

How can territories really be at the heart of the post-2030 sustainable development framework?

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CEMR - PLATFORMA public webinar

5 October 2026 | 11.00–13.00 CEST | Online meeting

Registration link – [here](#)

The zoom link will be shared with registered participants prior to the meeting. Please note that the meeting will be conducted in English with automatic subtitles.

This CEMR-PLATFORMA public webinar on the post-2030 sustainable development framework, hosted within the CEMR Impact Community Society, aims to bring together different stakeholders to explore priorities for sustainable development beyond the current Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework. The discussion will focus on emerging global challenges and lessons learned from SDG implementation. Insights gathered will inform the development of a CEMR-PLATFORMA position paper, to be finalized by the end of the year, reflecting a broad range of perspectives and policy recommendations. The paper will serve as a contribution to the preparatory discussions leading to the SDGs Summit in September 2027, helping to shape a forward-looking and inclusive global development agenda.

AGENDA

1. 11:00-11:10: Introduction and welcome

- Fabrizio Rossi, Secretary-General of CEMR

2. 11:10-11:30 : Keynote : Setting the Scene: Lessons from the SDGs

- Vanesa Castán Broto, Professorial Fellow at Sheffield University's Urban Institute – TBC
 - Achievements and gaps in SDG implementation: the SDGs have driven global action and partnerships, but why progress remains uneven and many targets are off track?.
 - Emerging global challenges beyond 2030: how climate risks, technological disruption, demographic change, and geopolitical tensions are reshaping the development landscape?.
 - Why a new vision is needed: can we all assure that the post-2030 agenda focuses on transformational change, resilience, and long-term sustainability in an increasingly uncertain world?.

3. 11:30-11:50: Engaging with stakeholders: perspectives' panel

- **Civil Society Representative:** [Jyotsna Mohan Singh](#), Advocacy Officer at [Forus International](#) - TBC
 - Strengthen local action and civic participation: how to support community-led solutions, protect civic space, and foster partnerships that translate global goals into tangible local impact.
 - Promote accountability and transparency: how to monitor progress and ensure that governments and institutions deliver on their commitments.
- **Academia and research:** Dr. Joao Tavares, Co-Founder and CEO, [Nexus Governance](#), Strategic clarity for future-ready governance - TBC
 - Better local and inclusive data: can we improve data on vulnerable groups and strengthen city-level data systems?.
 - From monitoring to foresight: how to use data to track progress and anticipate future risks and opportunities.
- **Women representative:** [Women Engage for a Common Future](#) -TBC
 - Gender equality and leadership: how to ensure women have equal opportunities, representation, and leadership in decision-making at local, national, and global levels.
 - Economic and social empowerment: is it possible to remove barriers to education, decent work, healthcare, finance, and digital access for all women and girls?.

4. 11:50-12:20: Reactions from our local leaders

5. 12:20-12:35: Towards our Position Paper

- Presentation: draft structure of CEMR-PLATFORMA position paper
- Opportunities for continued stakeholder engagement

6. 12:35-12:40: Closing reflections

- Next steps ahead of 2027 SDGs Summit

7. 12:45-13:00: Ad hoc session: Launch of the Study on The Evolution of International Cooperation Policies of Cities

- All participants are welcome to stay for this presentation.
- This is a Study conducted by the Sciences Po University, June 2026. [French version](#) (original version, 87 pages), [English version](#), [summary](#) in English. Welcome by Frédéric Vallier, Executive Director, International Association of Francophone Mayors, AIMF and Boris Tonhauser, Director PLATFORMA. Introduction of the report by the students who conducted the study.
- This study has been conducted in partnership with AIMF and PLATFORMA. It examines how cities are increasingly shaping international cooperation and addressing global challenges such as climate change, migration, and sustainable development through decentralized cooperation and city diplomacy. Based on survey data from 54 cities and field research in Benin and Madagascar, the study finds that effective international cooperation depends mainly on long-term trust, local ownership, and sustained engagement and less on the number of partnerships. It also highlights the growing importance of city networks and South–South cooperation, while noting that financial and institutional constraints continue to limit cities’ global action.

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CEMR - PLATFORMA is contributing to implementing SDGs 13, 11 and 17 through the public debate: “How can territories really be at the heart of the post-2030 sustainable development framework?”, 5th October 2026.





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