

# VNR-VLR Studio “Evidence-based approaches to the development of the Voluntary Local Reviews: experiences and best practices”

**3 October 2023 from 18:20 to 20:00 CET**

## Venue:

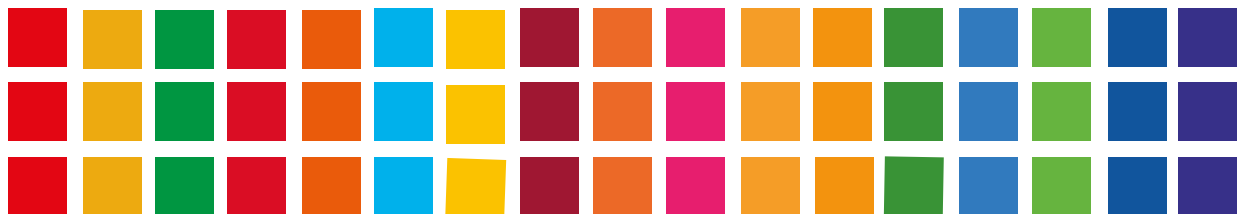
The side event is in person at the Global Cities Hub (**Villa Rigot, previously Geneva Cities Hub, Av. de la Paix 9, 1202 Genève**). A recording of the event will be available on You Tube. Kindly note that places are limited, and attendance is subject to availability of space

## Language:

English

## Registration:

To participate in this side event, please register by 25 September 2023 online at <https://forumofmayors.unece.org/>



The VNR-VLR Studio “Evidence-based approaches to the development of SDG Voluntary Local Reviews: experiences and best practices” will be organized as a side event to the UNECE Urban Resilience Week 2023 (Geneva, 2-6 October 2023). The VNR-VLR Studio is organized by the UNECE in cooperation with UN DESA, UN-Habitat, Union of Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the partners in the project “[Voluntary local reviews: evidence for greener, resilient, and sustainable urban recovery in Eastern European and Central Asian countries in transition](#)”; the Global Cities Hub and the University of Geneva. It is supported by the Swiss Confederation.

The VNR-VLR Studio will:

- (1) inform on the latest developments on localizing the SDGs in the UNECE region;
- (2) discuss experiences in the use of the data for evidence-based policymaking by cities;
- (3) draw from concrete examples on cities’ administrations and UN agencies and allow for a more formal and informal debate. The event will continue with more detailed discussions with UN regional commissions and other interested stakeholders.

# Draft Programme

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| 18:20 - 18:30 | <b>Welcome Reception</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 18:30 - 18:40 | <b>Opening</b><br>Moderator: Ms. <b>Gulnara Roll</b> , Secretary to the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, UNECE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 18:40 - 18:55 | <b>Welcome from Co-Organizers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. <b>Markus Reubi</b>, Chair, the 2030 Agenda Steering Committee for Switzerland; and Delegate of the Federal Council of Switzerland for the 2030 Agenda, Switzerland</li> <li>Mr. <b>Dmitry Mariyasin</b>, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE</li> <li>Mr. <b>Michal Mlynar</b>, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 18:55 - 19:05 | <b>Updates on key activities in localization of the SDGs by partner organizations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. <b>Shipra Narang Suri</b>, Chief, Urban Practices Branch, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat; and Head of the Local2030 Coalition's Secretariat</li> <li>Ms. <b>Paola Deda</b>, Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE</li> <li>Mr. <b>Curt Garrigan</b>, Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section, UN ESCAP</li> <li>Mr. <b>Stefano Marta</b>, Coordinator, Territorial Approach to the SDGs, Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris, France</li> <li>Ms. <b>Sara Hoeflich de Duque</b>, United Cities and Local Governments World Secretariat, Barcelona, Spain</li> </ul> |
| 19:05 - 19:25 | <b>Panel discussion - Experiences and best practices in the use of the data for evidence-based policy making in the SDG Voluntary Local Reviews</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. <b>Vakhtang Lomjaria</b>, Head Municipal Department of Economic Development, Tbilisi city government, Georgia</li> <li>Mr. <b>Hélder Souza Silva</b>, Mayor of Mafra, Portugal</li> <li>Mr. <b>Davis Mwamfupe</b>, Mayor of Dodoma, Tanzania</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 19:25 - 19:30 | <b>Closing</b><br>Ms. <b>Kamelia Kemileva</b> , Co-Director, Global Cities Hub, Geneva, Switzerland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 19:30 - 20:00 | <b>Drinks / Reception</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

