The issue of the localization of internationally agreed development goals and targets is not new in development discourses and practices. Since the Second World War, various efforts to localize development efforts have been made by multilateral and bilateral donor agencies with the impacts of these localization efforts on local areas and their residents varied. Carrying a transformative vision, the principle of leaving no one behind and the emphasis on integrated and balanced approaches, the 2030 Agenda again calls for local initiatives to achieve the SDGs (UNRISD, 2018).

**Conference Objectives and Program**

Aiming to provide academics, policy makers and practitioners with the knowledge and information on good practices in the localization of the SDGs; in overcoming challenges, identifying opportunities and the lessons stakeholders of different local settings can draw from in these experiences, this conference aims to address and build on the following key questions and thematic areas.
• What are the new and innovative aspects of the 2030 Agenda’s call for localization which can address the limitations and challenges of past attempts?

• What are the key features of local SDGs compared to other levels of SDGs (e.g. the SDGs as global goals like in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development)?

• What factors affect the nature and forms of the local SDGs?

• What systems of local governance effectively mobilize diverse groups of people while establishing coordinated multi-level governance? What are the institutional constraints and how can we overcome them?

• What are “good practices” that make up a balanced and integrated approach to sustainable development? How do we achieve this?

• What are the innovative economic, social or environmental approaches to achieve localization of the SDGs? What are the challenges and opportunities?

• How do we mobilize resources for achieving the local SDGs? What are the challenges and opportunities?

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Session Descriptions

**Session 1: Mayors of Asia Special Roundtable**

Date: February 23, 2019 – 10.55am

An aim of this conference is to bring together key stakeholders involved in the localization of SDGs. Opening dialogue between politicians, academics and practitioners, will be important in helping to achieve the transformative goal of the SDGs. This session will provide a unique opportunity for participants to hear from mayors from across Asia’s cities. Diverse voices that are at the political frontline of the localization process. This panel will feature a roundtable discussion where mayors from Asia will discuss challenges, opportunities and strategies in their local settings relating to the implementation and localization of the SDGs.

**Session 2: KOICA**

Date: February 23, 2019 – 1.30pm

In this special plenary session, conference participants will be able to engage directly with presenters from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), the development aid arm of the South Korean government. In this session, presenters from KOICA will talk specifically about Korean
governments’ efforts to localize the SDGs and their role as an agency. There will also be presentations on specific projects and areas that KOICA are focusing their efforts at present.

### Session 3A: Towards Localization of the SDGs  
**Date:** February 23, 2019 – 4.00pm

This panel aims to help crystallize the discussion around what it is that sets the 2030 agenda apart from previous development agenda approaches. In identifying the need for solutions that reflect the fundamental causes of economic, societal and environmental inequality/degradation, the SDGs also reflect a recognition of the need for a balanced and comprehensive development approach. This also requires input and focus on developing as well as developed countries. Thus, this panel will focus on clarifying our understanding of the characteristics of the SDGs, why we need to promote the localization of SDGs and through a critical review of the dominant discourses, aim to present innovative policy-oriented concepts through discussion.

### Session 3B: People-Centered Sustainable Development  
**Date:** February 23, 2019 – 4.00pm

At the heart of all development efforts are the livelihoods and wellbeing of every human being on the planet. This panel aims to discuss areas and ways in which various stakeholders, institutions, regions as well as the means in which all can contribute to the social development of the community on local levels. However, at the same time, ensuring that it does not alleviate central government of its macro responsibility for the social development sector at large.

### Session 4A: Planet Sensitive Development  
**Date:** February 24, 2019 – 9.00am

The sustainability of all our development efforts hinge on ensuring that our planet remains healthy and our communities can find ways to live harmoniously with our natural environment and food systems. This panel will focus on initiatives being undertaken by various stakeholders at the local level and attempt to identify common ground and synthesis between approaches, policies, actors, regions and the global community on environmental protection and sustainable development.

### Session 4B: Sustainable Prosperity for All  
**Date:** February 24, 2019 – 9.00am

Local economies differ from national economies in that trade and exchange rate policies that focus on macroeconomic factors of development can have unpredictable effects on micro-interactions at the local level. Moreover, due to specific geographical characteristics, the distribution of resources as well as wealth and prosperity can be uneven, masking the struggles of many. This panel discusses sustainable economic development models that look to diversify local industries and center local economies in synergizing their specific needs with the social and environmental prosperity aspirations of the SDGs at a national and global level.

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Social Solidarity Economy (SSE) refers to the production of goods and services by a broad range of organizations and enterprises that have explicit social and, often, environmental objectives (UNRISD, 2018). SSE involves a wide range of stakeholders that range from cooperatives, mutual
societies and any other form of social enterprise. This panel aims to discuss the ways in which SSE, broadly conceptualized impacts our ability to implement and localize the crosscutting nature of the SDGs in an Asian context specifically. This panel will have two session, a morning and afternoon panel.

Keynote Speakers [CONFIRMED]

Prof. Marguerite Mendell – Director, Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy, Concordia University

Dr Mendell is well known for her work in community economic development, the social economy and the growing social finance sector. An economist by training, Dr. Mendell is well-respected for her commitment to partnership research or what she refers to as the “co-construction of knowledge.” She is also Director of the Karl Polanyi Institute. Her work on the social economy and social finance in Quebec, has generated international interest and is part of an ongoing dialogue on innovative economic initiatives to reduce poverty and develop new collective forms of wealth creation.

Dr. Soogil Young, Chairman, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Korea

Currently, a Leading Professor at the State University of New York (SUNY) in Korea, an Emeritus Member of the UN SDSN Leadership Council and the Advisor/Lead Professor for the MOOC on Korean Economic Miracle at the KDI School of Public Policy and Management. Has served as Chairman of Korea’s Presidential Committee on Green Growth, Chairman of the Research Advisory Committee for the Green Growth Knowledge Forum (a joint initiative of WB, OECD, UNEP & GGGI) and Co-chairman of the International Advisory Board for the Global Green Growth Forum hosted by the Danish Government.

Presenter List [ON-GOING SELECTION – KOICA Sessions Not Listed]

1. Moo Kwon Chung Yonsei University
The Emergence of Co-Production Model of Social Services and the Role of the Social Economy Sector for Sustainable Community Development
2. Ilcheong Yi  *UNRISD*
Localizing the SDGs: Limits Tensions and Opportunities

3. Denison Jayasooria  *KTM-UKM Malaysia*
Civil Society Involvement in SDGs at the National Level Reflections on Key Trends, Experiences and Best Practices.

4. Juan Chen  *Hong Kong Polytechnic University*
Living Environment and Well-Being of in-Situ Urbanized Rural Residents in Chinese Cities

5. Khoo Ying Hooi  *University of Malaya*
From the Right to Development to the Rights-Based Approach: Localizing Human Rights through Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

6. Kiah Smith  *University of Queensland*
Localising SDG2 Zero Hunger through ‘Fair Food’ in Australia

7. Lichia Saner Yiu  *CSEND, Geneva*
Local development initiatives for the people centred SDGs

8. Miuki Inaba  *Kyushu University*
Meeting Human Needs through Collective Strategies in Japan: Role of Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) and Empowerment-oriented Community Development (EOCD)

9. Raymond Saner  *CSEND Geneva*
Financing the localisation of the SDGs through PPPs: need to assess advantages and disadvantages by local governments.

10. Ron Bridget Vilog  *De La Salle University, Manila*
The Case of Filipino Health Workers in Japan

11. Luo Zhong  *Southwest Jiaotong University*
Behind the Space Competition of Square Dance: Inclusive Governance to Tackle Cross Generation Conflict in Ageing Society

12. Qian Lei  *Southwest Jiaotong University*
Tackling Ageism & Stereotyping the Elderly: International Discourse System of Active Governance for Ageing

13. Yang Yifan  *Southwest Jiaotong University*
Local Initiatives for People-centered Sustained Development Averting the Old Age Digital Divide and Achieving the Inclusive Innovation: Policies to Protect the Old and Promote Equal Development

14. Natalja Wehmer *UNESCAP*
Co-creating Regional Tools and Methodologies for Assisting Asia-Pacific Cities in Localizing a subset of SDGs on Sustainable Urban Resource Management

15. Armando De Negri Filho. *Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul*
The restructuring process of social policies and development strategies at urban social territories - the ongoing experience of Asuncion government Capital of the Paraguay Republic.

16. Cao Yan *Northwest University of Political Science and Law, China*
Building age-friendly employment conditions: The Chinese path of promoting the employment of the elderly

17. Ayako Hatano *University of Tokyo/New York University*
Localization of SDG5: How International Gender Norms Change the Gender Equality Landscape in Japan

18. Seung-Kyu Park *Korea Research Institute for Local Administration (KRILA)*
Implementation approach to the localized SDGs

19. Daeyong Choi *Yonsei University*
Enabling Local Governance for the Implementation of the SDGs: Challenges and Opportunities

20. Chongnam Park & Odkhuu Khaltar *IPAID, Yonsei University*
Role of aid organization and its impact on the Localization of the SDGs- Focusing on rural community development project in Cambodia

21. Patrick Thomsen *IPAID, Yonsei University*
On the productive modality of the SDGs

**Presenter List [UNRISD]**

1. Anup Kumar Dash
SSE as a driving force in localizing the SDGs and Scaling up impact: The case of Women's SHG in India

2. Caitlin Bentley *Autonomy, Agency and Assurance Institute, Australian National University*
Can the platform economy scale the social and solidarity economy? The role of digital platforms in Indonesia's tourism sector
3. Chaminda Hettiarachchi
Digital Fabrication Labs for implementing SDGs in SSE in Sri Lanka

4. Kanak Kanti Bagchi
Cooperatives as a means of fostering integrated and sustainable development - a case study of Nepal

5. Rolan Literatus
Health Maintenance Cooperative: An Alternative Model to Universal Health Coverage in the Philippines

6. Preethi Solomon *Tata Institute of Social Sciences Mumbai, India*
Social and Solidarity economy as a tool for Sustainable Marine Fishery: An illustration based on Fishermen’s cooperatives in Kerala, India

7. Tahsina Khan *American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB)*
Micro-finance interventions in renewable energy: promoting sustainable rural development through solar electrification

8. Rufus Kamran
Enhancing food security, nutrition and poverty reduction through SHGs. An experience from Pakistan

9. Garam Lee
Rise of Social and Solidarity Economy in South Korea and Its role for social inclusion and social empowerment

**Mayors of Asia Roundtable Special Session**

Malaysia representative x1 (TBC) – invitations sent
Japan representative x1 (C) – Miyuki Macri, Vice Mayor of Fukutsu city
Korean representatives x1 (TBC) – invitations sent
China representative x1 (TBC) – invitations sent