**PRESS RELEASE**

**High-Level Political Forum 2024 Side Event: SDG Localization in Tunisia - A Pathway to Resilience and Innovation Amidst Multiple Crises**

**New York - July 8, 2024** - UN-Habitat Tunisia will participate in the High-Level Political Forum 2024 and host a side event titled "***SDG Localization in Tunisia: A Pathway to Resilience and Innovation Amidst Multiple Crises****."* The event, scheduled for July 8, 2024, from 6:15 PM to 7:45 PM (Tunis Time), will take place at Conference Room 11, UN Headquarters, New York. The discussions will center on innovative approaches to localizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Tunisia, particularly through the lens of resilience and innovation amidst various global and local crises.

In light of Tunisia's commitment to strengthening local and regional governance in sustainable development, this side event aims to showcase Tunisia's efforts, including the Ennour Voluntary Local Review (VLR), the country's first local SDG implementation report. The event will highlight the significance of multilevel partnerships and data-driven decision-making in addressing local development priorities and building resilience.

**Objectives of the Side Event:**

* Showcase Tunisia's innovative approaches to SDG localization, with a focus on the Ennour VLR.
* Discuss the role of subnational reporting in strengthening multilevel governance and accelerating SDG progress.
* Share lessons learned and best practices from Tunisia's SDG localization experience.
* Explore the potential of VLRs and other subnational reporting mechanisms in informing national policymaking and contributing to global SDG follow-up.
* Foster collaboration and knowledge exchange among stakeholders involved in SDG localization.

**Agenda**:

The event will begin with opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Tarek Ladeb, Ambassador at the Tunisian Permanent Representation to the UN, and Martino Miraglia, Martino Miraglia, Coordinator, SDG Localization and Local Governments Team & SDG Cities Flagship, UN-Habitat HQ. This will be followed by a panel on Tunisia's SDG localization experience, with HE Ridha Rokbani, Governor of Kasserine, presenting on the Ennour city Voluntary Local Review (VLR). After a Q&A session, the second panel will cover international experiences in SDG localization. The event will conclude with a summary of recommendations and next steps by H.E. Mr. Tarek Ladeb.

**Link to LIVESTREAM**: <https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k14/k14sbbfpic>

**Link to Concept Note & Agenda**: <https://shorturl.at/FMNPt>

 As part of its urban inclusion policy, UN-Habitat Tunisia pays special attention to leaving no one behind, especially the homeless and migrants, who are real actors of change and cohesion within their community.

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