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OECD Local Development Forum

Become a host for the OECD Local Development Forum and unlock opportunities for your community!

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is seeking expressions of interest for hosting the 2025 and 2026 edition of the [OECD Local Development Forum](#). This prestigious event gathers policymakers, practitioners, and experts from around the world to discuss innovative strategies, share best practices, and address key challenges in local development.

WHAT IS THE OECD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM?

The OECD Local Development Forum is a community of stakeholders from all over the world who come together to discuss common challenges and best practices in local development. Through its events and online resources, the Forum serves as a venue for peer learning, disseminating local innovations at the global level, and bringing the OECD's work beyond ministries to local communities.

The Forum's flagship event is its annual conference, which gathers a diverse group of around 250-300 people to discuss timely and pertinent topics related to local development. This two-day event represents a wide range of perspectives, with participation from both local and international political leaders, practitioners, private sector representatives, social entrepreneurs and social partners convening in the host city or region. The conference includes plenary sessions, workshops, site visits, as well as social and networking events.

Over the last 16 years, the OECD Local Development Forum has been hosted by cities such as Berlin, Cork, Dublin, Manchester, Porto, Prague, Stockholm, Venice, and Vienna. Many different types of organisations have taken part in hosting the Forum, often in partnership, including national ministries or agencies, city and regional governments, chambers of commerce, and education and training institutes and others.



WHY HOST THE OECD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM?

✓ **Showcase your community on a global stage**

- Boost your community's international recognition, reaching both the in-person audience and the larger Forum community online.
- Highlight local success stories and best practices, including in associated communications materials before and after the event.

✓ **Shape the debate on local development**

- Help set the agenda of the event, highlighting pressing issues and the types of solutions that are needed in responses.
- Bring new international insights to the political discourse and debate on local development in your country.

✓ **Spark partnerships at the local and international level**

- Create long-lasting international connections and engage with high-level officials and experts from around the world.
- Engage a wide variety of local stakeholders in design and delivery of the event, helping to make connections beyond the usual suspects.

WHAT DOES HOSTING ENTAIL?

As a local host, you will work alongside the OECD to blend international experiences and expertise with the success stories and authentic charm of your local community. Hosts bring the event to life by:

- ✓ **Designing and localising the agenda.** Hosts collaborate with the OECD to design the event agenda, infusing it with local insights and perspectives to ensure a truly unique and culturally resonant experience.
- ✓ **Contributing financially.** Hosts provide a financial contribution to the OECD to help support the international aspects of delivering the event and cover the local logistical expenses directly. We encourage hosts to collaborate with other local partners and sponsors for financial and in-kind support.
- ✓ **Managing local logistics.** Hosts coordinate the local logistics, including securing a venue, catering, support staff, AV setups and on-site transportation.
- ✓ **Securing local support and engagement.** Hosts take the lead on securing local speakers, fostering partnerships with local organisations, and introducing an authentic local flair to the event.

**Be a catalyst for positive change –
express your interest in hosting the Forum today!**

Express your interest and get more information by sending us
an email at local.forum@oecd.org.

If you are interested in hosting in 2025, we invite you to [contact us by 31 March](#).