

Project proposal

Action area
2.6. Strengthening development effectiveness at subnational level to achieve the SDGs
List of lead/s of the action area (in bold) and all participants (from Steering Committee and beyond, including GPIs)
Local and regional governments (UCLG, ORU-FOGAR, UNDP ART), AUDA-NEPAD, CPDE, DR Congo, European Commission, France, Iceland, Ivory Coast, Spain, Switzerland, Canada (?), Kenya (?), Peru (?), others from the SDC thematic network (to be defined)
Objective (capture in <u>one</u> objective, maximum 200 - 300 words)
This action area will help advancing the practice and the understanding of effective development cooperation at subnational level and its contribution to achieve the SDGs. Concepts and instruments will be available to support Governments and interested partners. Global awareness on the key role of local and regional governments (LRGs) in achieving development effectiveness will be substantially increased.
Outcomes (maximum two)
They relate to the following aspects of effective development cooperation at the subnational level to be further explored: 1. Increased know-how and capacity for effective development governance and SDG implementation at the subnational level, including inclusive and innovative multi-level policy dialogue, internal coherence for sustainable development (whole-of government), civic engagement (whole-of-society approaches), and transparency and accountability. 2. Definition and testing of a model for development interventions aiming at the localization of the global goals, including alignment with national and local priorities, donor harmonization, and in-country development dialogue and ownership, with an understanding of how to upscale it and replicate it in different contexts.
List of specific activities and expected outputs (contributing to the relevant outcome, to describe specific expected achievements at the end of the implementation period)
1. Country pilot projects, involving different levels of government 2. Collaborative practitioners' network, engaging regularly in discussions (video conferencing) 3. External research, monitoring and evaluation component providing guidance, mapping initiatives, and elaborating robust conclusions 4. Communication and advocacy, including a policy note or statement including specific and targeted policy recommendations, presentations for the HLM-3
Measures of success, risks, other key reflections and assumptions
The level of interest and participation of partners in the collaborative network will be the key success factor to be measured. One important decision will be whether to frame this initiative around SDG target 17.9, "Enhance international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity-building in developing countries to support national plans to implement all the Sustainable Development Goals, including through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation." This would allow for greater relevance, impact and communication; but needs fine-tuning to balance both national and local needs and demands. There are no major risks. The topic is already on the agenda in many countries, and key promoters (e.g. UCLG, ORU-FOGAR, UNDP-ART) have committed to participate actively in this Action Area. Nevertheless, a strong focus on producing generic results (concepts, instruments) has to be maintained to avoid that discussions become too much driven by particular country contexts. There is a need for a clear focus on the situation of countries in the South which receive ODA. Collaboration or, at least, regular exchange with the following action areas (AA) will be a win-win for all sides: AA 1.1 (the impact of effectiveness), AA 1.3 (strengthening effective support to statistical capacity), AA 2.1 (building partnerships with the private sector), AA 2.4 (civil society partnerships), AA 2.5 (reinforcing foundation's

partnerships), AA 2.7 (effective multilateral support), and AA 3.1 (Moving beyond generating monitoring evidence to increased use of results). In these collaborations, the present AA 2.6 would promote the relevance of a particular LGR perspective in the other action areas.

Collaboration with AA 1.1 is of particular interest as it has the capacity to generate evidence that partnerships at the sub-national level are key for development effectiveness and for reaching the SDG.

Proposed timeline (either to reflect in log-frame below or, activities in chronological order)

See LogFrame below.

Fundraising strategy (to explain how to mobilise resources)

The delivery of activities and outputs proposed above are subject to the availability of the necessary resources. Key partners will contribute with in-kind contributions (manpower).

In case that a critical number of actors associate with the financing of this initiative, SDC will, as other participants engage in resource mobilisation.

Being a global project, UNDP ART will outreach to partners who are potentially interested to finance some of the activities. In particular cases, ORU-FOGAR may mobilize regional donors whose ODA budgets are sometimes sizeable.

Contributions/ inputs to foundational elements

How do you ensure that the activities are anchored at country level?

Country pilots and SDG localization plans will secure ownership at local and national levels. LG associations (LGA) are key players, at the national and the regional level. UCLG can mobilize them to associate to this initiative. It also has an important role in policy setting, advocacy and diffusion of best practice to its members.

How do you strengthen the constituencies and/or engage with GPIs?

Regular contacts will be maintained to the following Global Partnership Initiatives (GPI): building inclusive partnerships; mobilizing flows beyond ODA; promoting development in situations of conflict and fragility; strengthening developing country ownership

How do you mainstream learning?

Action Area 2.6 will operate as a collaborative network, producing outputs such as concepts, instruments, case studies, and policy note. An external research organization will provide continuous assessment and help elaborate conclusions.

How do you enhance stakeholder-led outreach and advocacy?

Outreach and advocacy can be promoted by producing high-quality outputs, meeting also standards of good communication (e.g. short clips, complementing the papers; convincing stories about innovative cases).

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			2020		2021		2022
			S1	S2	S1	S2	S1
Outcome 1: Increased know-how and capacity for effective development governance and SDG implementation at the subnational level, including inclusive and innovative multi-level policy dialogue, internal coherence for sustainable development (whole-of government), civic engagement (whole-of-society approaches), and transparency and accountability.							
Output 1: Country pilot projects, involving different levels of government		250			X	x	x
Activity 1.1: Elaboration of MoUs with the relevant national / local governments including objectives and timeline					X		
Activity 1.2: Local seminars and training activities					x	X	x
Activity 1.3: Final conference for presentation of results							X
Output 2: Collaborative practitioners' network, engaging regularly in discussions		25		x	x	x	X
Activity 2.1: Review background document and establish platform			X				
Activity 2.2: Mobilize partners for the platform				x			
Activity 2.3: On-line workshop in the collaborative network				x	x	x	
Outcome 2: Definition and testing of a model for development interventions for the localization of the global goals, including alignment with national and local priorities, donor harmonization, and in-country development dialogue and ownership, with an understanding of how to upscale it and replicate it in different contexts.							
Output 3: External research, monitoring and evaluation component		75					x
Activity 3.1: Initial context analysis (enabling environment) in each pilot country			x	x			
Activity 3.2: Continuous monitoring of pilot country projects				x	x	x	X
Activity 3.3: On-line workshop in the collaborative network				x		x	
Activity 3.4: Preparation of final reports							X
Output 4: Communication and advocacy		50	X	x	x	X	x
Activity 4.1: Communication strategy			X	X			
Activity 4.2: Documentation (e.g. video clips, papers)				x			X
Activity 4.3: Policy paper Policy paper or statement, presentations for the HLM-3							x
Total		400 K					