



[The future of multilevel governance to localise effectively the global agendas and recover from complex crises]

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October 14, 12:00 - 13:30

Key information	
Lead organiser(s)	Barcelona Provincial Council
Co-organiser(s)	UCLG Research
Format	Session on Global Conversations
Session summary	
Key message	<p>Most cities and regions respond complex emergencies and localize the 2030 Agenda within large governance systems, and in particular, in collaboration with other spheres of government. No sphere of government has the ability to tackle complex crises and achieve the Agenda 2030 on its own.</p> <p>Local and regional governments are too often in a weak position (in terms of competences, resources, legal recognition...). Therefore, effective and fair multilevel governance arrangements need adequate approaches and policies. Multilevel governance is the only alternative to respond to the increasing share of responsibilities, territorial fragmentation and</p>



	<p>complex emergencies, and to do so in accordance with the principles of subsidiarity and local autonomy, in the framework of responses to increasing inequalities, worsening climate change and overlapping socio-environmental crises.</p>
<p>Objectives</p>	<p>The session aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reinforce local democracy and subsidiarity - rethink the challenges of decentralization - deal with regional and local inequalities - strengthen multilevel governance
<p>Main deliverables / impact of the session</p>	<p>Rethink the challenges posed by multilevel governance, mainly in terms of decentralisation, and highlight its importance to achieve more equal, resilient and sustainable territories, and to make these territories able to deal in a flexible and effective way with the transitions we are currently facing (urbanisation, digital transition, energy, ecological challenges...) and those that will emerge in the future. The overall aim being to ensure democracy, fulfill human rights and improve the quality of life of citizens and residents.</p> <p>The session aims to provide local and regional governments with practical information, and the appropriate frameworks, knowledge and resources to deal with the new demands for managing responses to complex crises (economic, energy, social, migration, gender, climate change...).</p>



<p>Link to the implementation of 2030 Agenda</p>	<p>SDG 11 Sustainable cities and communities SDG 16.6 Effective, accountable and transparent institutions SDG 17 Partnerships/Alliances to achieve goals (and particularly SDG 17.14 Enhance policy coherence)</p>
<p>Briefly mention how you intend to ensure the session ensures principles of inclusion and equality</p>	<p>We would invite 5/6 speakers respecting gender parity and including different geographic origins that will also contribute to enrich the diversity of experiences.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Description of session</p> <p>Multilevel governance is a widely recognized basis for collective decision-making, strategy development, and managing the operational aspects of public policy. Through the vision of the following speakers, politicians and academics, men and women, from different countries, a round-table will be created to deal with local democracy, inequalities and, above all, decentralization. The aim is, from the concrete examples shared by the participants, to focus our attention on what works and what does not work with regards to multilevel governance, and to highlight proposals to improve multilevel organizations, arrangements and practices</p>	



Speakers proposal:

- 1. Introduction Ms Nuria Marin Martinez**, President of the Provincial Council of Barcelona
- 2. Mr. Philipp Rode**, LSE-Cities, London School of Economic: Multilevel governance in the context of complex emergencies
- 3. Yousef Shawarbeh**, Mayor, City of Amman (tbc)
- 4. Ms. Sunkarie Kabba-Kamara**, Mayor of Makeni, Sierra Leone
- 5. Mr. Martino Miraglia**, Urban Practices Branch, UN Habitat: Multilevel governance for SDG localization - research consortium (UN Habitat, ARCO, UCLG, LSE, Brookings Institute)
- 6. Ms. Charlotte Yang**, Head of International Relations, City of New Taipei
- 7. Mr. Emilio Jatón**, Mayor of Santa Fé
- 8. Edgardo Bilsky**, Director of Research, UCLG -GOLD: Wrap-up