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Government Finance and Investment



AGENDA

4th Steering Committee of the World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment (SNG-WOFI)

16 January 2024

9.30-12.30 (CET)



OECD Headquarters (Paris)
& Virtually (Zoom)

The meeting will be held in English and French

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■ About the World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment

The OECD-UCLG World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment (SNG-WOFI) is a joint endeavour led by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG).

It was jointly established in 2015 as a multi-stakeholder initiative with the aim to increase knowledge on multi-level governance and subnational finance by collecting and analysing standardised and comparative quantitative and qualitative information at the global level.

The SNG-WOFI has the following main objectives:

- **To bridge the fiscal data gap** at the global level by facilitating access to standardised, reliable and comparable data and information on multi-level governance and subnational finance. To this end, it aims to define and share common methodological approaches, tools, and indicators across countries.
- **To support policymaking** at all levels of government to enhance multi-level governance and decentralisation frameworks, particularly fiscal ones.
- **To serve as a capacity-building tool** on subnational governance and finance at the international, national, and subnational levels.
- **To support international dialogue** and facilitate the exchange of experiences and peer-to-peer learning between international, national, and local stakeholders, including their financial partners.
- **To help monitor the contribution of subnational governments to the Sustainable Development Goals** and other global development agendas, such as the Addis-Ababa Action Agenda, the Paris Agreement, the Sendai Framework, the New Urban Agenda, etc.

After three previous editions, in 2016, 2019 and 2022, the SNG-WOFI has become the largest international knowledge repository on subnational government structure and finance ever produced. The third edition includes data from 135 countries, covering almost 90% of the world surface area, 93% of the world population and 94% of global GDP. Data are displayed in a user-friendly website (in [English/French](#) and some documents in Spanish), which provides access to the [135 country profiles](#), the [synthesis report](#), the financial [database](#) and an [interactive visualisation tool](#) that allows country comparisons.

■ Objectives of the 4th Steering Committee meeting

This 4th meeting of the Steering Committee will provide the participants the opportunity to discuss:

- The key findings and impact of the 3rd edition of the SNG-WOFI;
- The proposed content of the 4th edition;
- The governance and financing model of the SNG-WOFI.

9.00-9.30	Welcome coffee
9.30-9.45	Opening session
	<p>Welcome & opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lamia Kamal-Chaoui, Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities CFE, OECD ▪ Emilia Saiz, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Government (UCLG)
9.45-10.30	Main findings and impact of the 3 rd edition of the SNG-WOFI
	<p>Key findings & impact of the 3rd edition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Key findings from the 3rd edition ▪ Impact and dissemination of the 3rd edition to date <p>Feedback and questions for discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What do you see as the main benefits and strength of the SNG-WOFI in general, since its inception? ▪ How have the partners utilised the data? How have they practically benefited from this information? In what context or manner have these insights proven useful?
10.30-11.15	Towards the 4 th edition of the SNG-WOFI: proposed content and outputs
	<p>Proposed content and outputs for the 4th edition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Methodology ▪ Potential new topics or focus ▪ Outputs and tools ▪ Communication strategy <p>Feedback and questions for discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do the topics/focus highlighted for the 4th edition seem relevant to your organisation/members, and why? ▪ How can your organisations/members contribute to support the OECD and UCLG for the collection of data and information on the various topics ? ▪ Any other suggestion on communication channels
11.15- 11.35	Coffee break
11.35-12.25	The governance and financial model for the 4 th edition of the SNG-WOFI
	<p>Presentation of the governance and funding model of the SNG-WOFI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Role of the Steering Committee ▪ Establishment of a “Scientific Committee” ▪ Ensuring long-term financial sustainability of the SNG-WOFI and role of the supporting partners <p>Feedback and questions for discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why and how can establishing a Scientific Committee enhance the project's strength? ▪ Any question relative to the improved governance and finance model?
12.25-12.30	Conclusion
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OECD and UCLG
12.30	Lunch

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Online participation

The conference is hybrid. Participants that will attend virtually on Zoom need to register online [at this link](#).

In case of difficulty in the registration process, please contact Evangelia Thanasi (Evangelia.Thanasi@oecd.org).

In-person participation

The meeting will be held in **Room E** of the chateau at the OECD. The entrance is located at: 2, rue André Pascal – 75016 Paris. More information available here: www.oecd.org/conference-centre/.

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