

## Webinar 5 on Localization of the SDGs

### Bios of Speakers



**Mr. Louis Meuleman** is a UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) Member, Visiting Professor Public Governance at KU Leuven University in Belgium, and Vice Chair of the Scientific Committee of the European Environment Agency (EEA) in Copenhagen, Denmark. He has 40 years of public sector management experience at the subnational, national, and international levels, and published in 2018 the book 'Metagovernance for Sustainability: A Framework for Implementing the SDGs'.

He has served as a manager at the Netherlands Province of Gelderland and the Dutch Environment Ministry (1991-2001), Director of a science-policy advisory council (RMNO) of the Netherlands (2002-2010), and Project Director at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) in Potsdam, Germany (2010-2011). At the European Commission in Brussels, he coordinated the greening of the EU economic governance (the 'Semester') and of the Environmental Implementation Review (2011-2020). As cofounder of the think tank Public Strategy for Sustainable Development (ps4sd), he advises e.g., the European Commission, EEA, OECD, UNITAR, and WWF. Mr. Meuleman holds a PhD in Public Administration and an MSc in environmental biology.



**Ms. Ady Carrera** is a Research Professor in the Department of Political Science and Government at Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla (UPAEP) in Mexico and a Visiting Professor at the Center for Economic, Administrative, and Social Research (CIECAS). She has served as Head of the Department of State and Municipal Administration Studies at the National Institute of Public Administration (INAP), Researcher in the Division of Public Administration at the Center for Economic Research and Teaching (CIDE), Advisor to the founding Director of the National Institute for Federalism and Municipal

Development (INAFED), and Research Professor at Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México (UAEM) and El Colegio Mexiquense.

On over 250 occasions in 16 countries across America, Europe, and Asia, she has participated as a lecturer or speaker. She has been a consultant for the Dutch Institute of Housing and Urban Development, World Bank, UNDP, OECD, and UCLG. Her research has been published in over 100 books, book chapters, articles, and technical reports. Ms. Carrera was the first President of the Academic Advisory Council of the Network of Universities of the Ibero-American Union of Municipalists (2017-2021) and President of the Mexican Local Government Research Network (IGLOM) (2015-2017). She earned her PhD in Public Policy from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom.



**Mr. Tebogo Matlou** has worked for the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) for 18 years as an Analyst for Strategy and Business Processes and now works as a Project Manager for International Programmes and Partnerships, addressing SDG implementation, UNDP COVID-19 relief projects, and the Waste Management project with the Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities (VVSG).

Prior to coming to SALGA, he was a Leadership and Project Manager at Mopani TVET College. He has been involved with teaching and facilitation of monitoring and evaluation, strategic management, leadership, and asset management. Mr. Matlou graduated from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, where he studied Finance and Management. He was also part of the Executive Leadership Municipal Development Programme and studied outcome-based monitoring and evaluation implementation at the University of Pretoria. He obtained a Certificate in Management Development for Municipal Finance at Wits University. He has won several awards as the best employee at Mopani TVET College and SALGA, including for making an impact through the Building Inclusive Green Municipality (BIGM) project.



**Ms. Saras Jagwanth** is an Inter-regional Adviser in the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government at the Department of Economic and Social Affairs at the United Nations. She has provided policy advice and capacity building services to member states around the world on sustainable development, including aspects related to gender, social issues, the voluntary national reviews (VNRs), small and medium enterprises, and effective and accountable institutions.

She has supported countries to build national plans, policies, and institutions to translate commitments from international legally binding conventions into practical progress towards sustainable development. Prior to joining the United Nations, she was an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Cape Town in South Africa.



**Mr. Allan Lavell** was born in England and has lived continuously in Latin America for 50 years. He serves as a Research Associate at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences in Costa Rica and is a founding member of the Network for Social Studies on Disaster Prevention in Latin America (LA RED). Since 1989, he has specialized in urban and regional development and has been dedicated to the study of disaster risk and climate change and its management.

Mr. Lavell has been a professor and researcher at the University of London, Middlesex University, the Metropolitan Autonomous University of Mexico, the National Autonomous University of Mexico, the Central American Superior University Council, and the University of Costa Rica. He has written more than 150 chapters, articles, documents, and scientific books on the topics of risks, disasters, and urban development. He has presented at

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