



HLPF 2025 SIDE EVENT: LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN IN THE FINAL FIVE YEARS OF THE 2030 AGENDA

WHY ATTEND?

With only five years left to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this high-level regional side event focuses on the power of territorialization and Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) as key accelerators for SDG implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean.

You'll gain insights into:

— Official launch of ECLAC's new training course on SDG territorialization and Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) at the subnational level in Latin America and the Caribbean.

— Showcase of regional best practices from Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Saint Kitts and Nevis, highlighting innovative VLR approaches and localization efforts.

— Exchange of experiences and solutions to common challenges in the development of VLRs, with a focus on improving multilevel governance and vertical integration of SDG implementation across local, national, regional, and global levels.

OBJECTIVES

- Promote peer- learning and exchange of good practices
- Foster multi-level and multi-stakeholder governance
- Strengthen local capacity and ownership of the 2030 Agenda

YOUR PARTICIPATION

Be part of this regional space that promotes local action. Register and gain exclusive access to the launch of ECLAC's new course on SDG localization.

EVENT DETAILS

- **Date:** Monday, July 21, 2025
- **Time:** 1:00 p.m. (EST)
- **Format:** Virtual event (WEBEX)
- **Language:** English
(interpretation only via closed captions)
- **Meeting number:** 2306 290 7099
- **Meeting password:** HkVzJTnsJ47

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PROGRAMME

MODERATOR - MAREIKE EBERZ
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ECLAC

13:00 - 13:05

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
JOSE MANUEL SALAZAR-XIRINACHS,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ECLAC

13:05 - 13:15

A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE VLR LANDSCAPE WITH A FOCUS ON LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
JURGEN GAFKE, SENIOR PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT OFFICER, DIVISION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, UN DESA

13:15 - 13:25

GLOBAL LAUNCH OF ECLAC'S TRAINING COURSE ON THE TERRITORIALIZATION OF THE SDGs IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
VALERIA TORRES, HEAD OF THE PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND OPEN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, ILPES, ECLAC

13:25 - 13:35

MEASURING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SDGs AT THE LOCAL LEVEL – ECLAC'S LOCAL DATA AND STATISTICS INITIATIVE IN VARIOUS TERRITORIES IN ARGENTINA
ROMAIN ZIVY, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, ECLAC

13:35 - 13:45

THE FIRST VLR FROM THE CARIBBEAN – THE EXPERIENCE OF SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS
HON. MARK BRANTLEY, PREMIER OF NEVIS (TBC)

13:45 - 13:55

EXPERIENCE OF DEVELOPING A VLR IN AGUASCALIENTES, MEXICO
GUILLERMO DE LA TORRE SIFUENTES, SECRETARY OF PLANNING, PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT, AGUASCALIENTES, MEXICO

13:55 - 14:05

THE ROLE OF CITIES AND VLRs AND LOCALIZATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA IN BRAZIL
LAVITO BACARISSA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE SDGs (CNODS), GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC, BRAZIL

14:05 - 14:15

SDG MUNICIPALIZATION STRATEGIES IN BRAZIL: PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN CIVIL SOCIETY AND GOVERNMENT IN LOCALIZING THE SDGs
IGOR PANTOJA, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES IN BRAZIL

14:15 - 14:25

INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN ALL PARTICIPANTS
SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED AROUND THE TERRITORIALIZATION AND VLR PROCESS

14:25 - 14:30

FINAL REFLECTIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS
JAVIER MEDINA VASQUEZ, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ECLAC