

Workshop on Voluntary Local Reviews in The Gambia
12-14 January 2022
 Banjul, The Gambia
 Draft Programme

DAY 1	
9:00 – 9:30	Arrival and registration of participants
9:30 – 10:00	Coffee
10:00 – 10:30	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Dr. Desta Tiruneh, Resident Coordinator ai., The Gambia</p> <p>Mr. Landing B. Sanneh, President Gambia Association of Local Government Authorities (GALGA)</p> <p>Mr. Amadou Diouf, Subregional office for Western Africa, UNECA</p> <p>Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, DSDG/DESA</p> <p>Mr. David Gomez, Director of Governance, Lands and Regional Government, Government of The Gambia</p>
10:30 – 12:00	<p>Benefits of Voluntary National Reviews and Voluntary Local Reviews and existing guiding materials</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Alagie Fadera, Director, Director of Development Planning, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</p> <p>Presentation by Ms. Aji Sainabou Jallow, Principal planner, Directorate of Development Planning, Ministry of Finance, Government of The Gambia on the Voluntary National Review 2022 (10 min)</p> <p>Mr. Friedrich Soltau, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, DSDG/DESA (10 min)</p> <p>Peer-learning: online remarks by local and regional governments that have conducted VLRs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Robert Papa, Busia County, Kenya (5 min) <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the benefits of conducting a VLR? 2. What are the key characteristics and milestones in conducting a VLR?

	<p>3. How can a VLR process support changes in strategies, plans, coordination mechanisms and other areas of SDG implementation at local and national levels?</p> <p>4. How do VLRs contribute to regional and global review processes of the SDGs?</p> <p>Q&A</p>
12:00 – 12:10	Break
12:10 – 13:30	<p>SDG localization in participating Local Government Areas</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Landing B. Sanneh, President Gambia Association of Local Government Authorities (GALGA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of Brikama Area Council (15 min) - Mr. Barkary B. Darboe, Community Services Manager, Kanifing Municipal Council (KMC) (15 min) - Representative of Kuntaur Area Council (15 min) <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <p>1. How have the SDGs been localized in each participating LGA so far? 2. How does the VLR fit into existing work and national SDG implementation plans going forward?</p> <p>3. What are the institutional arrangements your LGA is setting up for coordinating and drafting of the VLR?</p> <p>Interactive discussion</p>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch break

14:30 – 15:15	<p>TOPIC A: Determining priorities and integrating the SDGs into local government plans and strategies</p> <p>Presentation by Mr. Samba Sowe, Principal Planner, Directorate of Development Planning, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs (10 min)</p> <p>Presentation by Ms. Lusungu Kayani-Stearns, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa on the VLR tool for SDG Alignment (10 min)</p> <p>Interactive discussion</p> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are areas of priority action and how have they been identified? 2. How have the SDGs been integrated into local and regional plans and strategies? How is the Agenda 2063 reflected at the local level? 3. How to ensure the ownership and engagement of city officials? 4. How to report on progress towards the SDGs in a VLR?
	Short guidance on the breakout group A by UNECA (5 min)
15:15 – 16:45	<p><i>Breakout group work</i></p> <p>TOPIC A: Determining priorities and integrating the SDGs into local government plans and strategies</p> <p>Participants go into three breakout groups according to the participating LGAs and use the SDG Alignment table for mapping out their strategies and plans against the SDGs.</p>
16:45 – 17:00	<p>Short report back from the breakout groups</p> <p>Each group will report on their progress</p>
DAY 2	
09:00 – 09:30	Coffee

9:30 – 10:30	<p>TOPIC B: Awareness-raising and engaging stakeholders</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Abdoulie Badjie, Programme Communications and Advocacy, UNRCO</p> <p>Presentation by Ms. Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Adviser, DSDG/DESA, of a stakeholder engagement plan and a stakeholder mapping (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examples of awareness-raising and stakeholder engagement activities in participating LGAs (one representative from each LGA, 5 min each) (15 min total) <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What can be done to promote a “whole-of-society” approach to the SDGs? 2. What are some of the good practices for awareness-raising? 3. How can the engagement of various stakeholders contribute to a robust VLR? How can stakeholders be involved in the process? 4. How to conduct a stakeholder mapping and prepare your VLR stakeholder engagement plan? <p>Short guidance on the breakout group B by UN DESA (5 min)</p>
10:30 – 11:45	<p><i>Breakout group work</i></p> <p>TOPIC B: Awareness-raising and engaging stakeholders</p> <p>Participants go into three breakout groups according to the participating LGAs and prepare a stakeholder mapping and start drafting a stakeholder engagement plan</p>

11:45 – 12:30	<p>Topic C: Use of data for SDG implementation and VLRs</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Alieu Sarr, VLR Consultant</p> <p>Introduction: Mr. Kutub Hydera, The Gambia Bureau of Statistics (10 min)</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the gaps and challenges regarding data in monitoring and reviewing the local implementation of the 2030 Agenda? What interventions have worked? 2. How should data comparability and suitability for the local context be balanced? 3. How to prepare the statistical annex for VLR report? 4. How best to analyse and communicate information on data so that it can be used as broadly as possible? <p>Short guidance on the breakout group C by UN DESA (5 min)</p>
12:30 – 13:30	<p><i>Breakout group work</i></p> <p>Topic C: Use of data for SDG implementation and VLRs</p> <p>Participants go into three breakout groups according to the participating LGAs. Key issues for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the various sources of data available to the LGAs? • How can the available data be used in the VLR? • What are innovative practices or examples of data collection for monitoring and reporting on progress?
13:30 – 14:30	<p>Lunch</p>
14:30 – 15:45	<p>Report back from topics A, B and C</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Oumie Joof, RCO</p> <p>Each VLR Local Government Area reflects on how the topics can be addressed in their individual VLR</p> <p>Interactive discussion</p>
15:45 – 16:45	<p><i>Breakout group work</i></p> <p>Updating the LGA workplans for the VLRs</p>

16:45 – 17:00	<p>Short recap of the day</p> <p>Each group will report on their progress</p>
DAY 3	
09:30 – 10.00	<p>Coffee</p>
10:00 – 11:30	<p>Presentations of key points of updated work plans for the individual VLRs</p> <p>Moderator: GALGA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of Brikama Area Council - Representative of Kanifing Municipal Council - Representative of Kuntaur Area Council <p>Interactive discussion</p>
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Linkages with the Voluntary National Reviews, Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, and the High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Sambou Diakite, Associate Development Coordination Officer, United Nations Resident Coordinator’s Office</p> <p>Mr. Friedrich Soltau, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, DSDG/DESA</p> <p>Mr. John Sloan, Economic Commission for Africa</p> <p>Mr. Alagie Fadera, Director, Directorate of Development Planning, Government of The Gambia</p> <p><i>Interactive discussion</i></p> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can VLRs best support coherent national SDG implementation? 2. What are some of the different ways countries around the world have used when drawing on the VLRs for the Voluntary National Review 3. How is the Voluntary National Review 2022 of The Gambia prepared and how can the VLRs feed into it? 4. What is the role of VLRs at the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development and at the High-level political forum on sustainable development?

12:30 – 13:00	Wrap-up of the workshop and next steps Mr. Sambou Diakite, Associate Development Coordination Officer, United Nations Resident Coordinator’s Office
	Mr. Amadou Tamedou, Senior Programme Officer, Gambia Association of Local Government Authorities (GALGA) Ms. Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Adviser, DSDG/DESA