

UN DESA in advancing Localization of SDGs and Agenda 2063

**Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2063 in Sierra Leone: Advancing the
Principle of Subsidiarity in Practice**

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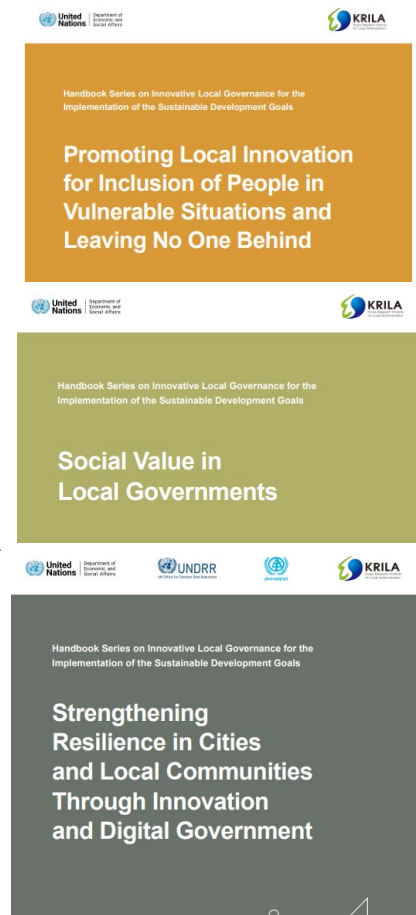
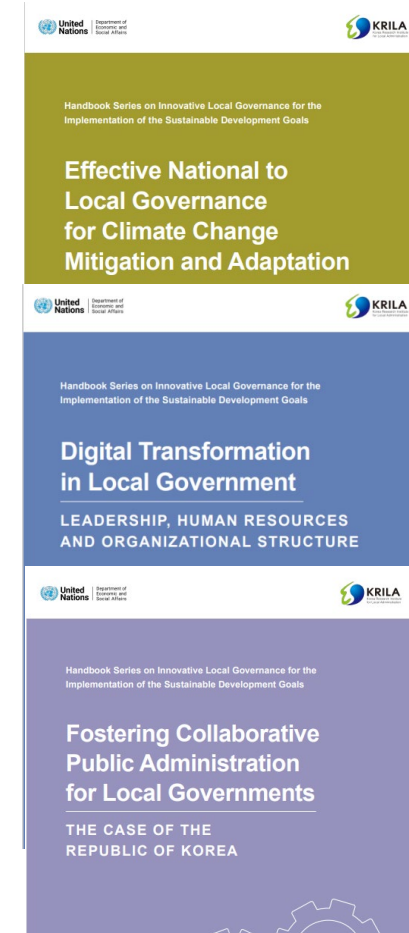
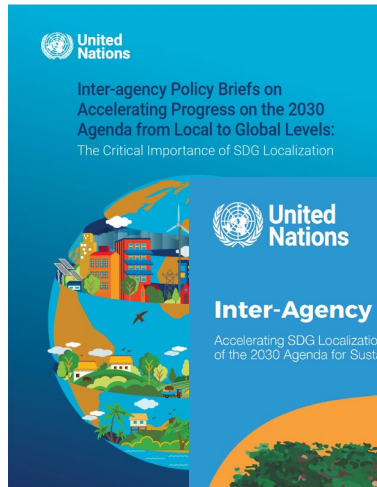
Tools & Resources from UN DESA

- UN CEPA Guidance Notes on Subsidiarity
- Tools and Resources (Policy briefs, handbooks, toolkits, self-assessments etc.)
- Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) and Voluntary Subnational Reviews (VSRs)
- Enhancing Local E-Government: Local Online Services Index
- Capacity-building (Projects, workshops, webinars etc.)

UN CEPA Guidance Notes on Subsidiarity

- **Core Idea:** Decisions and services should be delivered at the closest effective level to citizens.
- **Why it matters:** Local authorities are best placed to understand community needs, especially for vulnerable groups.
- **For SDGs & Agenda 2063:** Localization accelerates impact by linking global goals to local realities.
- **UN DESA's Support:**
 - Guidance on fiscal federalism & municipal finance
 - Strengthening local/urban governance & multilevel cooperation
 - Building local resilience to shocks

Policy Briefs and Handbooks



Resources available: <https://publicadministration.desa.un.org/publications>

Policy Brief and Handbook on Subsidiarity

- Policy Brief: From principle to practice: the Strategic Role of Subsidiarity in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goal
 - The brief shows how subsidiarity strengthens local governance for SDGs through decentralization, capacity-building, and political commitment.
- Handbook for Self-Assessment on Subsidiarity
 - This handbook explains how the CEPA principle of subsidiarity can be applied to empower local and subnational governments in implementing the SDGs.
 - It is complemented by a self-assessment survey that helps officials evaluate twelve core building blocks of subsidiarity to strengthen local governance systems and track progress.



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The Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs

- Aims to promote critical understanding of sustainable development issues, enhance governance capacity and strengthen public servants' awareness of their role in contributing to the achievement of the SDGs and Agenda 2063.



 **Resources available:** <https://unpan.un.org>

Toolkit on Effective National and Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation

- This toolkit is designed to address common challenges in strengthening coordination between national and local governments and enhancing institutional effectiveness for SDG implementation. It aims to break down these barriers and emphasize the critical role of local governments in achieving the SDGs.



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Voluntary Local and Subnational Reviews (VLRs & VSRs)

- **What they are:** Self-assessments by local and regional governments to track SDG progress.
- **Why they matter:**
 - Strengthen accountability and transparency.
 - Connect community-level progress with national and global reporting.
 - Empower local voices in the 2030 Agenda & Agenda 2063.
- **UN DESA Support:**
 - Provides **policy briefs, handbooks, and guidance** on preparing VLRs and VSRs.
 - Shares good practices and lessons across countries and cities.
 - Hosts global platforms for knowledge exchange.

 **Resources available:** sdgs.un.org/topics/voluntary-local-reviews

Enhancing Local E-Government: Local Online Services Index

LOSI NETWORK PARTNERSHIP

UN DESA and UNU-EGOV stand ready to support the entire process, from the establishment of the partnership, to support LOSI methodology application in the country, to co-organization of events and monitoring of impact. Where suitable, UN DESA and UNU-EGOV will publish the results of a national assessment. They also establish a global online platform to assist the assessment process and share national results in order to facilitate exchange of practices, advocacy activities and methodology debates.

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- **Local Online Services Index (LOSI):**
 - Assesses digital services of cities worldwide
 - Promotes knowledge sharing & city-to-city collaboration
 - Supports inclusive, citizen-focused digital transformation
 - Helps local governments benchmark & improve e-services
 - Inclusive, citizen-focused digital services



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Capacity-building Activities in DESA

Key Themes:

- Multi-level governance & subsidiarity
- Digital government & Local Online Service Index (LOSI)
- Innovation & mindset change
- Infrastructure asset management
- Citizen & geospatial data for SDG localization
- Climate action & circular economy

Countries / Regions Covered

- **Africa:** Côte d'Ivoire, Eswatini, Ghana, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, São Tomé & Príncipe, [Sierra Leone](#), South Africa, Tanzania (Zanzibar), Zambia, Zimbabwe
- **Latin America & Caribbean:** Argentina, Bahamas, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Peru
- **Asia-Pacific:** India, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Lao PDR, Mauritius, Mongolia, Nepal, Republic of Korea, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Uzbekistan, Vietnam
- **Other Regions:** Canada, United States of America

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Conclusion: UN DESA for SDG Localization

- **Principles into Practice:** UN CEPA subsidiarity guidance, together with policy briefs, handbooks, toolkits, and self-assessments, helps align decisions with local needs.
- **Evidence & Accountability:** VLRs and VSRs connect local progress to national and global agendas.
- **Digital Transformation:** LOSI benchmarks inclusive e-government services worldwide.
- **Building Capacity:** Projects, workshops, and webinars strengthen institutions and peer learning.

Together, these tools form a comprehensive package to support governments in accelerating the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063.

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