PROPOSAL TO UN-HABITAT SO THAT LOCAL DATA COUNT IN NATIONAL SDG REPORTS

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NAIDER has submitted a proposal to the call by UN-Habitat and the Local2030 Coalition to develop a **guideline to help integrate local data and evidence into national monitoring systems for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

Countries report on their progress towards the 2030 Agenda through Voluntary National Reviews, presented at the United Nations High-Level Political Forum. At the same time, more and more cities, regions and associations of municipalities are preparing their own reports, the Voluntary Local and Subnational Reviews. Both paths have grown in parallel, and the challenge now is to connect them: so that national reports reflect the reality of each territory, and what is learned locally reaches national policies.

Our proposal sets out a practical guideline for national governments, statistical offices, local and regional governments and their associations. The aim is for each of them to find what kind of local evidence they can contribute, what it needs to be useful, and how it fits into the review cycles of the 2030 Agenda.

The proposal draws on our experience in the Basque Country, one of the pioneering regions in SDG localisation: the analysis and review of the SDGs in the Basque Country, the Vitoria-Gasteiz Sustainability Observatory for monitoring its Urban Agenda 2030, and our support to Udalsarea 2030, the Basque network of municipalities for sustainability.

With this proposal we bring to the international level what we have learned working with municipalities and institutions: local data are the best way to know how territories are really progressing towards the 2030 Agenda.