



We are the **Local Public Sector Alliance**



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The global challenges that countries face in the 21st century cannot be dealt with by any single government level alone.

The scale of global challenges being faced by countries around the world is so overwhelming that stakeholders at all levels of government and society need to work together to collectively solve these challenges. This is true whether the problem being faced is:

- Growing inequality in wealth and economic opportunity
- Climate change and the impact of environmental disasters
- Public health crises or pandemic responses
- Inclusive access to public services and localized development
- Urban crowding and congestion
- Gender inequity and social exclusion
- Political polarization and the rising threat of authoritarianism

Inclusive and effective multilevel governance systems are needed to ensure that stakeholders at all levels of government work together efficiently, and for the public sector to engage effectively with citizens, civil society, and the private sector.

In many countries, the absence of effective intergovernmental or multilevel governance systems is an important obstacle to inclusive, equitable and sustainable development. Yet, policy advocates in different sectors may not realize that their lack of success is caused by weak intergovernmental systems.

What is the Local Public Sector Alliance?

The Local Public Sector Alliance (LPSA) is a global professional network of advocates for inclusive and efficient decentralization and localization.

We promote inclusive, equitable societies and sustainable global development by enhancing the understanding of decentralization and localization as complex, cross-cutting and multi-stakeholder reforms.

What does the Local Public Sector Alliance do?

The Local Public Sector Alliance elevates the global debate on public sector decentralization and localization and acts as a catalyst for better public services and more inclusive, sustainable development by:

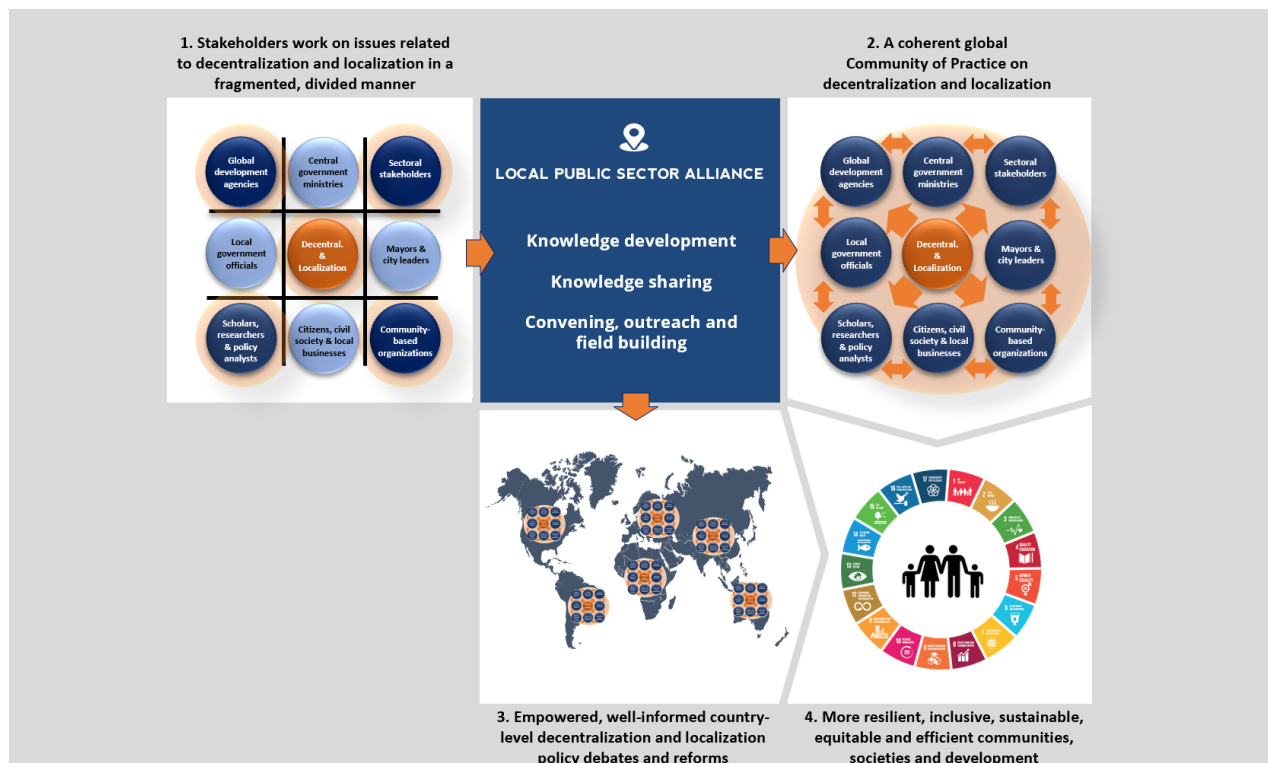
Program 1: Advancing the state of knowledge on decentralization and localization,

Program 2: Knowledge sharing to ensure a more inclusive, informed, and interconnected global Community of Practice.

Program 3: Engaging in convening, outreach and field building,

Program 4: LPSA Advisory Services.

As a global catalyst in the field of decentralization and localization, LPSA brings together—and facilitates knowledge exchanges between—stakeholders from different countries and from a range of different institutions, disciplines, and backgrounds, including central government officials, policy makers, local government officials, sector specialists, academics and researchers, civil society organizations, development partners and citizens.



Who are our members and partners?

Since being formally established as a non-profit organization in January 2022, LPSA's membership has grown rapidly to include close to 2000 members worldwide.

LPSA's members and partners include professionals working for global development organizations (including the World Bank, UNDP, and bilateral development agencies), local government officials and their associations and related organizations (including the Forum of Federations, and The Hague Academy for Local Governance), leading academics and scholars, policy practitioners and technical experts, sector specialists, and civil society organization representatives from around the world.

What are LPSA Working Groups?

LPSA Working Groups consist of groups of practitioners and scholars who bring together skills and expertise in a specific global region or thematic area within the field of decentralization and localization. Led by volunteer co-chairs who are leading regional or thematic topic experts, each working group meets online on a regular basis to assess, advance, and share the state of global knowledge within their region or topic area, with the objective of providing the global community with best-practice conceptual and operational knowledge to address development challenges on that particular topic.

Regional Working Groups

Asia Region
Europe & Central Asia
Latin America & the Caribbean
Sub-Saharan Africa

Thematic Working Groups

Local democracy & inclusive governance
Subnational finance
Gender equity & women's empowerment

Projects, Research and Outreach Activities

LPSA has developed a range of primers, assessment frameworks, and other knowledge products to ensure that stakeholders in the global community of practice use consistent definitions and “speak the same language” when it comes to basic concepts and terminology related to decentralization, localization and multilevel governance.

In addition, ongoing or recently completed LPSA projects, research, and outreach activities include:

- **The State of Local Governance Institutions in Africa, Asia, and Latin America**, in partnership with UNCDF, OPM, The Asia Foundation, Inter-American Development Bank, and others.
- **Elevating the Debate on Decentralization and Multilevel Governance in Africa**, in partnership with the Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC), Kenya; the University of the Western Cape; the East African County and Local Governments Association (EACLGA); and the Institute for Local Government Studies, Ghana.
- **Localizing Women’s Economic Empowerment and Childcare in Africa**, supported by the Hewlett Foundation.
- **Subnational Climate Action in Asia: What is the Role of the Subnational Public Sector**, supported by The Asia Foundation.
- **Inclusive Local Governance Program (INLOG) for local government actors in the MENA Region**, in partnership with SALAR International.

Membership and More Information

Becoming an individual or institutional member of the Local Public Sector Alliance is open to all and free of charge. Register online at localpublicsector.org to become a member, or contact us at info@decentralization.net for more information.

