



National VLR capacity building workshop

28-30 March 2022, Harare

Workshop Programme

DAY 1	
8:30 – 9:00	Coffee and registration
9:00 – 9:30	Opening remarks Mr. Edward Kallon, UN Resident Coordinator Hon. Mr. July Moyo, Minister of Local Government and Public Works Overview of the main purpose of the workshop Ms. Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Adviser, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, DSDG/DESA Ms. Edlam Abera Yemeru, Director a.i. of Gender, Poverty and Social, UNECA
9:30 – 10:00	Introductions
10:00 – 11:00	Getting to grips with the 2030 Agenda and SDGs Chair: UN RCO <i>Overview of NDS1</i> , Representative, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development [10 min] <i>Key features and principles of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs</i> , Ms. Carol Pollack, Inter-regional Adviser, DSDG/DESA [10 min] Q&A
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	Lessons learned: Local and regional implementation of the SDGs and VLRs Chair: Government Panel: <i>Introduction and lessons learned from the Voluntary Local Reviews</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Friedrich Soltau, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, DSDG/DESA (global perspective) [10 min] - Experience from Harare/Victoria Falls [10 min] - Mr. Robert Papa, Head of Strategy and Service, Busia County, Kenya (remote connection) [10 min]

	<p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the role of local and regional governments in SDG implementation? 2. What are the benefits of conducting a VLR? 3. What gaps in SDG implementation did the VLRs highlight? 4. Did the VLR process lead to changes in strategies, plans, coordination mechanisms or other areas of SDG implementation? <p>Q&A</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Interactive session: Status of SDG and NDS1 implementation in Zimbabwe</p> <p>Chair: Government</p> <p><i>Status of national SDG implementation</i>, Senior official, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare [10 min]</p> <p>Presentations by participating four VLR 2022 local authorities: [8 min each]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulawayo City Council • Zvishavane Town Council • Mutasa Regional District Council • Nkayi Regional District Council <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What actions have been taken on SDG implementation? What are some of the key success stories and bottle necks? 2. What are areas of priority action and how have they been identified? Have the priority areas been aligned with a local/regional budget? 3. How have the SDGs been integrated into local and regional development plans and strategies? 4. Why the VLR can be a useful tool for enhancing SDG implementation in the local context? 5. What will be the main benefits of the VLRs?
15:30 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:00	<p>SDG Localization</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Mabel Hungwe, UNDESA</p> <p><i>Presentation on devolution</i>, Ministry of Local Government and Public Works</p> <p><i>Presentation on support for local governance and service delivery</i>, UNDP</p>
DAY 2	
9:00 – 10:00	<p>The VLR preparatory process: overview of approaches, milestones and deliverables</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Carol Pollack, UNDESA</p>

	<p><i>Presentation of the Global Guiding Elements for VLRs</i>, Mr. Friedrich Soltau, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, DSDG/DESA</p> <p><i>Presentation of ECA on Africa Voluntary Local Review Guideline</i>, Ms. Lusungu Kayani Stearns, ECA</p> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to begin a VLR process? 2. What are the key elements and milestones in the process? 3. Who leads the process and who is engaged? What works and why? 4. What are the lessons learned from the process and how has it contributed to the local implementation of the 2030 Agenda? 5. How to prepare a roadmap? <p>Interactive discussion</p>
10:00 – 11:15	<p>Break-out Groups: Preparing the road map and next steps</p> <p>Briefing on work in breakout groups on a VLR road map [5 min]</p> <p>Facilitated work groups on key components and steps for VLRs [50 min]</p> <p>Report back/Sharing key points [20 min]</p>
11:15 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Use of data for SDG implementation and VLRs</p> <p>Chair: UNCT</p> <p>Presentation: ZIMSTAT</p> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the challenges regarding data in monitoring and reviewing the sub-national implementation of the 2030 Agenda? 2. How should data comparability and suitability for the local context be balanced? What data is available? 3. How to prepare the statistical annex for a VLR report? 4. How best to analyse and communicate information on data so that it can be used as broadly as possible?
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	<p>Break-out Groups: Identifying data sources for VLRs</p> <p>Briefing on work in breakout groups on mapping data sources [5 min]</p> <p>Facilitated work groups on key components and steps for VLRs [40 min]</p> <p>Report back/Sharing key points [15 min]</p>
14:30 – 15:30	<p>Inclusive approaches to awareness-raising and engaging stakeholders</p> <p>Chair: TBC</p>

	<p><i>Presentation on stakeholder engagement</i>, Ms. Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Adviser, DSDG/DESA [10 min]</p> <p><i>Presentation on experience with stakeholder engagement and awareness-raising</i>, Ms. Priscilla Margery Asio, Ngora District, Uganda (remote connection) [10 min]</p> <p><i>CSO perspective</i>, Poverty Reduction Trust [10 min]</p> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can the engagement of various stakeholders contribute to a robust sub-national review? 2. How can the VLRs help to ensure that no one is left behind? 3. What are some of the good practices for awareness-raising? 4. What are key steps in identifying stakeholders and preparing a stakeholder engagement plan? <p>Q&A</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Break
15:45 – 16:45	<p>Break-out Groups: Stakeholder mapping exercise</p> <p>Briefing on work in breakout groups on mapping [5 min]</p> <p>Facilitated working groups [40 min]</p> <p>Report back/Sharing key points [15 min]</p>
16:45 – 17:00	Recap of day
DAY 3	
9:00-10:15	<p>SDG Localization Exercise: Break-out groups</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Mabel Hungwe, UNDESA</p> <p>Presentation by UN-Habitat (remote)</p> <p>Facilitated group work</p>
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 12:00	<p>Next steps for VLR process</p> <p>Chair: DESA and UNRCO</p> <p>Report back on road map preparations and stakeholder engagement planning</p> <p>Discussion and reflections</p>
12:00 – 12:30	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RCO - Government representative