

## 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)

## 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

(10 min)

### Feedback and comments from participants

## 13:50 – 14:30 Presentation of the upcoming edition of the SNG-WOFI

*Moderator: Dorothee **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

(20 min)

### 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
- **Dorothee Allain-Dupré**, Head of Division, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance, CFE, OECD

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Or by phone:

Meeting ID: 980 4363 5855

Password: 7487737671

Find your local number: <https://meetoecd1.zoom.us/j/aciJDyleoY>

Simultaneous interpretation English/French/Spanish is provided.

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*For more information on the SNG-WOFI initiative, please visit the web platform:*  
<https://www.sng-wofi.org>