

OPENING SESSION

Global and regional overviews | Taking stock to build the future

15 September 2021 - 1-4pm CEST

Interpretation: ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH¹

CONCEPT NOTE

Objectives

This session will draw a global overview of the Local and Regional Government (LRG) sector worldwide and of PSI global and regional LRG sectoral work since 2016. PSI affiliates' representatives and Regions will have an opportunity to highlight the main LRG sector developments, good practices, achievements, and challenges of the past years, while looking at the future proposing policy priorities, new directions, and next steps for PSI LRG work.

Draft Agenda

13h00-14h15 - Global and regional overviews of PSI's LRG sector (1h15')

- **Welcome and opening** - Rosa Pavanelli, PSI General Secretary
- **Global overview of PSI LRG work 2016-2021** - Daria Cibrario, PSI LRG Officer
- **Regional overviews**
 - **Africa and Arab Countries**
 - **Asia-Pacific**
 - **Europe**
 - **Interamerica**

14h15-14h30 – Break and live consultation (15')

14h30-15h45 - Taking stock to build the future: common challenges & priorities (1h15')

- Plenary discussion & affiliate consultation

15h45-16h00 - Conclusions and next steps (15')

¹ PSI may consider interpretation into additional languages subject to registrations and budget constraints.

Guidance questions:

- What are the **highlights** of PSI LRG global and regional work since 2016?
- What have been the key **challenges** for LRG unions and how can we overcome them together?
- What **old and new priorities** should be reflected in the future PSI Programme of Action for the LRG Sector?
- How can we **win rights and better working conditions** for LRG workers, while **fighting for quality local public services**, sustainable cities, and inclusive local communities?
- What **factors should we consider** given the new worldwide context in which LRGs and their workers have to operate?

Target audience: PSI affiliates' representatives

Session format:

This session encompasses two segments of 1h15' each structured as follows:

- A first segment with an opening by the PSI General Secretary followed by global and regional overviews by the PSI Secretariat and Regions jointly with affiliates (1h15').
- A break during which an online live consultation (15') will take place.
- A second segment (1h15') which will open the plenary debate, facilitated by the PSI LRG Officer
- A wrap up with key conclusions and action points (15').

PSI HO staff provides technical support to the session.

Background documents for this session:

- **Brief #1** – [Summary report 2016-2021](#)
- **Brief #2** – [Overview of Megatrends affecting LRGs](#)
- **Steering Group** [Identified priorities](#) (1st Draft)

For more information:

- Consult the [full programme](#) for the LRG Network Series 2021
- See the Network Series website: <https://psishort.link/LRGNext>
- Please write to PSI LRG and Municipal Services at: lrg-municipal@world-psi.org

