

10th World Urban Forum Training Event

12 February Wednesday, 09:00 – 12:00

“Integrating and Localising Global Sustainability Agenda through Voluntary Local Reviews in Cities”

Co-organisers: Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and
ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI)

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Sustainable, inclusive, smart and resilient cities are the backbone of achieving the global sustainability agenda. Going beyond the silo approach and tackling the New Urban Agenda, the Agenda 2030 and its SDGs, the Paris Agreement, and the Aichi targets in a holistic manner maximizes the synergy and reduces trade-offs between different policies and programs.

To do so, cities depend on integrative frameworks that adapt global agendas into concrete local action. monitoring, data collection and analysis. Robust follow up and review mechanism are pre-requisites in the hands of cities and practitioners to undertake meaningful reviews of policies and urban systems for informed decision making. Lastly, inclusive governance models to leverage local culture, innovation capacity and identifying the right technological tools for a specific local context are key drivers to mainstream sustainability throughout cities.

Participants to this training will be equipped with VLR and SDG localization frameworks and a set of practical proven methodologies and tools for monitoring, follow up and review as well as inclusive governance that are driven by culture and innovation. Among these, integrated planning and inclusive stakeholder engagement mechanisms allow for dialogue among communities and enable development of a common sustainability vision built on the local culture.

The training will be comprised of four components; (1) introduction to the VLRs and to integrated planning, (2) exploration of challenges and solutions in implementing the VLRs

and in planning of urban development, through hands-on learning of innovative approaches and technologies, (3) group work to apply these concepts to local contexts, and (4) open discussion on how cities can bring coherence and comprehensiveness to approaches in addressing multiple global sustainability agenda.

Draft Programme

08:30	Main Organiser gather for preparation
08:50	Other partners and speakers arrive.
09:00 -	Welcome Remarks
	<p>Partners Greetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gino Van Begin, Secretary General, ICLEI ➤ Yatsuka Kataoka, Program Director, City Taskforce, IGES <p>Inspirational Speech by Mayors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Experiences with VLRs and Sustainability Efforts at a Local Level, Mr. Peter Kurz, Mayor, Mannheim, Germany (TBC) ➤ Assessment of SDGs implementation in cities and VLR commitments for 2020 HLPF, Datuk Haris Kasim, Mayor, Shah Alam, Malaysia
09:15 -	Ice-breaking Session
09:20 -	Session 1. Introduction to the Voluntary Local Review
	<p>1. <u>“What is a voluntary local review and how can cities implement?” (10 min)</u> This first segment of this session begins with sharing the experiences of Japanese cities that conducted the VLRs and analysis done by comparing different VLR process and reports. This also addresses the abstracted steps important for conducting the robust, inclusive process. HirotaKa Koike, Policy Researcher, IGES</p> <p>2. <u>The VLR example (5 min each)</u> This segment invites the exemplar cities that conducted the VLR and asks them to share their experiences in conducting them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Manheim City – VLRs and Budget Alignment Process

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New Taipei City – VLR experiences <p>3. <u>City planning the VLR (5 min)</u></p> <p>This segment invites a city who is planning to conduct the VLRs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “Experience on Melbourne VLR”, Alexei Trundle, University of Melbourne ➤ Shah Alam City <p>4. <u>Q&A (10 min) with all speakers</u></p>
10:10 -	<p>Session 2.a. Challenges and Solutions:</p> <p>Partners will share the frameworks and practices which help cities conduct monitoring, review, and follow up exercise at the local level for sustainable development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yunus Arikan, Director of Global Advocacy, ICLEI (10 min) ➤ Karim Halwaji, PwC ➤ IISD Video Presentation (5 min)
10:30	<p>Session 3. Exploring Potential Implementation in Your City</p> <p>Participants will receive the flow chart so as to get ready to connect the expertise and lessons to the actual process. The room will be divided into a group of 3-4 people to conduct this exercise. The participant individually starts to fill out challenges and potential obstacles to implement the VLR.</p>
10:50 -	<p>Session 4. Small World Café for Meeting Partners</p> <p>Presenters of the session 2.a. and the front-runners of the VLRs will host a small table where the participants can engage in an in-depth discussion. There will be three rounds (each for 10 min)</p> <p>Table 1: ICLEI Table 2: IGES Table 3: PwC Table 4: Mannheim</p>
11:20 -	<p>Session 4.a. Introduction to the Common Framework for Localising the Global Sustainability Agenda – learning from Rio Conventions</p> <p>“Guidance for holistic climate action through ICLEI’s GreenClimateCities Methodology”, Cesar Carreno, Senior Officer, Integrated Climate Action, ICLEI</p>
11:30 -	<p>Session 4.b. Open discussion “what is the local framework to comprehensively</p>

achieve both carbon and development agenda”

This session dives into a complicated challenge of tackling climate, biodiversity, and development agenda simultaneously at a local level. As the climate action is gaining more momentum and urgency, the SDGs is not as much worried. Hence, this explores a local framework to make it happen and a role of VLRs in such endeavours.

Moderator: Yunus Arikan Director of Global Advocacy, ICLEI

11:55 -

Closing Remarks

Yunus Arikan, Director of Global Advocacy, ICLEI

HirotaKa Koike, Policy Researcher, IGES

The Shimokawa Method

- for Voluntary Local Review (VLR) -



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