



Session B1:

Territorial Approach to Local Development: (Part I)

Introduction to the concept

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What is a territory?

What is local development?

- ✓ It aims at maximizing the development potential of a particular place
- ✓ It means that planning development starts from the bottom, not from the top



What is local development?



- ✓ It is coordinated by different kinds of actors, not only public authorities, but also private entities
- ✓ With a high degree of autonomy to define their own development priorities

What is local development?

- ✓ It aims at fostering social inclusion through equitable, fair and sustainable growth
- ✓ It respects the local environment and the local cultures in the long term...





- ✓ It is a **spatially integrated development**, which implies considering the physical and socio-economic traits of a particular place, regardless of its administrative boundaries or sectorial fragmentation
- ✓ It puts the accent on the **multiplicity of scales**, that coexist in the same territory: local, urban, rural, metropolitan, regional, national, global, as well as on their interdependencies

What is the territorial approach?

It builds on a large menu of **internal resources**: social, physical, financial, political, institutional and cultural capital, through adapted mechanisms that foster participatory governance



In fact **TALD** represents the “**missing link**” between decentralization reforms and the expected results of development policies



Please do not confound:

- ✓ Local development is not about simply « **localizing** » the goals, objectives and development programmes adopted by other levels of institutions, whether in consultation or not with local authorities, (national, regional, international development plans)

TALD



LOCALIZING
THE SDGs

Territorial development is thus a development that is **ENDOGENOUS** based on local, grass-roots resources



It is spatially integrated and goes beyond the typical fragmentation caused by political and administrative boundaries as well as by traditional sectorial programming



It is multilevel:
as it is supported
by a set of
diverse actors
from the private
and public
sectors, acting
under a shared
vision



It is incremental:

complementary and in coherence
with the efforts of other levels of
government

$$1 + 1 + 1 = 4 !$$

So who drives TALD?

Comparative analysis of the main
types of actors

**CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT**

**CIVIL SOCIETY
ORGANIZATIONS**

**FOR PROFIT
SECTOR**

**LOCAL
AUTHORITIES**



LOCAL MANDATE

Has the legal power to promote the social and economic well being of a local community, on top of delivering essential services

LEGAL CAPACITY

Has the capacity to enact and enforce rules, procedures and regulations



TYPE OF ACTOR

LEADERSHIP

Has the capacity to bring together and coordinate different types of local actors

PERMANENCE

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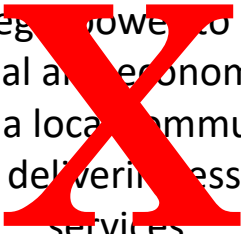
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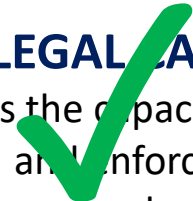
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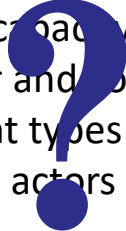
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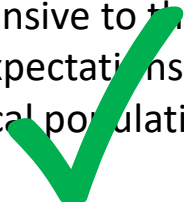
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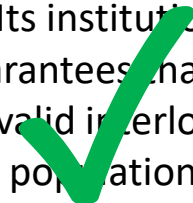
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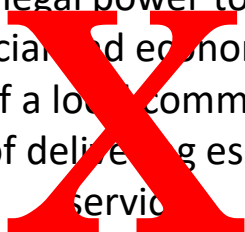
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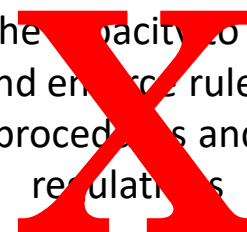
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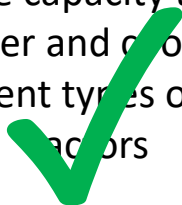
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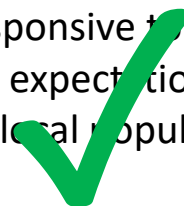
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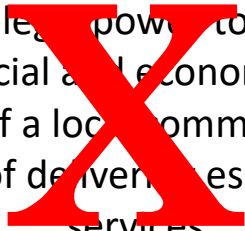
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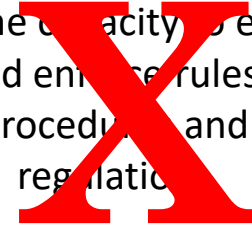
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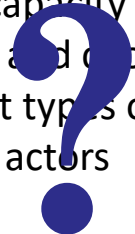
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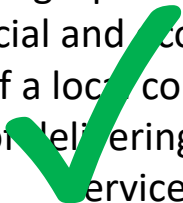
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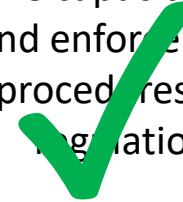
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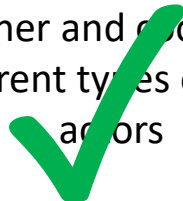
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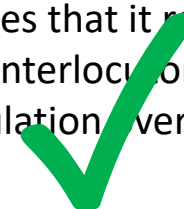
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Nevertheless:



**These comparative advantages are only
potential**

Their realization will depend on the existence of the appropriate national enabling environment: an effective decentralization policy that facilitates **TALD** and recognizes the crucial role of local authorities in the definition of their own development future



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Thank you