Third meeting of the Steering Committee of the World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment

📅 Thursday, 20 January 2022 ⏰ 13:00 – 15:00 (CET)

📍 Registration link:
Meeting Registration - Zoom

The event will be held online due to the ongoing health situation.

English, French, and Spanish interpretation will be available during the meeting.

Objectives

After two editions in 2016 and 2019, the World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment (SNG-WOFI), led by the OECD and UCLG and supported by several partners, is preparing its third edition to be released in 2022.

The objectives of the World Observatory are to:

- Ensure standardised, reliable, and transparent access to data on subnational government structure, finance, and investment; develop new measures for better assessing the fiscal space of subnational governments; and identify new indicators linked to multi-level governance.
- Support international dialogue and decision-making on multi-level governance and subnational finance.
- Provide a capacity-building tool for subnational governance and finance.

Given the magnitude of the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges related to the recovery, the World Observatory also intends to help policy-makers better understand, in a clear and systematic manner, the subnational impact of the crisis and the various recovery strategies undertaken at the subnational level in each country. This third meeting of the Steering Committee will give participants the opportunity to discuss:

- New features of the forthcoming third edition including a simplified methodological guide, the inclusion of new countries, and a special focus on the territorial impact and management of the COVID-19 crisis at the subnational level.
- The next steps of the project including progress in data collection for the roughly 140 country profiles and the launch event to be held early July 2022.
- The collaboration of Steering Committee members with the project teams to enhance the data collection and verification processes.
- The outreach and communication strategy for the third edition.
- The outcomes of the previous two editions of the World Observatory.
Agenda

13:00 – 13:30 Opening Session

(15 min) Welcome remarks and introduction
- Lamia Kamal-Chaoui, Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE), OECD
- Emilia Saiz, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments
- Judith Winternitz, Director Regional Policy and Recovery Branch, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications, Australia, Chair of the OECD Expert Group on Multi-Level Governance for Regional Development
- Aníbal Gaviria, Governor of Antioquia, Colombia, President of Cities Alliance

(15 min) Introduction from supporting partners
- David Jackson, Director, Local Transformative Finance, United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)
- Bertrand de Dianous, Head of Local Finance & Decentralisation Unit, Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
- Rachana Shrestha, Senior Public Management Officer, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Elisa Muzzini, Technical Advisor for Urban and Regional Development, Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB)
- Dr. Günther Taube, Head of Sector Programme Good Financial Governance, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
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| 13:30 – 13:50 | Progress review since the last Steering Committee meeting | Moderator: Edgardo Bilsky, Director of Programmes and Research, UCLG  
Speakers: Isabelle Chatry, Head of Unit, Decentralisation, Subnational Finance and Infrastructure, CFE, OECD; Serge Allou, Special Advisor, UCLG | (10 min) | Summary of progress after the launch of the second edition of the SNG-WOFI  
- Outputs of the second edition of the World Observatory: 124 country profiles, synthesis report, website, database and visualisation tools  
Outcomes and impact of the SNG-WOFI to date  
- Examples of uses of data and information from the previous editions  
- Webinars, conferences, training, high-level events  
Feedback and comments from participants |
| 13:50 – 14:30 | Presentation of the upcoming edition of the SNG-WOFI | Moderator: Dorothée Allain-Dupré, Head of Division, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance, CFE, OECD  
Speakers: OECD and UCLG teams | (20 min) | New features and methodology of the third edition  
- Presentation of the new templates and methodological guidelines  
- New countries  
- Impact of the COVID-19 crisis  
- Outputs: country profiles, synthesis report with a specific focus, database  
Update on the data collection process  
- Update on the data collection process as of January 2022  
- How to mobilise the Steering Committee  
Feedback and comments from participants |
14:30 – 14:55  Looking ahead: how to increase the impact of the World Observatory?

A discussion moderated by Christel Alvergne, Regional coordinator for West and Central Africa, UNCDF, and introduced by Serge Allou, UCLG.

(25 min)

Introductory remarks to the discussion

- **Junghun Kim**, Chairman, OECD Network on Fiscal Relations and President of the Fiscal Policy Institute
- **Barbara Samuels**, Founder and Executive Director of the Global Clearinghouse for Development Finance
- **Lewis Dijkstra**, Head of the Economic Analysis Sector, DG Regio, European Commission
- **Octavi de la Varga**, Secretary General, Metropolis
- **Elton Stafa**, Regional Fiscal Decentralisation Expert, NALAS

Discussion with participants

14:55 – 15:00  Wrap-up and conclusion

- **Edgardo Bilsky**, Director of Programmes and Research, UCLG
- **Dorothée Allain-Dupré**, Head of Division, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance, CFE, OECD

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Technical information to connect

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For more information on the SNG-WOFI initiative, please visit the web platform:
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