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| **Local government, partnerships and collaboration** |
| **Conference sub-theme addressed**  Make all urban and other habitats inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable and conducive to health and wellbeing  **Relevant experience or practice**  Presenter 1: Safe Communities Foundation NZ: has for 17 years supported the establishment of partnerships and collaboration in local communities through the Safe Communities Accreditation programme. More than 30 local authorities are engaged in the programme which is the only national network that has a focus on violence and injury prevention.  Presenter 2: Local Government NZ: Local government is calling for a shift in the way public decisions are made in New Zealand by seeking a commitment to localism. Instead of relying on central government to decide what is good for our communities it is time to empower councils and communities themselves to make such decisions. We are calling for an active programme of devolution and decentralisation.  **Implications for health promotion**  Councils undertake a range of activities intended to protect and promote the health of communities. This includes sporting and recreational facilities and open space; provision of water, stormwater and wastewater facilities; promoting mental health; promoting physical activity and addressing non-communicable diseases; promoting safety and preventing injury; preventing harm associated with alcohol and other drugs. Councils also have a role in regulating how the built environment can be developed in a way that promotes health and wellbeing.  **Implications for sustainable development**  Sustainable Development Goal #11 was adopted at the instigation of the Global Taskforce of Cities, Local and Regional Governments:  Called for all goals and targets to take into account the different contexts, opportunities and challenges at sub-national level.  Recognised that constructing societies based on cultural diversity, solidarity, equality, accountability from the bottom up will be a guarantee of resilience and sustainability.  Local governments can use urban planning and public transport to reduce air pollution, foster healthy lifestyles and prevent deaths from road traffic accidents  Local governments should not be seen as mere implementers of the Agenda. Local governments are policy makers, catalysts of change and the level of government best-placed to link the global goals with local communities. |