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*Launch of the Handbook Series for the Implementation of the  
Sustainable Development Goals*

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## List of Acronyms

**CSO** - Civil Society Organization

**DPIDG** - Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government

**GMT** - Greenwich Mean Time

**KRILA** - Korea Research Institute for Local Administration

**MOIS** - Ministry of the Interior and Safety

**NGO** - Non-governmental Organization

**SDGs** - Sustainable Development Goals

**UN DESA** - United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

**UNPOG** - United Nations Project Office on Governance

**3Rs** - Reduce, Replace and Reform

The banner features the United Nations logo and 'Department of Economic and Social Affairs' on the left, and the KRILA logo 'Korea Research Institute for Local Administration' in the center. On the right, it displays the 'Sustainable Development Goals' logo. The main text reads 'Innovative Local Governance Webinar' and 'Launch of the Handbook Series for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals'. Below this, the date '20 August 2024' is listed, followed by a schedule of times for four locations: Seoul (15:00 - 16:30 GMT+9), Bangkok (13:00 - 14:30 GMT+7), Nairobi (09:00 - 10:30 GMT+3), and New York (01:00 - 02:30 GMT-5). A grid of 17 SDG icons is shown on the right side of the banner.

## Background

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), through its Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG) and its Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), in collaboration with the Korea Research Institute for Local Administration (KRILA) co-organized the Innovative Local Governance Webinar to launch the Handbook Series on [Innovative Local Governance for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals](#) held on 20 August 2024.

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## Objective

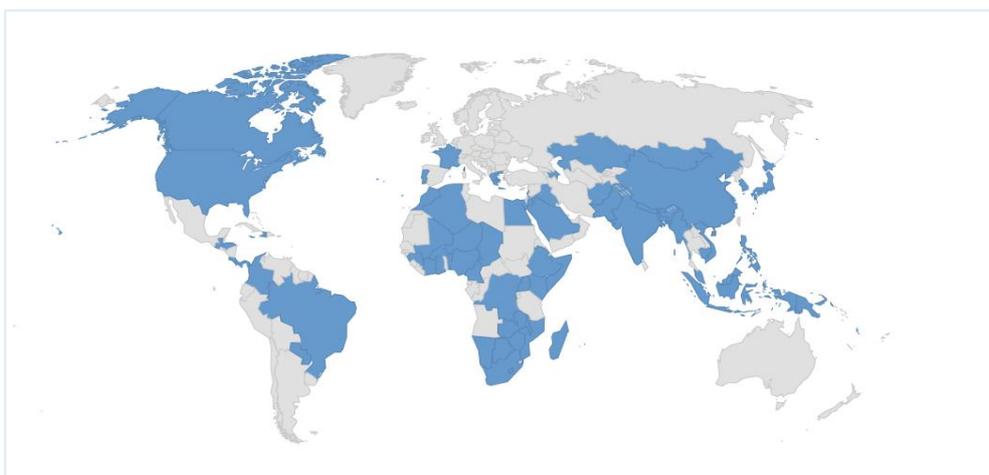
The Webinar was aimed at officially Launching the Handbook Series on Innovative Local Governance for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

## Participants

The Webinar welcomed participants from diverse background including policy makers, public sector, private sector, practitioners, researchers, NGOs, and other stakeholders from national and local governments, civil society organizations and institutions engaged in promoting innovative local governance.

The Innovative Local Governance Webinar was attended by **272 participants** from **69 countries**, mainly from Asia - Pacific, and Africa. The countries include - *Afghanistan, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, China, Costa Rica, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Uganda, USA, Vanuatu, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.*

**Figure 1. Participants Country Map**



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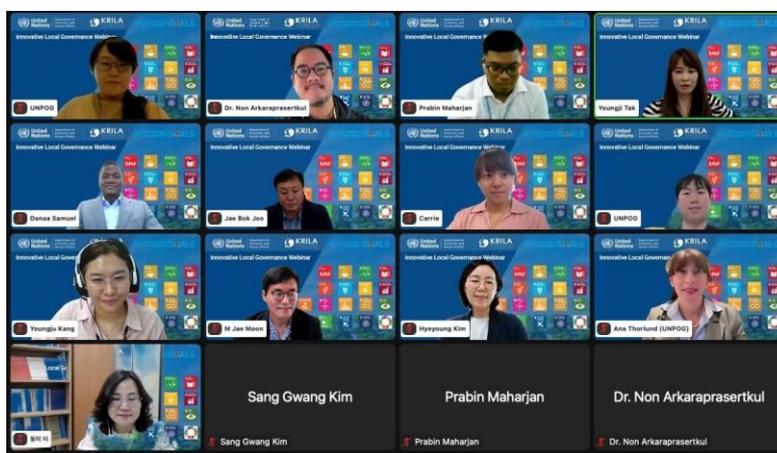
## Participant's Feedback

A total of **102 participants** from **25 countries** responded to the **post-event survey**. The post-event evaluation was undertaken to solicit participants' feedback to ensure measurable and sustainable impact of the webinar on the participants' country, institution, and on their personal learning objectives. Summaries of the results are highlighted below:

- Overall, **100%** (all **102** respondents) expressed their satisfaction with the webinar.
- Approximately **97%** (**99** respondents) indicated the Handbook Series will benefit their current job or studies.
- About **88%** (**90** respondents) stated they plan to use or access the Handbook Series as soon as possible while **12%** (**12** respondents) plan to use or access the Handbook Series in the near future.

Further details on the participants' comments, capacity development support requests from UN DESA/DPIDG/UNPOG and KRILA as well as the complete post-event survey results are available in Annex 1 of this report.

## A Session of Panelist



## Key Insights and Messages

**Ms. Hyeyoung Kim**, Head of UN Project Office on Governance, DPIDG/UN DESA, Incheon, Republic of Korea, in her remarks stated that effective, accountable, and inclusive public institutions play a significant role in achieving the 2030 Agenda. She reiterated that the Handbook Series is not just a collection of publications; but a dynamic and practical resource aimed at empowering local governments to take decisive action. The objectives of this Series are multifaceted but unified, aimed at empowering local governments to be catalysts of sustainable development. It seeks to enhance their capacity to build resilient and inclusive societies, to mainstream the SDGs into local policies, and to foster effective, accountable, and inclusive governance.

By providing concrete examples and replicable models, the handbooks serve not only as a guide but also as a catalyst for transformative change. To accelerate progress on the SDGs, it is important to note that the success of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development relies not only on the commitments made at the national or global levels but also on the actions taken at the cities, towns, and local communities. It is at the grassroots, that sustainable development truly takes root.

**Mr. Jae Bok Joo**, Acting President, KRILA, Republic of Korea, taken his turn re-echoed that the Handbooks are a culmination of extensive research, practical experiences, and collaborative efforts. It is a resource designed to empower local authorities and stakeholders by providing them with the tools, strategies, and innovative approaches necessary to meet the challenges of sustainable development.

Local governments play a crucial role in translating global goals into local realities. Local governments are at the forefront of addressing the needs of citizens, managing public services, and ensuring inclusive, effective, and accountable governance. The handbooks aim to support these vital functions by offering practical guidance, case studies, and policy recommendations that are tailored to the unique contexts of local governance. KRILA is committed to advancing the capacities of local governments in the Republic of Korea and beyond. Through research, training, and international cooperation, KRILA strives to contribute to the development of innovative, resilient, and inclusive local governance.

## Introduction to the Handbook Series

The Handbook Series aims at supporting local authorities and other stakeholders in developing the necessary knowledge, skills, and capacities to implement the SDGs by introducing strategies, approaches, and tools and showcasing innovative country cases and experiences.

The Handbook Series has the following objectives:

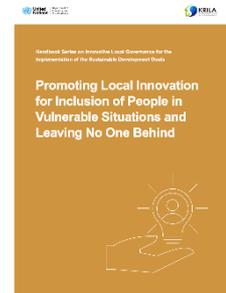
- To introduce diverse strategies, approaches, and policy tools to enhance one country's capacity and readiness for building sustainable and resilient societies at all levels;
- To assist local governments with mainstreaming the relevant policy frameworks and strategies in the local development and SDG implementation policies and programmes;
- To strengthen capacity and readiness of local governments to promote effective, accountable, and inclusive governance by providing policy recommendations, with a particular emphasis on fostering the capacities and skills to engage with diverse stakeholders in the policy processes;
- To introduce good practices of innovative local governance for SDG implementation and assist local governments and relevant stakeholders in identifying the areas for improvement and the possible modes and mechanisms of government intervention, where possible, in partnership with the private sector; and

- To provide a systematic and replicable approach to assess the readiness on institutional arrangements, including the monitoring and review processes, for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the local level.

### Key highlights of the Handbook Series

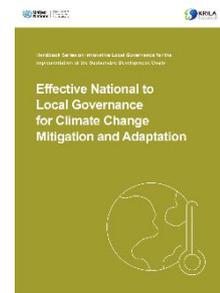
#### 1. [Promoting Local Innovation for Inclusion of People in Vulnerable Situations and Leaving No One Behind](#)

- This handbook focuses on promoting and harnessing innovation to foster social inclusion of people in vulnerable situations and the principle of leaving no one behind for local governance. It introduces innovative approaches, strategies, practices, and tools and people-centred actions to mitigate social vulnerabilities and achieve the SDGs.



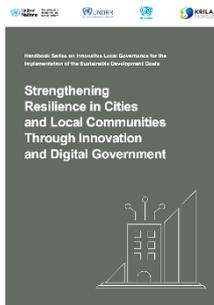
#### 2. [Effective National to Local Governance for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation](#)

- This handbook introduces the reader to concepts, approaches, tools, exercises and innovative cases relating to Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation. The handbook guides the reader towards roadmaps, policy toolkits, manuals and peer support to help cities and local communities better invest in practical actions on climate change. This handbook builds on global good practice and the *Training Toolkit on Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation* developed by UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA.



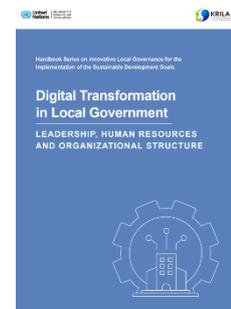
#### 3. [Strengthening Resilience in Cities and Local Communities through Innovation and Digital Government](#)

- This handbook introduces the reader to concepts, approaches, tools, exercises and innovative cases to Strengthen Resilience in Cities and Local Communities through Innovation and Digital Government. The handbook guides the reader towards roadmaps, policy toolkits, manuals and peer support to help cities and local communities better invest in practical action to strengthen resilience. This handbook builds on the *Training Toolkit on Risk-informed Governance and Innovative Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience* as part of the UN DESA's *Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs*.



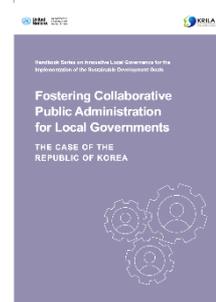
#### 4. [Digital Transformation in Local Government Leadership, Human Resources and Organizational Structure](#)

- This handbook introduces the concept of digital transformation to policymakers and public managers who are contemplating the digital transformation of local governments. It introduces various organizational management elements required for successful digital transformation, including the leadership, human resources and organizational structure of the digital innovator which are said to be the most essential elements for digital transformation. Examples of successful efforts from several countries also are included.

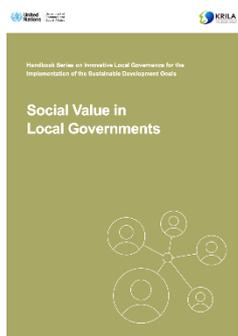


## 5. Fostering Collaborative Public Administration for Local Governments - The Case of Republic of Korea

- This handbook explains the concepts, attributes and approaches of collaborative administration and specifically introduces practical cases of collaborative public administration in local governments in the Republic of Korea. It also redefines the concept of collaborative public administration, considers key aspects in collaborative public administration, analyses collaborative public administration cases and models collaborative public administration.



## 6. Social Value in Local Governments



- This handbook furthers the discussion on the premise that social value is the main axis of the paradigm shift of local governments oriented towards traditional development administration. The handbook focuses on what should be done by local governments to spread social value, directly accommodating the demands of residents. The handbook presents the actions local governments must take to promote social values as five means, based on a new government framework. The handbook also presents relevant cases for each means. Action steps and exercises needed and factors to be considered in implementing social value are also included.

## Promoting Innovative Local Governance for the Implementation of the SDGs<sup>1</sup>

### Where are We Now on the SDGs?

- The world is woefully off track to achieve the SDGs by the 2030 and policy makers must therefore examine how countries can get back on track and make the transformative development agenda a reality.

### SDG Localization, Local Governance and Urbanization<sup>2</sup>

- Countries have recognized that many of the roadblocks to achieving the SDGs, such as non-income poverty and inequality, must be addressed through SDG localization and by improving local and urban governance. This requires a whole of society approach and a transformation process i.e., through innovation in the way that public institutions, private sector and citizens collaborate to achieve sustainable development.
- Localizing the SDGs cannot be limited to integrating the global goals in local development plans but must extend to strengthening local governance. This includes by using innovation (social and technology) to codesign with public and private actors new service delivery models, innovative financing tools and accountability mechanisms.

<sup>1</sup> Presentation (2024). Mr. M. Jae Moon, Underwood Distinguished Professor, Department of Public Policy and Management, Yonsei University, Director, Institute of Future Government

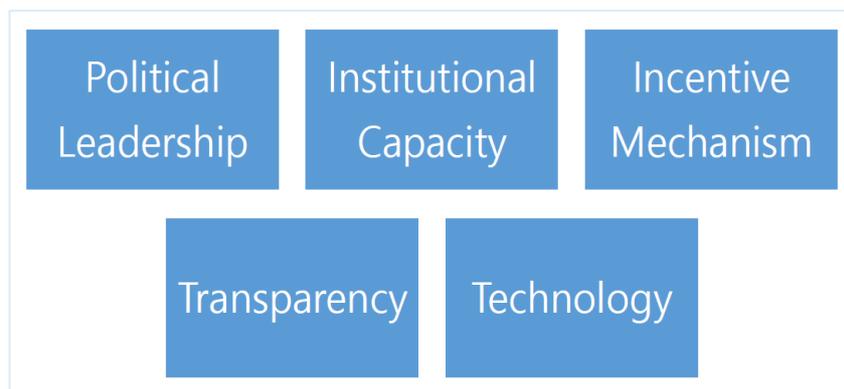
<sup>2</sup> UNDP (n.d). <https://www.undp.org/asia-pacific/sdg-localization-local-governance-and-urbanization>

**Figure 2: Innovations in Local Governments for SDG Localization**



(Ansell et al., 2022)

**Figure 3: Drivers for Local Government Innovations: Lessons from the World Bank Global Report**



Source: Presentation (2024). Mr. M. Jae Moon, Underwood Distinguished Professor, Department of Public Policy and Management, Yonsei University, Director, Institute of Future Government

## **Innovations in Local Governance for building resilient communities and accelerating progress on the SDGs: Thailand's Experience<sup>3</sup>**

### **Challenges of Traditional Civic Issue Reporting**

- Cities face challenges in identifying and addressing infrastructure problems due to **limited resources**, while citizens encounter difficulties in reporting civic issues to local governments, often exacerbated by a **communication gap**. The **overreliance on paper-based systems** slows down processes and creates obstacles in effectively resolving issues, which further hinder the efficiency of local governance.

<sup>3</sup> Presentation (2024). Dr. Non Arkaraprasertkul, Senior Expert, Smart City Promotion Department, Digital Economy Promotion Agency, Thailand

## Solving Civic Issues with A Citizen-Centric App

- **My City App** is a Citizen-Centric App for addressing civic issues as it provides a seamless communication channel between citizens and the government, facilitating efficient problem-solving. My City App enables citizens to report issues directly to their city via the popular line messaging app.
- Putting it all together, it is important to have purposeful technology, consider value over optimization, and think big, act small, and consistently.



Source: Presentation (2024). Dr. Non Arkaraprasertkul, Senior Expert, Smart City Promotion Department, Digital Economy Promotion Agency, Thailand

Building Resilient Communities through Innovations in Local Governance requires:

- **STRIFE Framework:** this outlines the five key challenges faced by local municipalities in implementing the SDGs: stakeholders' understanding, trust, regulations, inclusivity, procurement, and economic management models. Addressing these challenges is essential for any successful SDG implementation.
- **Gradual Buy-ins:** when introducing new services and solutions. By gradually building awareness and skills, digital efforts can be more effectively implemented, ensuring that communities are ready to embrace change.
- **3Rs Model:** this involves Reduce, Replace, and Reform. This strategic approach is crucial for implementing innovative solutions, particularly in sectors like energy. We cannot overhaul infrastructure overnight, but through gradual reduction, replacement, and reform, we can achieve meaningful and sustainable change.

## Policy Recommendations for Innovation in Local Governance

- **Strengthen Local Capacity for SDG Implementation** - Local governments should focus on building capacities to integrate the SDGs into local policies. This includes introducing innovative governance models, fostering collaboration with the private sector, and ensuring inclusive governance that leaves no one behind. Leveraging the handbook series and toolkits from the UN and other organizations can guide local authorities in implementing these frameworks.
- **Emphasize Social Inclusion** - Local governance innovations should prioritize leaving no one behind by ensuring social inclusion of vulnerable populations. Policies should embed social

value into legal and public service frameworks, focusing on equity, sustainability, and community well-being.

- **Address Climate Change Resilience** - Promote innovative governance strategies for climate change mitigation and adaptation. Local governments should invest in digital and risk-informed governance approaches to enhance resilience in communities, building on global best practices and toolkits provided by initiatives like the UN's Handbook Series.
- **Foster Collaborative Governance** - Collaborative public administration should be expanded to include private sector actors. Local governments must actively share information, financial resources, and human capital across sectors. Legal frameworks and support systems should be enhanced to facilitate collaboration, with dedicated organizations or teams responsible for promoting and executing joint initiatives.
- **Enhance Digital Transformation** - Local governments should prioritize digital transformation to improve efficiency, transparency, and service delivery. This includes developing a future-ready workforce through digital literacy training and aligning human resource strategies to meet digital demands. Additionally, optimizing organizational structures and processes with digital tools will streamline governance.
- **Promote Social Value in Governance** - Governments should embed social value into public service delivery and legal frameworks. Policies must prioritize sustainability, equity, and community well-being, using clear metrics to measure outcomes. This will require a proactive approach to promoting social innovation and ensuring accountability in governance.
- **Localize SDGs Through Innovation** - Local governments should integrate the SDGs into their policies by adopting innovative service delivery models, new financing tools, and accountability mechanisms. This requires a “whole of society” approach, involving public-private partnerships and community engagement.
- **Leverage Innovation for Climate Action** - Equip local governments with innovative tools for climate change mitigation and adaptation. This includes providing roadmaps, policy toolkits, and peer support to implement resilient strategies that address local climate challenges.

## Annex:

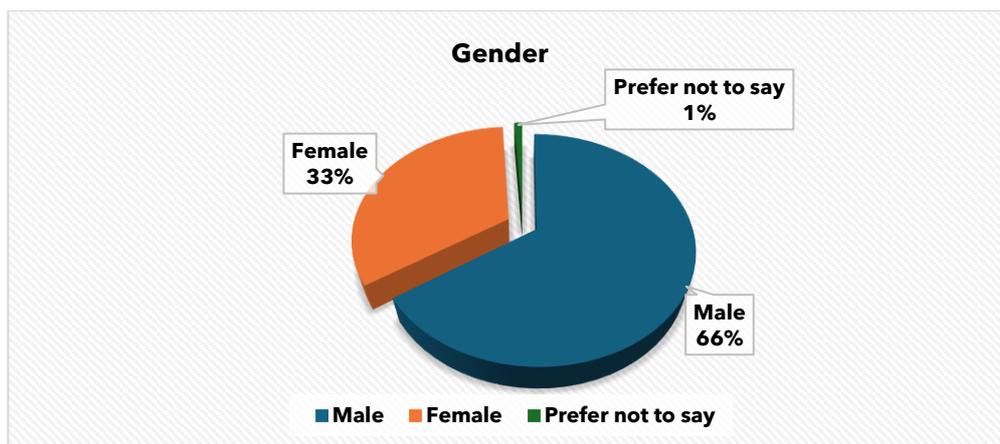
### Annex 1. Post-event Survey Results

A total of **102 participants** from **25 countries** responded to the post-event survey. The countries include - *Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia, Colombia, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Malaysia, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Portugal, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Uganda, USA, Vanuatu, and Zimbabwe.*

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### Background

The respondents were composed of 67 (66%) males, 34 (33%) females, and 1 (1%) preferred not to say. Most of the respondents 35 (34.3%) were from university/academic institutions, followed by 23 (22.5%) from sub-national/local government, 19 (18.6%) from national government, 8 (7.8%) from the private sector, 5 (4.9%) from UN entities, 3 (2.9%) from civil society organizations, 3 (2.9%) international organizations, 2 (2%) from the scientific community and the remaining 4 (3.9%) from other affiliations.

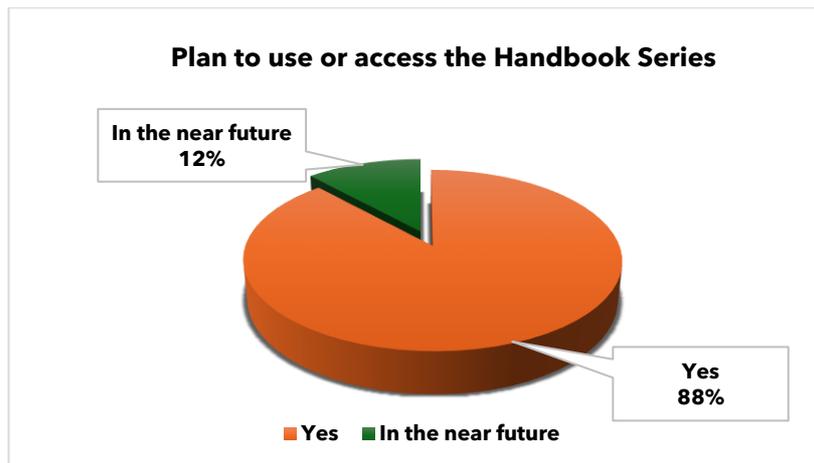


### Overall rating of the Innovative Local Governance Webinar

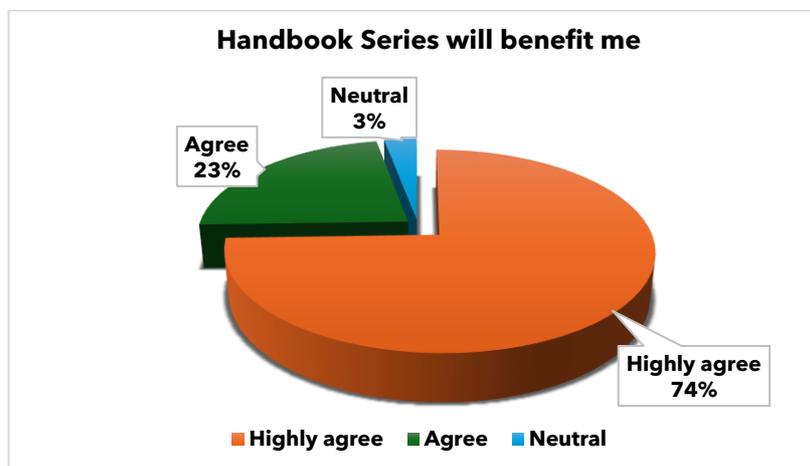
Overall, 62 respondents (61%) indicated they were extremely satisfied with the webinar with 40 (39%) stating they were satisfied with the webinar.



### Plans to use or access the Handbook Series for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals as soon as possible



### Handbook Series will benefit current job or studies



**Additional questions, comments, or points of improvement and any other request for capacity building support from UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA and partners.**

RESPONSES	
It was very informative. Thank you	Everything was discussed thoroughly.
Thank you for these handbooks	How to implement SDGs in districts step by step
So good, thank you for the presentations	Local strategy for developing countries to implement SDG.
Excellent webinar! Thank you very much for this informative webinar! I like the time duration. Just enough!	Thank you for the insights
This was a very insightful webinar. Additionally, I was happy with the time selected for the Webinar as I could attend it was morning time in my region.	We work with the climate change Chapter & innovative technology in Europe and Latin America. Thanks very much
Congratulations. Looking forward to more webinar.	Capacity building of Cities in Solid waste management especially waste to energy recovery
None so far. Thank you for this very informative webinar. It helps me more understand how a community should go through development with sustainability.	Thank you very much! Looking forward to SDG-related topics, especially at the grassroots level.
None, the presentations are clear. Thank you very much.	SDG for the youth
I will email my answer on this	Thank you for your helpful information
It will be helpful to allow participants to share their experiences as they are from diverse countries with diverse experiences. Some topics to consider should be how local governance can measure the SDGs effectively and how to localize the SDGs	This program is very good. In the future we can participate in it on a larger scale and implement it in our real life from here. Thank you.
Keep it up!	Thank you for your organizations
Offline 10days training is important	Wish for more of such programmes. Thank you
I would like to express my deep appreciation and admiration for everyone involved in organizing such a wonderful and insightful launch webinar. I found the event so informative, useful and interesting.	We hope to hear more of partner countries innovation on fiscal administration. Thank you for this opportunity to hear from others how they succeed on very relevant matters in local governance. We hope there will also be an opportunity to meet them in person and share more profoundly on their programs.
Comparative with developed and developing countries challenges implementation of SDGs	The webinar provided valuable insights.
More conferences, symposiums, etc on good governance using SDG	Thank you for the initiative, very useful and practical for UN engagement with Governments.
Nice Presentations. I also await my certificate. H E Cardinal King Ecumenical Patriarch Amb Prof Dr Micheal Olusegun Ogedengbe PhDs	None so far, the webinar is well discussed. INDEED, it's worth attending and engaging WEBINAR. Can I be provided with a CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE / PARTICIPATION
Thanks, and congratulations!	Thank you so much!
It was very nice to learn the overview of the handbooks at one time and related issues with implementing SDGs. Thank you.	The handbook is comprehensive and contains all that is needed for the implementation of sustainable development goals
What strategy is in place to further localize the effort at local level and local Universities can contribute to the effort.  My name is Ardi from the Ministry of Home Affairs of Indonesia. I'm interested in collaborating with UNDESA on capacity-building programs for our local governments. We need more knowledge-sharing opportunities like this webinar. It would be appreciated if you could advise on how to contact UNDESA to discuss potential partnerships with our ministry or department. Thank You	The question of implementing Early Warning For All for regional and local government was not addressed (despite response) and no questions or further discussions have been received. While this was first raised a part of UNDRR/GNDR in June, it is also relevant here as this is part of Emergency Management with police, fire, ambulance and other first responders from local governments having jurisdiction. I have written a book "Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery & Emergencies" covering technology and messaging developments. While some technology is of US origin, it is also relevant elsewhere e.g. Japan for earthquakes and tsunamis. Software integration with other local government

	functions is valuable, as one presentation from Thailand illustrated. I have not had any enquiries from South Korea or Japan for example about this.
I want you to continue the progress you are making now; you have to give your talents and give it all to the benefit of the young people of the society.	Involve University graduate researcher if possible. Thanks Please send ray diagram to how implementation in e-governance in local government

## Annex 2. Concept Note



### Concept Note and Agenda

#### ***Innovative Local Governance Webinar: Launch of the Handbook Series for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals***

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## I. Event Description

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## III. Objectives of the Webinar and Handbook Series

The Webinar aims to officially Launch the Handbook Series on Innovative Local Governance for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals published in 2023. The Handbook Series aims at supporting local authorities and other stakeholders in developing the necessary knowledge, skills, and capacities to implement the SDGs by introducing strategies, approaches, and tools and by showcasing innovative country cases and experiences.

The Handbook Series has the following objectives:

- To introduce diverse strategies, approaches, and policy tools to enhance one country's capacity and readiness for building sustainable and resilient societies at all levels;
- To assist local governments with mainstreaming the relevant policy frameworks and strategies in the local development and SDG implementation policies and programmes;
- To strengthen capacity and readiness of local governments to promote effective, accountable, and inclusive governance by providing policy recommendations, with a particular emphasis on fostering the capacities and skills to engage with diverse stakeholders in the policy processes;
- To introduce good practices of innovative local governance for SDG implementation and assist local governments and relevant stakeholders in identifying the areas for improvement and the possible modes and mechanisms of government intervention, where possible, in partnership with the private sector; and
- To provide a systematic and replicable approach to assess the readiness on institutional arrangements, including the monitoring and review processes, for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the local level.

## IV. Themes of the Handbook Series

The six sub-themes of the Handbook Series are:

7. [Promoting Local Innovation for Inclusion of People in Vulnerable Situations and Leaving No One Behind](#)
  - This handbook focuses on promoting and harnessing innovation to foster social inclusion of people in vulnerable situations and the principle of leaving no one behind for local governance. It introduces innovative approaches, strategies, practices, and tools and people-centred actions to mitigate social vulnerabilities and achieve the SDGs.

8. [Effective National to Local Governance for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation](#)
  - This handbook introduces the reader to concepts, approaches, tools, exercises and innovative cases relating to Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation. The handbook guides the reader towards roadmaps, policy toolkits, manuals and peer support to help cities and local communities better invest in practical actions on climate change. This handbook builds on global good practice and the *Training Toolkit on [Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation](#)* developed by UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA.
9. [Strengthening Resilience in Cities and Local Communities through Innovation and Digital Government](#)
  - This handbook introduces the reader to concepts, approaches, tools, exercises and innovative cases to Strengthen Resilience in Cities and Local Communities through Innovation and Digital Government. The handbook guides the reader towards roadmaps, policy toolkits, manuals and peer support to help cities and local communities better invest in practical action to strengthen resilience. This handbook builds on the *Training Toolkit on [Risk-informed Governance and Innovative Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience](#)* as part of the UN DESA's *Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs*.
10. [Digital Transformation in Local Government Leadership, Human Resources and Organizational Structure](#)
  - This handbook introduces the concept of digital transformation to policymakers and public managers who are contemplating the digital transformation of local governments. It introduces various organizational management elements required for successful digital transformation, including the leadership, human resources and organizational structure of the digital innovator which are said to be the most essential elements for digital transformation. Examples of successful efforts from several countries also are included.
11. [Fostering Collaborative Public Administration for Local Governments - The Case of Republic of Korea](#)
  - This handbook explains the concepts, attributes and approaches of collaborative administration and specifically introduces practical cases of collaborative public administration in local governments in the Republic of Korea. It also redefines the concept of collaborative public administration, considers key aspects in collaborative public administration, analyses collaborative public administration cases and models collaborative public administration.
12. [Social Value in Local Governments](#)
  - This handbook furthers the discussion on the premise that social value is the main axis of the paradigm shift of local governments oriented towards traditional development administration. The handbook focuses on what should be done by local governments to spread social value, directly accommodating the demands of residents. The handbook presents the actions local governments must take to promote social values as five means, based on a new government framework. The handbook also presents relevant cases for each means. Action steps and exercises needed and factors to be considered in implementing social value are also included.

## V. Expected Outcomes of the Webinar

By the end of the Webinar, participants are expected to have been:

- Introduced to the diverse strategies, approaches, and policy tools to enhance one country's capacity and readiness for building sustainable and resilient societies at all levels;
- Assisted in understanding how local governments can mainstream relevant policy frameworks and strategies into local development and SDG implementation policies and programmes;
- Informed on how to strengthen capacities and readiness of local governments to promote effective, accountable, and inclusive governance by providing policy recommendations, with a particular emphasis on fostering the capacities and skills to engage with diverse stakeholders in the policy processes;
- Introduced to good practices of innovative local governance for SDG implementation and how to assist local governments and relevant stakeholders in identifying the areas for improvement and the possible modes and mechanisms of government intervention, where possible, in partnership with the private sector; and
- Provided with a systematic and replicable approach to assess the readiness on institutional arrangements, including the monitoring and review processes, for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the local level.

## VI. Structure and Methodology

The webinar will consist of presentations, innovative case study presentations by experts, and interactive Q&A discussion sessions. The presentation and interactive discussions will enable participants to gain in-depth learning into concepts, approaches, and practice and to explore action-oriented steps towards Innovative Local Governance for the Implementation of the SDGs. The webinar will be conducted in English.

## VII. Target Participants

The webinar welcomes participants from diverse background including policy makers, public sector, private sector, practitioners, researchers, NGOs, and all other stakeholders from national and local governments, civil society organizations and institutions engaged in promoting towards innovative local governance.

## VIII. Registration Deadline

Interested participants are requested to kindly register by 19 August 2024 through this link: <https://shorturl.at/rc3XP>

## IX. Agenda of the Webinar

### DRAFT AGENDA

Time	20 August 2024
15:00-16:30	<b>Opening Session</b> <b>Moderator: Ms. Young-ji Tak</b> , Head of International Cooperation Team, KRILA, Republic of Korea (2min) <b>Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ms. Hyeyoung Kim</b>, Head of UN Project Office on Governance, DPIDG/UN DESA, Incheon, Republic of Korea (4 mins)</li><li>• <b>Mr. Jae Bok Joo</b>, Acting President, KRILA, Republic of Korea (4 mins)</li></ul>
	<b>Photo Session</b>
15:10-15:30	<b>Moderator: Ms. Young-ji Tak</b> , Head of International Cooperation Team, KRILA, Republic of Korea <b>Introduction to the UNPOG/UN DESA led Handbooks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Mr. Prabin Maharjan</b>, Programme Management Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA) (10 mins)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>Promoting Local Innovation for Inclusion of People in Vulnerable Situations and Leaving No One Behind</i></li><li>2. <i>Effective National to Local Governance for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation</i></li><li>3. <i>Strengthening Resilience in Cities and Local Communities through Innovation and Digital Government</i></li></ol></li></ul> <b>Introduction to the KRILA led Handbooks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Ms. Youngju Kang</b>, Director, Local Administration and Innovation Office, KRILA, Republic of Korea (10 mins)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>Digital Transformation in Local Government Leadership, Human Resources and Organizational Structure</i></li><li>2. <i>Fostering Collaborative Public Administration for Local Governments - The Case of Republic of Korea</i></li><li>3. <i>Social Value in Local Governments</i></li></ol></li></ul> <b>Guiding Questions:</b> What are the key objectives and thematic focus of the various Handbooks. What are the strategies, tools and frameworks available to local authorities for enhancing the Implementation of the SDGs?

15:30-16:25	<p><b>Moderator: Mr. Samuel Danaa</b>, Associate Capacity Development Expert, Ministry of Interior and Safety (MOIS), Republic of Korea</p> <p><b>Promoting Innovative Local Governance for the Implementation of the SDGs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr. M. Jae Moon</b>, Underwood Distinguished Professor, Department of Public Policy and Management, Yonsei University, Director, Institute of Future Government (10 mins)</li> </ul> <p><b>Innovations in Local Governance for building resilient communities and accelerating progress on the SDGs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Non Arkaraprasertkul</b>, Senior Expert, Smart City Promotion Department, Digital Economy Promotion Agency, Thailand (10 mins)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Moderated Q&amp;A Session including from the Audience:</b> Challenges, Opportunities, Strategies, and Policy Recommendations for promoting Innovative Local Governance for the Implementation of the SDGs. (35 mins)</p>
	<p><b>Closing and Wrap-up of the Webinar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UNPOG</b> (3 mins)</li> </ul>
16:25-16:28	
16:28-16:30	<b>Post-event Survey</b>

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