

Contextualizing Sustainability through Data Governance at the Local Level

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There is an increasing recognition that to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), action-oriented data that can be implemented and measured at the local and regional level is needed. Local knowledge is crucial to designing policy responses that are effective, equitable, contextually and culturally appropriate. A greater emphasis on local knowledge is also important to question the design of indicators against global standards, which risk overshadowing the contextual and complex nature of sustainable development.

This workshop will explore how the localization of data can enable us to embrace the complexity of sustainable development and accelerate action on SDG-implementation through locally designed policies and initiatives. As part of the series of events launched under the Geneva SDG Data forum in 2022, the workshop brings together diverse stakeholders to discuss practices and challenges related to data governance at the local level, including topics of power structures and contextualized sustainability; citizen-generated data and community-level indicators; frontier indicators of development and how to mainstream them from the margin to the center of the sustainability narrative.

Programme

14:30 - 14:35 **Welcome remarks by the SDG Lab**

14:35 - 14:45 **Setting the scene - Paris 21**

Johannes Jutting - Executive Head of the Partnership in Statistics for Development, Paris21: Trends and challenges for governing data at the local level

14:45 - 15:45 **Breakout Groups Discussion:**

- From global to local: understanding peripheral indicators of development for contextualized sustainability – SDG Lab
- Community Indicators – IISD
- Challenging power structures in data at the local level – Joint Internal Displacement Profiling Service (JIPS)
- Citizen-generated data – UNITAR (TBC)

15:45 - 16:15 **Discussion in plenary and Wrap Up**

