

# Subnational governments' voice on the High-Level Political Forum

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From 26 June to 8 July, the [High Level Political Forum \(HLPF\)](#) takes place at the UN Headquarters. It is an important step in defining the post-2015 development framework. Under the theme “*Strengthening integration, implementation and review – the high-level political forum on sustainable development after 2015*”, the HLPF currently discusses its role for the follow-up and review of the progress of the post-2015 agenda, building the path to the [UN Post-2015 Summit](#) on 25-27 September, when the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be adopted.

In this context, nrg4SD (Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development), in collaboration with the Organizing Partners of the Local Authorities Major Group (LAMG), namely UCLG (Unities Cities and Local Governments), and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), jointly developed a position paper on the HLPF.

The paper highlighted the **special role of local and subnational governments in the post-2015 agenda**, already acknowledged in the Rio+20 outcome document, and called upon a new, real global partnership for development that includes this constituency in relevant decision-making mechanisms.

The full involvement of local and subnational governments as policy developers and not simply implementers was reinforced and presented as fundamental to the creation of an inclusive and sustainable urban development in the future. Territorial cohesion, multi-level governance, universal access to basic services, citizens at the center of governance, addressing climate change and disaster risk and promoting resilience, and innovation local economic and social development, were listed as key policy areas.

The paper also recalled the need to ensure concrete mechanisms and modalities to enable a true collaboration and coordination of all levels of governments in the post-2015 process. Its success can only be guaranteed through a **sense of ownership and accountability at all levels** – international, regional, national, subnational and local – and through an agenda that is rooted in **the needs of the people and communities**.

Furthermore, the position paper touches upon the means of implementation for a transformative post-2015 development agenda, the localization of the post-2015 development agenda, and territorial disaggregation in the data revolution. The full document can be accessed [here](#).