2021 SDGs Cities Challenge

A learning cohort for local governments taking action for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

The SDGs Cities (and Counties) Challenge provides a **6-month peer knowledge-sharing experience** to guide local governments in integrating the SDGs into processes and programs.

It is designed for participants to develop solutions to sustainable development issues, underpinned by technical support from experts in local-level SDG leadership.

6
months

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Cost

10
Cities and counties

5 hours
hours/ month time commitment

What you'll learn

- **Whole-of-government** and cross-departmental approaches to sustainability leadership
- SDG-aligned **budgeting**
- **Data platforms** for SDG tracking, including a deeper understanding of SDG **indicators and metrics**
- How Pittsburgh is developing its **Sustainable Procurement Policy** through a 'Voluntary Local Review of the SDGs'
- How Central Florida Foundation is **aligning its giving** to the SDGs
- Steps to completing a **Voluntary Local Review** of the SDGs

What you get

- 1-on-1 technical support for a self-determined SDG-related project
- 6 small group sessions with experts
- International recognition as an SDG City/County

Cohort Schedule

Day/time will be determined with participants

Who should join?

One or more local government staff invested in sustainability, community engagement, and accountability.

Overview Agenda	2021						2022
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
LEARNING STAGE							
Orientation Workshop at United Nations High-Level Political Forum	■						
Case Stories in SDG Action		■					
DEFINING THE CHALLENGE STAGE							
Whole-of-Government Approaches			■				
Data: Platforms and Processes			■				
Financing & Budgeting for SDG Progress				■			
IMPLEMENTATION STAGE							
Capstone Presentations & 1-on-1 Consults					■		
Voluntary Local Reviews and Continued Action for SDGs						■	■

Meet Your Program Team

The sessions will be delivered by a program of invited experts in government, academia, philanthropy and business, alongside technical experts from ICLEI USA, the **Connected Cities Lab** at University of Melbourne and **University of Texas at Arlington**. Knowledge partnership provided by **The Brookings Institution**,.

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