# Project proposal

## Action area

2.6. **Strengthening development effectiveness at subnational level to achieve the SDGs**

## List of lead/s of the action area (in bold) and all participants (from Steering Committee and beyond, including GPIs)

Local and regional governments (**UCLG, ORU-FOGAR, UNDP ART**), AUDA-NEPAD, CPDE, DR Congo, France, Iceland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Spain, Switzerland, Platforma, Canada (?), Kenya (?), others from the SDC thematic network (including Bangladesh and Nepal)

## Objective (capture in one objective, maximum 200 - 300 words)

This action area will help advancing the understanding of effective development cooperation at subnational level and its contribution to achieve the SDGs. Concepts and instruments will be available to support Governments and interested partners. Global awareness on the key role of local and regional governments (LRGs) in achieving development effectiveness will be substantially increased.

## Outcomes (maximum two)

They relate to the following aspects of effective development cooperation at the subnational level to be further explored:

1. Increased know-how and capacity for effective development governance and SDG implementation at the subnational level, including internal coherence for development (whole-of government), donor coordination and alignment, and civic engagement (whole-of-society approaches), and an understanding of how to replicate good practices in different contexts (institutional, cultural, legal, resources and capacities).

2. Increased global awareness and political commitment on the key role of LRGs and their associations in achieving development effectiveness to meet the SDGs.

## List of specific activities and expected outputs (contributing to the relevant outcome, to describe specific expected achievements at the end of the implementation period)

1. Collaborative network, engaging regularly in discussions (video conferencing)
2. Research, identification of good practices or mapping of ongoing initiatives
3. Case studies or pilot projects
4. Documentation and participatory discussions
5. Policy note or statement including specific and targeted policy recommendations, presentations for the HLM-3

## Measures of success, risks, other key reflections and assumptions

The level of interest and participation of partners in the collaborative network will be the key success factor to be measured.

There are no major risks. The topic is already on the agenda in many countries, and key promoters (e.g. UCLG, ORU-FOGAR, UNDP-ART) have committed to participate actively in this Action Area. Nevertheless, a strong focus on producing generic results (concepts, instruments) has to be maintained to avoid that discussions become too much driven by particular country contexts. There is a need for a clear focus on the situation of countries in the South which receive ODA.

Collaboration or, at least, regular exchange with the following action areas (AA) will be a win-win for all sides: AA 1.1 (the impact of effectiveness), AA 1.3 (strengthening effective support to statistical capacity), AA 2.1 (building partnerships with the private sector), AA 2.4 (civil society partnerships), AA 2.5 (reinforcing foundation’s partnerships), AA 2.7 (effective multilateral support), and AA 3.1 (Moving beyond generating monitoring evidence to increased use of results). In these collaborations, the present AA 2.6 would promote the relevance of a particular LGR perspective in the other action areas.

Collaboration with AA 1.1 is of particular interest as it has the capacity to generate evidence that partnerships at the sub-national level are key for development effectiveness and for reaching the SDG.
**Proposed timeline** (either to reflect in log-frame below or, activities in chronological order)

See LogFrame below.

**Fundraising strategy (to explain how to mobilise resources)**

The delivery of activities and outputs proposed above are subject to the availability of the necessary resources. Key partners will contribute with in-kind contributions (manpower).

In case that a critical number of countries associate with this initiative, SDC will consider a financial contribution. Other donors may follow.

Being a global project, UNDP ART will outreach to partners who are potentially interested to finance some of the activities. In particular cases, ORU-FOGAR may mobilize regional donors whose ODA budgets are sometimes sizeable.

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<td><strong>How do you ensure that the activities are anchored at country level?</strong></td>
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<td>LG associations (LGA) are key players, at the national and the regional level. UCLG can mobilize them to associate to this initiative. It also has an important role in policy setting, advocacy and diffusion of best practice to its members.</td>
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<td><strong>How do you strengthen the constituencies and/or engage with GPls?</strong></td>
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<td>Regular contacts will be maintained to the following Global Partnership Initiatives (GPI): building inclusive partnerships; mobilizing flows beyond ODA; promoting development in situations of conflict and fragility; strengthening developing country ownership</td>
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<td><strong>How do you mainstream learning?</strong></td>
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<td>Action Area 2.6 will operate as a collaborative network, producing outputs such as concepts, instruments, case studies, and policy note.</td>
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<td><strong>How do you enhance stakeholder-led outreach and advocacy?</strong></td>
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<td>Outreach and advocacy can be promoted by producing high-quality outputs, meeting also standards of good communication (e.g. short clips, complementing the papers; convincing stories about innovative cases).</td>
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#### Outcome 1: Increased know-how and capacity for effective development governance and SDG implementation at the subnational level, including internal coherence for development (whole-of-government) and civic engagement (whole-of-society approaches), and an understanding how to replicate good practices in different contexts (institutional, cultural, legal, resources and capacities)

**Output 1:** Collaborative network, engaging regularly in discussions (video conferencing).
- **Activity 1.1:** Review background document and establish platform
- **Activity 1.2:** Mobilize partners for the platform
- **Activity 1.3:** On-line workshop in the collaborative network

**Output 2:** Mapping of ongoing initiatives and identification of good practices
- **Activity 2.1:** Mind-map or paper, summarizing the map
- **Activity 2.2:** On-line workshop in the collaborative network

**Output 3:** Case studies
- **Activity 3.1:** Detailed analysis of interesting case studies
- **Activity 3.2:** On-line workshop in the collaborative network

**Output 4:** Documentation and participatory discussions
- **Activity 4.1:** Communication strategy
- **Activity 4.2:** Documentation (e.g. video clips, papers)

**Outcome 2:** Increased global awareness and political commitment on the key role of LRGs in achieving development effectiveness to meet the SDGs

**Output 5:** Policy paper or statement, presentations for the HLM-3
- **Activity 5.1:** Draft policy paper
- **Activity 5.2:** On-line workshop in the collaborative network
- **Activity 5.3:** Final version of the policy paper to be presented

**Total** | 200 K

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**Notes:**
- x indicates the activity involved.
- Budget amounts are approximate and subject to change.