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Local Authorities Major Group – Side Event

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Empowering local and regional governments for a more inclusive multilateral system

Brief Description:

Local and regional governments are crucial to ensuring the 2030 Agenda becomes a reality. The crises stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic brought to light the vital role local public service provision plays in ensuring that people and the planet are protected. It has also underlined that our communities' health spans way beyond healthcare.

Looking towards the COVID-19 recovery, it is clear that local and regional governments and their associations must be empowered and that a more inclusive and coherent multilateral system is needed to achieve the global agendas.

This side event organized by the Local Authorities Major Group gathered within the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments will count on the participation of mayors and governors from around the world to share how, through their experiences at the local and regional levels, the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is strengthened by putting communities, local public service provision and partnerships at the centre.

The event will focus on how to support systems of service provision to ensure their sustainability in the aftermath. It will also address rising inequalities exacerbated by COVID-19 and discuss how protecting those most vulnerable as well as strengthening their access and protection of health services, advancing resilience through climate action, and fostering culture are key to an equitable recovery.

A special focus will be put on the SDGs in review in the 2021 HLPF as well as social inclusion and the concept of a caring society, resilience and biodiversity, and governance and local democracy.

Skeleton Program:

1. Setting the scene
 2. Interventions from political representatives of the GTF
 3. Presentation of the Local Authorities Major Group Statement
 4. Open Discussion
 5. Wrap up
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