

## **Sharon Dijksma**

Mayor of Utrecht, Kingdom of the Netherlands and Chairperson of the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG) (Representing United Cities & Local Governments)

Sharon Dijksma is currently the chairman of the VNG (Association of Netherlands Municipalities) and mayor of Utrecht. She has been actively involved in multilateral consultation mechanisms defending local democracy, citizens engagement, resilience and climate adaptation. Mrs. Dijksma held various leadership positions at different levels of government, she previously was a member of the House of Representatives, she was a State Secretary at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, at the Ministry of Economic Affairs and at the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, as well as an alderwoman of Amsterdam. Dijksma was the President of the Environment Council of the European Union.