



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

25 September 2023

Dear Ms. Dijkma,

In accordance with the recommendation of my report on “Our Common Agenda”, it is with great pleasure that I appoint you as a member of the Advisory Group on Local and Regional Governments. The Advisory Group has an important time-bound role to play in strengthening the engagement of local and regional governments in intergovernmental and national planning processes. As an Advisory Group member, I trust that I can count on your knowledge and expertise in the field of multi-level governance to localize and align efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Given the important role of local and regional governments in concert with national governments to achieve the SDGs, it is my hope that the Advisory Group will advise on matters pertaining to local and regional governments’ engagement and action, to enhance coordination and collaboration, to support the course corrections needed to achieve our global goals. I will also look to the Advisory Group to contribute towards a narrative that elevates the recognition of the key role that local and regional governments should consistently play in the implementation of national priorities and objectives, and the contribution they can make to global processes. The Terms of Reference for the Advisory Group are enclosed.

I look forward to the work you will undertake with fellow Advisory Group members to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda. I have asked the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to provide Secretariat support to the Advisory Group. In this regard, please confirm your interest to be a part of the Advisory Group and your availability to participate in the launch of the Group and in its first meeting, to be held in hybrid format, on 6 October 2023, in New York. Ms. Catalina Santamaria ([santamaria@un.org](mailto:santamaria@un.org)) and Mr. Christopher Williams ([christopher.williams@un.org](mailto:christopher.williams@un.org)) stand ready to assist in this regard.

I welcome you once again to the Advisory Group on Local and Regional Governments and trust that you will continue to be a champion on our journey to 2030, and beyond.

Yours sincerely,



António Guterres

Ms. Sharon Dijkma  
Mayor of Utrecht  
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