

## **UN-Habitat World Urban Forum 9**

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### **SDG INDICATORS BROUGHT TO THE LOCAL LEVEL**

**11 February, 14:00-15:00, Listen to Cities Room, Forum, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre**

Presented by: Association of German Cities, Association of German Counties, Association of German Towns and Municipalities, Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development, German Institute for Urban Affairs, Service Agency Communities in One World of Engagement Global and the Bertelsmann Foundation

*Side Event Draft Concept Note and Programme*

#### **Background**

Since the UN adopted the Agenda 2030, more and more countries are starting to implement the 17 Sustainable Development Goals by using integrated and multi-level approaches. Many nations are already working on voluntary reports that are based on a systematic use of indicators. While the SDGs are global, they become reality on the subnational level. In this view, the so-called process of “localizing” rightly considers the use indicators to measure and monitor progress.

The use of indicators is not new in urban planning. With its vast scope of masterplans, strategies and concepts, city planners and practitioners became experts in tracking their progress by a high number of selected indicators suited to the local context. However, these actions are often restricted to their corresponding field of work and often do not capture the many interactions between sectors. Since the essential part of the Agenda 2030 is its multidimensional character, we need to address the integrated use of sound indicators that suit to the local context on the one hand and the ambitious goals of the Agenda 2030 on the other.

With rising awareness of the SDGs and the decision of the German government to make its National Sustainable Development Strategy a key framework for achieving the SDGs, many cities in Germany are gaining interest in indicators that provide references and guidance amongst the complexity of the SDGs. For this reason, the above mentioned alliance of German institutions and associations came together and developed an indicator system designed to measure the success and effectiveness of policies aiming to fulfill the SDGs. Cities and municipalities in Germany can use these indicators to start an integrated localization-process or add new indicators to their existing sets. At the same time the indicators provide a new angle to identify blank spots and areas of development potential.

#### Event summary

The side event highlights the used methodology and the various stages of the project in Germany. A group of delegates will share their point of view and motivation to engage in this project. While the elaboration of local SDG indicators is suited to the corresponding region, sharing of methodologies around the globe can provide essential learning effects. Therefore, we gladly invite you to our Side event, and look forward to an exciting discussion.

We are happy to have the following speakers at our panel:

### **Programme**

- :00** WELCOME |
- :05** *INPUT, "SDG INDICATORS BROUGHT TO THE LOCAL LEVEL", METHODOLOGY AND ORGANIZATION OF THE PROJECT | Dr. André Müller, Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development*
- :15** PANEL DISCUSSION |  
*Ms. Sabine Drees, German Association of Cities*  
*Mr. Christian W. Hübel, City of Mannheim*  
*Mr. Paolo Veneri - Head of the Statistics and Territorial Analysis Unit, OECD*
- :45** OPEN DISCUSSION |
- :55** CLOSING |

Moderator: *Mr. Sebastian Dürselen, Service Agency Communities in One World of Engagement Global*