

THE G20 PLATFORM ON SDG LOCALISATION AND INTERMEDIARY CITIES (G20 PLIC)

A high-level global platform for sustainable change

Launched in November 2021 under the Italian G20 Presidency, PLIC is the G20 Platform on SDG Localisation and Intermediary Cities.

PLIC operates as an open and inclusive space for policy dialogue to support local, national and international actions in optimising the development potential of intermediary cities and supporting their efforts in achieving the SDGs. PLIC builds on existing work and networks, supports synergies, and connects different outcomes to inform the G20 Development Working Group (DWG).

PLIC aims to build dialogue toward a more sustainable and prosperous future for the people who live in intermediary cities – and beyond.

What is an intermediary city?

Intermediary cities are those agglomerations, usually of small and medium size, that play a key intermediation role within urban systems, as well as with rural areas. For measuring purposes, we consider intermediary cities as urban agglomerations with less than 1 million inhabitants (3 million in China and India).

Tracking policy reforms, measuring change, and shaping the global development agenda

Intermediary cities, defined as agglomerations beyond capital cities that act as connectors between urban and rural systems, host almost half of the urban population of developing countries. They are among the fastest growing urban agglomerations and can play a critical role in achieving inclusive and sustainable development, making the fruits of growth trickle down to all urban and rural areas.

Against this backdrop, PLIC aims to:

- ◆ Promote greater common understanding on the transformative roles of intermediary cities and rural-urban linkages
- ◆ Foster knowledge production and sharing, promoting multilevel policy dialogue
- ◆ Improve the evidence base
- ◆ Support the development and piloting of intermediary city-to-city partnerships

What does PLIC do?

LEARNING FROM CITIES EXPERIENCES

ADVOCACY & PEER-LEARNING

IMPROVING THE EVIDENCE BASE

FOSTERING DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS

How?

Cities Case Studies
Guiding Principles
Compendium of good practices

Annual High-Level Meetings
back-to-back with World Cities Day

Intermediary Cities Development Dashboard

Providing elements for the creation of a G20 Financial and Capacity Development Facility

What will PLIC achieve?

Through its different lines of work, PLIC will contribute to making intermediary cities a catalyst for development. It will do so through the development of shared principles, a better understanding of their socio-economic dynamics, and by framing an updated development narrative in which these agglomerations and their potential contribution to development are properly considered.

