Tripartite partners of UNOSD



Ministry of Environment



인천광역시
Incheon Metropolitan City

UNOSD – Thematic focus (2021-2030)

**Capacity development and policy advisory on data-driven
and evidence-based policy and planning for the SDGs**

(International Mayors Forum, training courses, other Fora)

Water
SDG 6 Policy
Support
System
Wetlands
Inventories
(Ramsar)

Waste and
Circular
Economy
Policy
Support
System

Water-
Energy-
Food-
Ecosystems
Nexus

GHG
Inventories
and Climate
Action



**In 2024, we organized 12 training events
reaching 542 participants**



International Mayors Forum

As one of UNOSD's flagship capacity development programmes, International Mayors Forum builds the capacity of local governments to realize the SDGs through policy dialogues and exchange of challenges, best practices and lessons learned

IMF serves to support local governments to facilitate **SDG localization** and develop **Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs)** to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development locally

Previous Forums

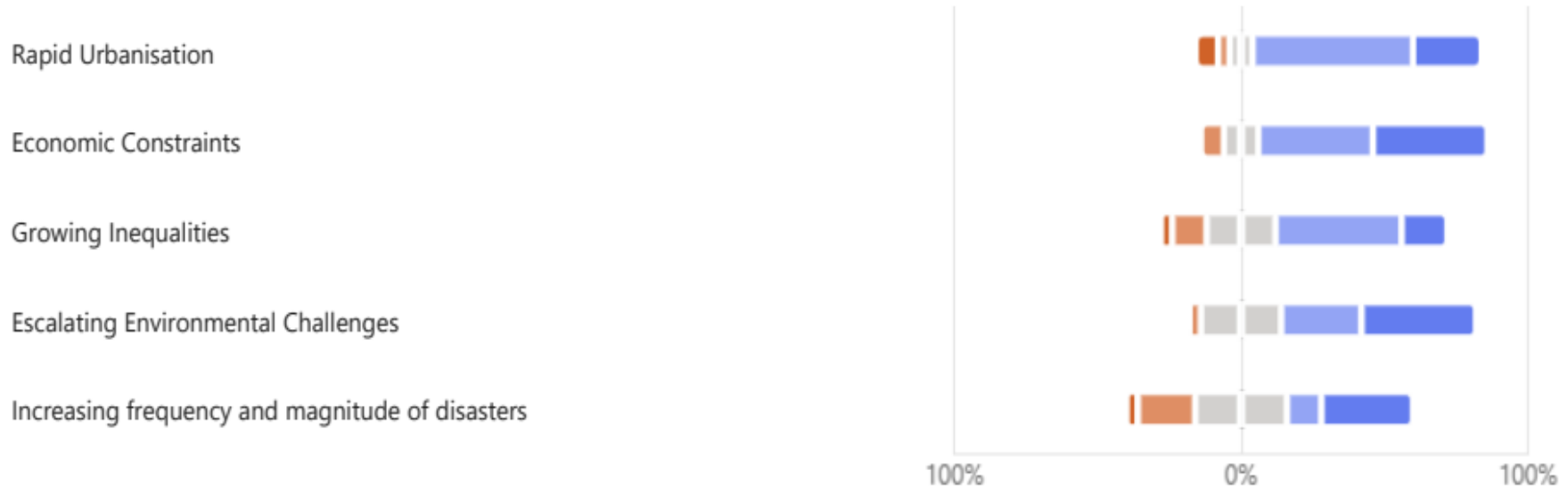
- 2017: Vientiane, Lao PDR
- 2018: Lilongwe, Malawi
- 2020 & 2022: Online (COVID-19)
- 2023: Dakar, Senegal
- 2024: Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2025: Toyota, Japan



Survey results informing the 2025 Forum theme

“Actions Today for a Resilient Future: Localizing the SDGs and Advancing the Pact for the Future”.

● Not a Challenge ● Minor Challenge ● Moderate Challenge ● Significant Challenge ● Major Challenge





Survey results informing the 2025 Forum

A focus on sharing results and action

city's resilience
Development Goal
Resilient Infrastructure
disaster risk
key priorities
Local government
climate change
International Mayors
resilience areas
capacity building
cities
Mayors Forum
good practices
resilience strategies
Local Resilience
Urban Resilience
local knowledge
economic resilience
climate adaptation

Resilience

Technical Support
International Mayors
facilitating
best practices
development strategies
Forum can be more useful
Access
Partnership
Local Governments
city
SDGs
Mayors Forum
SDG Implementation
development partners
Exchange
Climate Resilience
urban development
achieving SDGs
Resource Mobilization
funding opportunities



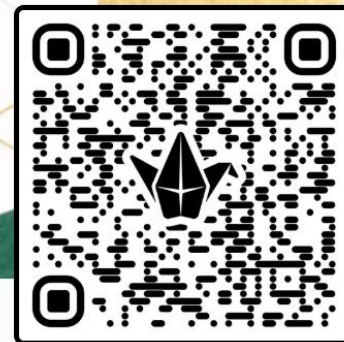
Survey results informing the 2025 Forum *A focus on partnerships*

Padlet



Toyota City, JAPAN

14-16 October 2025



Sara Castro Hallgren

Toyota Action Plan for Partnerships - International Mayors Forum 2025

Post your planned actions and partnerships here!



Forum Outline

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

- **Session 2: Safe and resilient housing, cities, and communities**

- **Session 3: Circular solutions, resource efficiency, and sustainable waste management**

Session 4: Advancing national to local adaptation/competitiveness for the climate crisis

- **Session 5: Financing for low-carbon and climate-resilient planning**

- **Session 6: Foresight and Institutional Capacities for Resilience**

- **Session 7: Intergenerational Cooperation and Inclusive Governance**

- **Session 8: Country experiences implementing multi-level governance to achieve the SDGs**

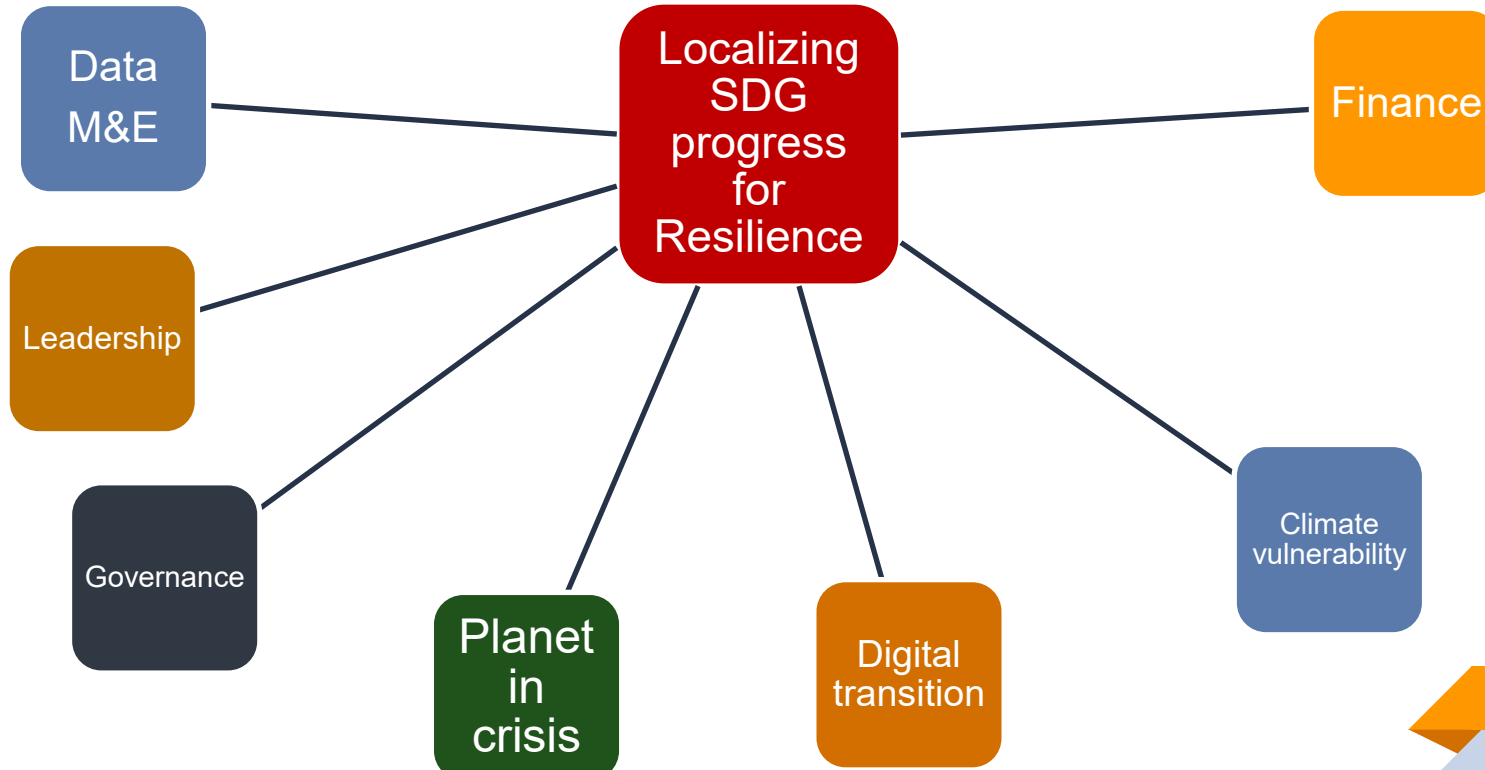
- **Session 9: Launch of Voluntary Local Reviews in Japan 2025**

- **Session 10: SDG Localization Champions and 2025 Voluntary Local Reviews**

- **Session 11: Monitoring Progress on SDG Localization– Champions in Action**



Forum Approach – Systems-thinking





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