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Mayors, Human Rights & the **UN Universal Periodic Review**

Human Rights & SDGs in action

**2 May 2023
12:45 - 14:00 CEST**

Palais des Nations, Room XXII & online

Access to the room is limited to people accredited to the Palais des Nations

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a unique "peer-to-peer" process that involves a periodic review (every 4 ½ years) of the human rights records of all 193 UN Member States. Each State presents the measures taken in its territory to fulfill its international human rights obligations, and all other States can comment and make recommendations.

Local and Regional Governments (LRGs) are still largely absent from this mechanism, despite their essential role in the promotion, protection and implementation of human rights.

In order to reflect on how to better include them, the Geneva Cities Hub has created a coalition with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, UN-Habitat, the Friedrich Erbert Stiftung, UPR-Info and the Geneva Human Rights Platform.

During this event, the coalition will invite representatives of States LRGs of States under review at the 43rd UPR session, as well as representatives of civil society to consider the following points:

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SANDWICHES WILL BE SERVED AT 12H15

- **identify concrete entry points for LRGs within the UPR, including in relation to the implementation of the SDGs** (e.g. at the national level, during the consultation conducted by a State to prepare its national report, or at the international level, by including a municipal representative in the delegation participating in the UPR session held in Geneva).

- **reflect on ways and means to encourage States to adopt an inclusive approach towards LRGs and pay particular attention to urban themes during the UPR** (impact of massive and rapid urbanization on human rights, social inclusion, urban resilience, etc.).

Speakers

Representatives of French speaking States and LRGs under review of the UN and of civil society

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