Bringing Local Governments’ Voices to SDGs Progress Review Processes

- SDGs localisation needs to go beyond solely adapting global goals to the local levels. Commitment and political will, as well as co-creation of solutions with communities to address the global challenges, calls for serious effort from the Local and Regional Governments (LRGs).

- Despite over 60 percent of the SDGs actionable at the sub-national levels, LRGs involvement in Voluntary National Review (VNRs) is limited, with less than 45 percent countries affirming proper involvement of LRGs in their reporting and monitoring processes.

- To fill this gap, cities are seeking platforms to highlight their perspectives. One such platform is the Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) – a bottom-up monitoring process that allows them to regain ownership of the local sustainable development vision. Sharing of experience, challenges, and lessons learnt by LRGs and Associations of LRGs with others from around the world, as well as sparking new partnerships, are key to enabling the VLRs.

This event offers:

- a focused discussion to enable cities to learn from, support, and review each other’s efforts in monitoring SDGs localisation through VNRs and VLRs
- a “matchmaking” opportunity between LRGs and development partners so that LRGs can fully utilise existing expertise
- LRGs engagement in self-development of narratives around the issues of local sustainable development
VLR Cities and Regions
Networking and Match-Making Event
TUESDAY 11 FEB 2020 | ROOM 20 ADNEC | 02:00 - 04:00 PM

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Opening Session:
- Welcome remarks by Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC
- Opening remarks by Mr. Curt Garrigan, Chief of Urban Development UNESCAP
- Presentation on methods of VLR process by Dr. Junichi Fujino, Principal Researcher/Senior Coordinator for Urban Taskforce, IGES
- SDGs localisation in Malaysia strategy and actions by Dato’ Seri Amirudin Bin Shari, Chief Minister of Selangor, Malaysia
- VLR development experience sharing by cities of Barcelona, New Taipei and Kitakyushu

Meet our speakers of panel discussion:

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Mr. Curt Garrigan
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