

## Concept Note and Agenda

### ***Innovative Local Governance Webinar: Launch of the Handbook Series for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals***

***Date:*** Tuesday, 20 August 2024

15:00 – 16:30 | Seoul Time (GMT+9)  
13:00 – 14:30 | Bangkok (GMT+ 7)  
09:00 – 10:30 | Nairobi (GMT+ 12)  
01:00 – 02:30 | New York (GMT-5)

***Registration Link:*** <https://shorturl.at/rc3XP>

***Venue:*** Online

#### ***Organized by***

***United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), through  
the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG) and its project office - United  
Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG)  
and  
The Korea Research Institute for Local Administration (KRILA)***

## I. Event Description

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The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), through its Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG) and its Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), in collaboration with the Korea Research Institute for Local Administration (KRILA), is co-organizing an Innovative Local Governance Webinar to launch the Handbook Series on [Innovative Local Governance for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals](#) to be held online on 20 August 2024.

## II. Background

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The United Nations General Assembly Resolution [A/RES/69/327](#) emphasizes the growing need to strengthen public institutions and public services in support of sustainable development. The [2030 Agenda](#) for Sustainable Development, adopted in 2015 by all member states, aims to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a holistic and interdependent agenda of all countries. The United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), an integral part of DPIDG/UN DESA, in collaboration with the Korea Research Institute for Local Administration (KRILA), developed the Handbook Series on [Innovative Local Governance for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals](#).

Through a series of compact and succinct publications, that are convenient for prompt digest, the Handbook Series contributes to promoting effective, accountable, and inclusive public institutions and advancing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at sub-national and local levels. The Handbook Series also complements the Training Toolkits which are part of [the Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs](#) developed by UN DESA. The materials are useful for capacity development workshops and training organized by UN DESA and other UN agencies. It can also be used by schools of public administration, institutes of public management and local authorities.

## III. Objectives of the Webinar and Handbook Series

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The Webinar aims to officially Launch the Handbook Series on Innovative Local Governance for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals published in 2023. The Handbook Series aims at supporting local authorities and other stakeholders in developing the necessary knowledge, skills, and capacities to implement the SDGs by introducing strategies, approaches, and tools and by showcasing innovative country cases and experiences.

The Handbook Series has the following objectives:

- To introduce diverse strategies, approaches, and policy tools to enhance one country's capacity and readiness for building sustainable and resilient societies at all levels;
- To assist local governments with mainstreaming the relevant policy frameworks and strategies in the local development and SDG implementation policies and programmes;
- To strengthen capacity and readiness of local governments to promote effective, accountable, and inclusive governance by providing policy recommendations, with a particular emphasis on fostering the capacities and skills to engage with diverse stakeholders in the policy processes;
- To introduce good practices of innovative local governance for SDG implementation and assist local governments and relevant stakeholders in identifying the areas for improvement and the possible modes and mechanisms of government intervention, where possible, in partnership with the private sector; and
- To provide a systematic and replicable approach to assess the readiness on institutional arrangements,

including the monitoring and review processes, for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the local level.

#### IV. Themes of the Handbook Series

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The six sub-themes of the Handbook Series are:

1. [Promoting Local Innovation for Inclusion of People in Vulnerable Situations and Leaving No One Behind](#)
  - This handbook focuses on promoting and harnessing innovation to foster social inclusion of people in vulnerable situations and the principle of leaving no one behind for local governance. It introduces innovative approaches, strategies, practices, and tools and people-centred actions to mitigate social vulnerabilities and achieve the SDGs.
2. [Effective National to Local Governance for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation](#)
  - This handbook introduces the reader to concepts, approaches, tools, exercises and innovative cases relating to Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation. The handbook guides the reader towards roadmaps, policy toolkits, manuals and peer support to help cities and local communities better invest in practical actions on climate change. This handbook builds on global good practice and the *Training Toolkit on [Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation](#)* developed by UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA.
3. [Strengthening Resilience in Cities and Local Communities through Innovation and Digital Government](#)
  - This handbook introduces the reader to concepts, approaches, tools, exercises and innovative cases to Strengthen Resilience in Cities and Local Communities through Innovation and Digital Government. The handbook guides the reader towards roadmaps, policy toolkits, manuals and peer support to help cities and local communities better invest in practical action to strengthen resilience. This handbook builds on the *Training Toolkit on [Risk-informed Governance and Innovative Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience](#)* as part of the UN DESA's *[Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs](#)*.
4. [Digital Transformation in Local Government Leadership, Human Resources and Organizational Structure](#)
  - This handbook introduces the concept of digital transformation to policymakers and public managers who are contemplating the digital transformation of local governments. It introduces various organizational management elements required for successful digital transformation, including the leadership, human resources and organizational structure of the digital innovator which are said to be the most essential elements for digital transformation. Examples of successful efforts from several countries also are included.
5. [Fostering Collaborative Public Administration for Local Governments - The Case of Republic of Korea](#)
  - This handbook explains the concepts, attributes and approaches of collaborative administration and specifically introduces practical cases of collaborative public administration in local governments in the Republic of Korea. It also redefines the concept of collaborative public administration, considers key aspects in collaborative public administration, analyses collaborative public administration cases and models collaborative public administration.

## 6. [Social Value in Local Governments](#)

- This handbook furthers the discussion on the premise that social value is the main axis of the paradigm shift of local governments oriented towards traditional development administration. The handbook focuses on what should be done by local governments to spread social value, directly accommodating the demands of residents. The handbook presents the actions local governments must take to promote social values as five means, based on a new government framework. The handbook also presents relevant cases for each means. Action steps and exercises needed and factors to be considered in implementing social value are also included.

## V. Expected Outcomes of the Webinar

By the end of the Webinar, participants are expected to have been:

- Introduced to the diverse strategies, approaches, and policy tools to enhance one country's capacity and readiness for building sustainable and resilient societies at all levels;
- Assisted in understanding how local governments can mainstream relevant policy frameworks and strategies into local development and SDG implementation policies and programmes;
- Informed on how to strengthen capacities and readiness of local governments to promote effective, accountable, and inclusive governance by providing policy recommendations, with a particular emphasis on fostering the capacities and skills to engage with diverse stakeholders in the policy processes;
- Introduced to good practices of innovative local governance for SDG implementation and how to assist local governments and relevant stakeholders in identifying the areas for improvement and the possible modes and mechanisms of government intervention, where possible, in partnership with the private sector; and
- Provided with a systematic and replicable approach to assess the readiness on institutional arrangements, including the monitoring and review processes, for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the local level.

## VI. Structure and Methodology

The webinar will consist of presentations, innovative case study presentations by experts, and interactive Q&A discussion sessions. The presentation and interactive discussions will enable participants to gain in-depth learning into concepts, approaches, and practice and to explore action-oriented steps towards Innovative Local Governance for the Implementation of the SDGs. The webinar will be conducted in English.

## VII. Target Participants

The webinar welcomes participants from diverse background including policy makers, public sector, private sector, practitioners, researchers, NGOs, and all other stakeholders from national and local governments, civil society organizations and institutions engaged in promoting towards innovative local governance.

## VIII. Registration Deadline

Interested participants are requested to kindly register by 19 August 2024 through this link: <https://shorturl.at/rc3XP>

## IX. Agenda of the Webinar

### DRAFT AGENDA

Time	20 August 2024
15:00-16:30	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Ms. Young-ji Tak</i>, Head of International Cooperation Team, KRILA, Republic of Korea (2min)</p> <p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Hyeyoung Kim</b>, Head of UN Project Office on Governance, DPIDG/UN DESA, Incheon, Republic of Korea (4 mins)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Jae Bok Joo</b>, Acting President, KRILA, Republic of Korea (4 mins)</li> </ul> <p><b>Photo Session</b></p>
15:00-15:10	
15:10-15:30	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Ms. Young-ji Tak</i>, Head of International Cooperation Team, KRILA, Republic of Korea</p> <p><b>Introduction to the UNPOG/UN DESA led Handbooks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Prabin Maharjan</b>, Programme Management Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA) (10 mins) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Promoting Local Innovation for Inclusion of People in Vulnerable Situations and Leaving No One Behind</i></li> <li>2. <i>Effective National to Local Governance for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation</i></li> <li>3. <i>Strengthening Resilience in Cities and Local Communities through Innovation and Digital Government</i></li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><b>Introduction to the KRILA led Handbooks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Youngju Kang</b>, Director, Local Administration and Innovation Office, KRILA, Republic of Korea (10 mins) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Digital Transformation in Local Government Leadership, Human Resources and Organizational Structure</i></li> <li>2. <i>Fostering Collaborative Public Administration for Local Governments - The Case of Republic of Korea</i></li> <li>3. <i>Social Value in Local Governments</i></li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><b>Guiding Questions:</b> What are the key objectives and thematic focus of the various Handbooks. What are the strategies, tools and frameworks available to local authorities for enhancing the Implementation of the SDGs?</p>
15:30-16:25	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Mr. Samuel Danaa</i>, Associate Capacity Development Expert, Ministry of Interior and Safety (MOIS), Republic of Korea</p> <p><b>Promoting Innovative Local Governance for the Implementation of the SDGs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr. M. Jae Moon</b>, Underwood Distinguished Professor, Department of Public Policy and Management, Yonsei University, Director, Institute of Future Government (10 mins)</li> </ul>

	<b>Innovations in Local Governance for building resilient communities and accelerating progress on the SDGs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Non Arkaraprasertkul</b>, Senior Expert, Smart City Promotion Department, Digital Economy Promotion Agency, Thailand (10 mins)</li> </ul>
	<b>Moderated Q&amp;A Session including from the Audience:</b> Challenges, Opportunities, Strategies, and Policy Recommendations for promoting Innovative Local Governance for the Implementation of the SDGs. (35 mins)
<b>16:25-16:28</b>	<b>Closing and Wrap-up of the Webinar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UNPOG</b> (3 mins)</li> </ul>
<b>16:28-16:30</b>	<b>Post-event Survey</b>

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