



Globalisation – an all-purpose word – is a broad and vague notion that reflects the global exchange between nations of goods, services, capital, and now, even data. It has succeeded in lifting hundreds of millions of people out of poverty, but for quite a number of years now, it has been called into question and even started to recede.²

It is probably impossible to deglobalize completely the global economy, but the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated its limitations in the inequality of the distribution of food supplies, medical equipment, and lately vaccines, calling for re-localisation of food = supply chains, trading, and policy approaches.

The most likely outcome among the ‘globalisation – no globalisation’ continuum lies in an in-between solution: regionalisation.³ The success of the European Union (EU) or the Regional Comprehensive Partnership in Asia (ASEAN) illustrates that regionalisation is possible. Scaling it down to bio-regions, that is areas with similar ecological characteristics and micro-climates, can enhance the socio-economic territorial development of bio-regions, address resilience to combat climate change impacts and deliver greater urban-rural integration.

UN-Habitat “Urban-Rural Linkages: Guiding Principles. Framework for Action (GPFA) to Advanced Territorial Development” (2019) recognises the functional territorial and ecosystem-based interlinkages between urban and rural settlements and land-use, promoting system-based approaches for inclusive urban, territorial and rural policy and planning, whilst addressing rural-urban linkages at different scales from large cities, to intermediate towns and villages.⁴

Urban-rural integration can act as a ‘win-win’ catalyst for a multitude of challenges, whether in addressing climate change, health or territorial inequality. This webinar will bring together thought leaders from global and regional agencies to explore: “Bio-Regional Territorial Approaches to Rural-Urban Integration in Combating Climate Change. The Collective Quest for Resilience”.

1-3 “COVID-19: The Great Reset” (2020), Schwab. K, Mallert. T, Forum Publishing
4 “Urban-Rural Linkages: Guiding Principles. Framework for Action (GPFA) to Advanced Territorial Development” (2019)

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The Policy, Legislation & Governance Section, Urban Practices Branch on Urban-Rural Linkages at the Global Solution Division is pleased to invite you to a webinar entitled:

Bio-Regional Territorial Approaches to Urban- Rural Integration in Combating Climate Change

The Collective Quest for Resilience

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Agenda

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| Introduction | Dr Sandra Piesik Senior Consultant Policy, Legislation & Governance Section Global Solution Division (UN-HABITAT), Moderator |
| Opening Remarks | Dr Remy Sietchiping Chief, Policy, Legislation & Governance Section Global Solution Division (UN-HABITAT) |
| Keynote | “Climate change and foresight approaches” Dr Youssef Nassef Director, Adaptation Division, Acting Director, Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress Division Chair, World Adaptation Science Programme, Founder of the Resilience Frontiers Initiative (UNFCCC) |
| Intervention 1 | “Food security and climate change” Dr Zitouni Ould-Dada Deputy Director of the Climate and Environment Division Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment (OCB) (FAO) |
| Intervention 2 | “Putting Europe’s shared heritage at the heart of the European Green Deal” Ms Sneška Quaedvlieg-Mihailović Secretary General of Europa Nostra, (Europa Nostra) |
| Intervention 3 | “Resilience and Culture Ruritage H2020” Professor Simona Tondelli Urban and Regional Planning, University of Bologna |
| Intervention 4 | “Territorial cohesion to leave no place behind” Mr Alessandro Rainoldi Head of Unit, Territorial Development, Joint Research Centre, European Commission |
| Intervention 5 | “Co-creation as a tool and methodology. The New European Bauhaus Initiative.” Mr Xavier Troussard Head of the New European Bauhaus Unit Joint Research Centre, European Commission |
| Q&A | |

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