The success of the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda will depend on effective, accountable and transparent institutions. That's why local democracy must be the foundation of both agendas. Because it is at local level, where government is closest to the people, that citizens engage with their institutions every day.

We want a world in which all local governments are equipped with the powers and resources necessary to respond to the needs and priorities of their communities. In which local democracy is made a reality through ongoing, effective citizen participation in decision-making. In which local budgets, procurement and hiring, and decision-making mechanisms are transparent. And in which citizens can hold local institutions accountable for their decisions. Elected local and regional leaders are uniquely placed to promote collaborative, participatory and integrated governance. This policy dialogue will explore how to empower local leaders to work with their communities to co-create their cities and territories.

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