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AFRICAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACADEMY (ALGA) PANEL

Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals

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This panel examines on three complementary ways how local governments can better contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) agenda.

First, it is widely acknowledged that public governance is not only a stand-alone SDG (n° 16) but also an essential enabler of all SDGs (Bouckaert et al. 2016): from water and sanitation to health systems through economic growth, public governance ought to be part of the solution to the challenges the humanity is facing. To better contribute to the SDGs, public governance is expected to work on a collaborative and participative way, across policy fields and governance levels and by involving the private and non-profit sector and the citizens. Accordingly, local governments are key to realize the SDGs: they are responsible for most goals, and they have more experience with and show more openness to participative and collaborative approaches. This panel will thus first examine the specific contribution local governments can bring to all SDGs through their responsibilities and the specific way they perform these.

Second, the panel specifically addresses the 11th SDG, which aims at “making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and durable” and sets specific targets related to housing, transport, urbanism, heritage, disasters management, environment and urban communities therefore. In 2018, the United Nations High Level Political Forum (HLPF) will take stock of global progresses and challenges ahead regarding this SDG under the overall theme of Resilience. Accordingly, the panel will

examine the specific challenges cities and local governments are confronted with, in a context of rapidly increasing urbanization.

Third, the panel will examine institutional aspects related to local governance, including: the capacity needs arising at local level from incomplete decentralization policies, the role that associations of training institutions and of local governments can play to address these challenges at national, regional and global level, and the way local governments are represented in the SDG system as a main stakeholder.

The panel chair particularly welcomes:

- Empirical evidence, case studies and innovative practices of local governance projects contributing to the SDGs;
- Theoretical contributions emphasizing the distinctive challenges and strengths of local governments for implementing the SDGs.

Contributions in English, French, Arabic and Portuguese are equally welcome.

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