

**Fifth Meeting of the SDG Leadership Cities:  
Ensuring the durability of the SDGs across political cycles**  
December 14-15 (11:00 am – 1:30 pm ET). [Convert to your time.](#)

**WORKSHOP STRUCTURE**

The SDGs require a policy mindset shift to advance interlinked issues simultaneously while integrating evidence-based policymaking and taking a long-term view. Sooner or later, all of our cities will face mayoral transitions, with the potential to shift priorities and focus. We want this convening to deepen our common understanding of the value proposition for driving key policy priorities and enabling durability of the SDG agenda across transitions. To bring clarity and depth to this conversation, we invited two participants from the SDG Leadership Cities, **Bristol and Bogota**, to share their approach to institutionalizing the SDGs. We see this as an opportunity to learn from your peers, as well as reflect on your city's experience and provide suggestions for each other and our host cities.

While we remain in a virtual format, we aim to recreate the leadership retreat setting and in-person interactions of Bellagio and Mexico City, which enable an environment of trust and goodwill and elevate the level and substance of our dialogue. **We encourage your direct personal participation, as a principal leader in this network, during the entire convening.** If there are unavoidable commitments that require you miss a portion, please let us know so that we can plan accordingly.

We will apply the SDG Leadership Cities convening methodology to create a frank and honest exchange, and surface tools and approaches on sustainable recovery. Our intent is for this convening to be an opportunity to **take a step back from day-to-day management and share ideas with your peers** about the challenges and future of your city. We are cognizant that the time spent with us is taken from your daily job or personal time, and seek to maximize the value of this exchange, as well as offer time for personal interactions.

**Breakout rooms and social time.** Part of the value of this group is to build relationship and directly interact with your peers. During the meeting, there will be ample opportunities for discussions in small groups. During breakout rooms, participants will use a whiteboard to capture their findings and innovations. There will be a short break each day in which participants can optionally choose to be randomly paired with a colleague for informal socializing.

**AGENDA**

**Day I - December 14, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm (EST) – Focus on Bogota: Planning, Gender Equity, and Care**

Bogota is currently going through the design and adoption of a new, long-term master plan. Mayor Lopez's vision and city strategy make clear key priorities. Taking measures to integrate these SDG commitments can also surface new tensions and challenges. Bogota's leadership on inclusive development presents a learning opportunity for the SDG Leadership Cities, including its focus on gender equity and the care system.

Lessons from Bogota will enable the group to reflect on these issues and their local applications. This deep dive will offer opportunities to engage with public officials and community representatives: starting at the political level with a conversation on the city's SDG strategy and political platform, the group will then discuss how the city's planning process integrates the SDGs. The group will explore concrete applications around the city's approach to advancing gender equity, with a zoom on the "Care Blocks," a city innovation designed to address the unequal burden of care.

**The SDGs as a Political Platform:** Fireside Chat with *Luis Ernesto Gomez, Secretary of Government*

**SDGs in City Planning:** Discussion with *María Mercedes Jaramillo, Secretary of Planning*

**Breakouts and Social Time**

**Gender Policy and Care Systems:** Discussion with *Diana Rodriguez, Secretary of Women's Affairs*

**Day II – December 15, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm (EST) – Focus on Bristol: Overcoming Governance Roadblocks**

To ensure the long-term durability of their commitments to equity and sustainability across mayoral transitions, cities seek to consolidate and institutionalize their SDG strategy. Bristol provides a test case for revising city governance and ensuring that commitments are hardwired across the city organization. The city is also currently holding debates over the future of its mayoral position. Since the City Council launched its One City approach in 2016, new actors and institutions have joined the collaborative platform. Bristol has now begun a process of reorganizing its internal governance to formalize this new process and increase accountability. The SDGs are embedded in this evolution: the city's second Voluntary Local Review will explore the key blockages and opportunities of its city strategy.

This deep dive on Bristol's governance innovation and blockages provides an opportunity for peer-learning on the challenges of institutionalizing the SDGs. It will enable the SDG Leadership Cities participants to workshop challenges from the Bristol context and identify lessons for their own governance model.

**Brookings Presentation on Institutionalizing the SDGs Agenda**

**The SDGs as a Political Platform:** Fireside Chat with *Tim Borrett, Director of Policy, Strategy and Partnerships at the Bristol City Council*

**The Bristol One City Model and Overcoming Governance Roadblocks:** Conversation with

- *Andrea Dell, Head of the Bristol City Office*
- *Andy Street, Chair of City Funds*

**Breakouts and Social Time**

**Plenary discussion**

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