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The VLR preparatory process: overview of

Africa Voluntary Local Review Guidelines

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Background - Africa VLR Guidelines



The Africa VLR Guidelines are the result of a specific request made by member **States** to the UN System for a tool to support VLR preparation in the region



A commitment made at ARFSD 2020 to assist in the development of a **common guideline & template for VLRs** to ease coherence & enable peer review



A need to **further VLR production in the region and provide a common approach** for local and regional governments preparing a review



Foster **local ownership, commitment and action** on the SDGs and Agenda 2063



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Getting Started - Africa VLR Guidelines Guiding

Principles



Find out where you are and define a way forward. VLRs are a tool for monitoring and measuring progress, but they are also a mechanism for planning local action. A lack of data should not hold you back and start with what you have.



VLRs are a tool for telling your local story. VLRs allow local and regional governments to tell their story and present local priorities.



VLRs represent a process, not just a product. The VLR is a process and not just a report and the process is engaging, participatory and unbound by a defined start and end dates.



VLRs should promote multi-stakeholder engagement that incorporates principles of human rights, gender equality and leaving no one behind.



VLRs enhance linkages between national and local levels of government. VLRs can complement reporting at the national level by improving monitoring and coherence in implementation.

Leave No One Behind - Process of Engagement

Identify

- Left behind and disadvantaged groups
- Less visible 'left behind' groups

Map

1. Who is left behind
2. Which groups are the hardest to reach/ those not represented by CSOs
3. Why left behind
4. How are they left behind
5. Why are they excluded from public discourse or regular data collection on SDGs/ A2063 targets, indicators and goals
6. Which local organizations support marginalized groups

Assess

- Data gaps
- Intersecting disadvantages

Determine

1. What are the available statistics
2. What further data should be collected
 - a. How will data be collected
 - b. How will data be disaggregated
3. How can existing statistics be complemented with qualitative data
 - a. To capture challenges faced by marginalized groups
4. Are groups facing multiple disadvantages
 - a. What are the disadvantages
 - b. Any intersecting or overlapping disadvantages

Partner

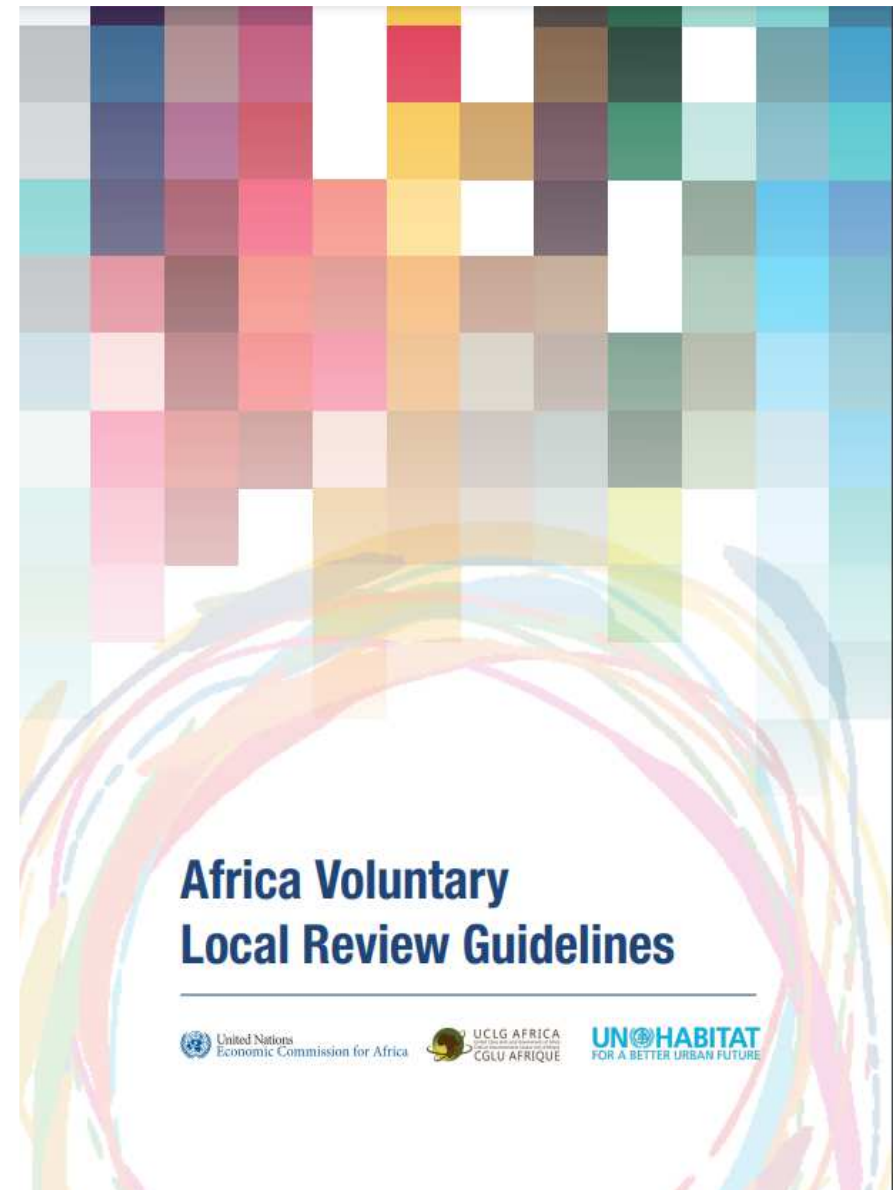
- Left behind and disadvantaged groups
- CSOs and universities

Engage

1. How can CSOs and universities can help
 - a. To identify and access groups not represented by CSOs
 - b. Conduct qualitative research
 - c. Identify appropriate indicators and relevant data sources
2. Participation of left behind groups in planning, implementation and follow-up phases of VLR

Africa VLR: The Template

- Simple
- Easy to follow
- Best practices
- Lessons learned
- Guiding questions
- Tools



Africa VLR: The Template



Phase I

- Methodological Processes: preparatory work, literature review and visioning
- SDGs and Agenda 2063 - Linking priorities
- Stakeholder engagement planning
- Institutional Model for leading review
- Roadmap and work plan

Phase II

- Data collection, analysis and write up
- Validation, Publication & dissemination

Phase III

- Integration, Monitoring, Implementation and Follow-up
- Conclusion

Pre-VLR

Activity	Initiated	In-progress	Advanced	Not Started	Opportunities
SDG and Agenda 2063 awareness-raising with local stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Localization of SDGs through the production of a localization report or some sort of SDGs report for local context	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Organization of survey or questionnaire to be distributed locality-- wide that captures inputs to the SDGs and A20	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Determine resources needed to conduct local review	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PHASE I

Activity	Initiated	In-progress	Advanced	Not Started	Opportunities
Conduct a literature review of local policies, strategies, plans and programmes responding the SDGs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Organization of survey or questionnaire to be distributed locality-wide that captures inputs to the SDGs and A2063	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SDG Awareness raising and public outreach with local stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Identify organizations collecting data for the localized targets or indicators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Map SDGs to local plans and strategies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Map Agenda 2063 goals and indicators to local plans and strategies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Determine institutional mechanism to lead the production of VLR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Map stakeholders contributing to the SDGs and A63 in the locality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Prepare a stakeholder engagement plan for each phase of the VLR outlining the purpose of consultations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Set vision for local implementation on what the locality wants to see happen by 2030	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Define a roadmap and work plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PHASE II

Activity	Initiated	In-progress	Advanced	Not Started	Opportunities
Prioritize goals, targets and indicators for review.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Define the number of goals locality wants to measure and monitor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Continue identifying organizations collecting data for the localized targets and indicators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Develop proxy indicators where needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Finalize the definition of local targets and indicators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Where possible, present data in terms of in time-series, percentages, proportions, ratios	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Develop data collection methodology and approach identifying list of instruments for data collection, sources of limitations encountered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Review progress against each identified priority SDG and localized targets and indicators highlighting successes and challenges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Address lessons learned from first VLR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Participate in peer review exercises with other regional SNGs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Participate in the Africa Regional Forum for Sustainable Development, national urban forums and other related forums to exchange experience and lessons learnt from the process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Planning for a future VLR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

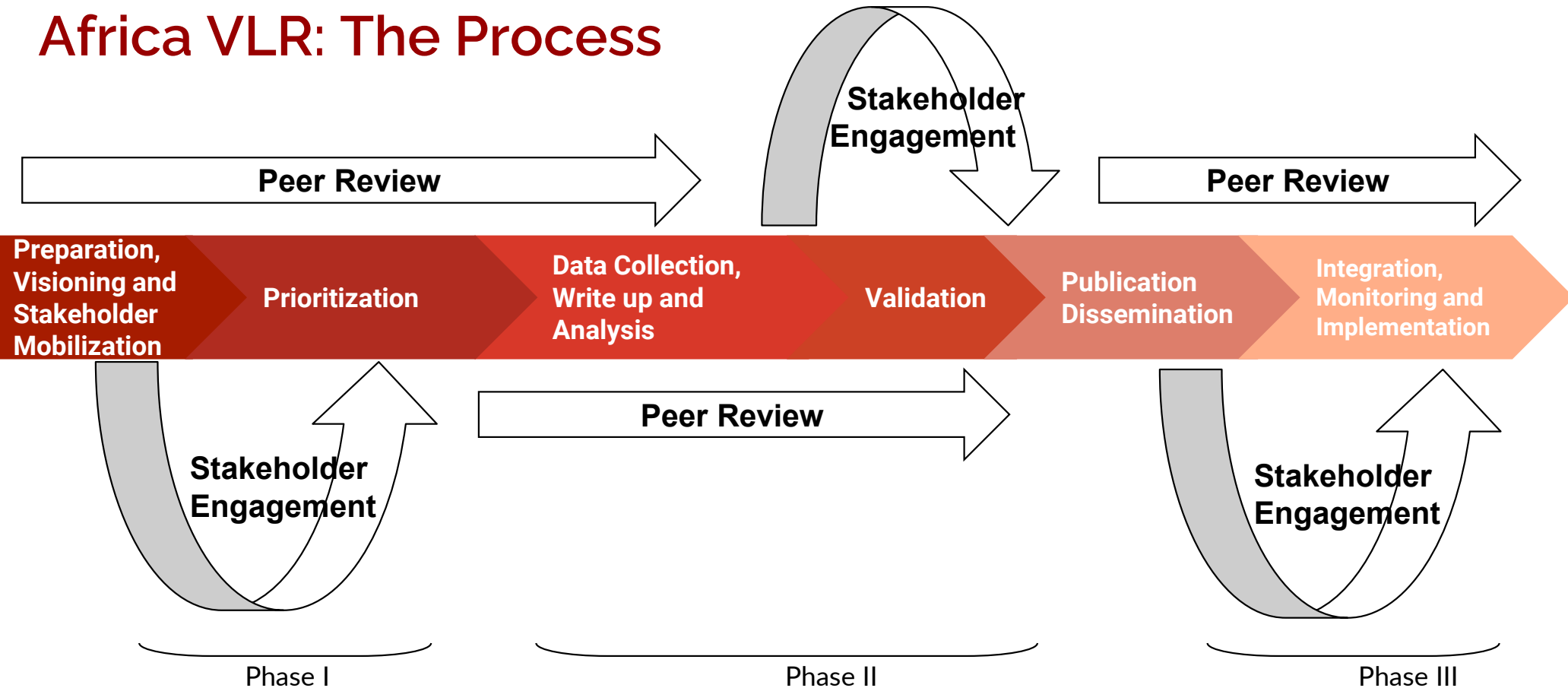
PHASE III & Post VLR

Activity	Initiated	In-progress	Advanced	Not Started	Opportunities
Publish VLR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Consider translation into local languages, if applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wide dissemination of VLRs to stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Presentation of VLR with relevant national Government authorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Integration with VNR processes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Develop a communications strategy around the main messages and lessons learnt of the VLR to share	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Develop roadmap to follow up plan on key accelerator goals and action items as identified in VLR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Identify impact of VLR process and report (using ECA template on VLR impact and lessons learned)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PHASE III & Post-VLR

Contribute to national SDG/ A2063 monitoring mechanisms including VNR processes that assist national government goals, targets and indicators Reflect on how the collection, maintenance and use of local data can be used to inform service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Collaboration with local stakeholder in local decision making and planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Continued involvement of stakeholders, especially vulnerable groups in the follow up actions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Follow-up meetings with regional and global stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Africa VLR: The Process



Africa VLR tools: SDG mapping



Table1: SDG Alignment Table

Sustainable Development Goals	Local Sustainability Policy	Other relevant local policies?	Local initiatives and projects
GOAL 1: NO POVERTY End Poverty in all its forms everywhere			
1.1 By 2030, eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, currently measured as people living on less than \$1.25 a day			
1.2 By 2030, reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions			

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Africa VLR tools - SDG & Agenda 2063 mapping convergence



Table 3: Linking 2063 and SDGs¹

UN SDGs	Agenda 2063 Goals	Local Policy Area/ Strategic Pillar
1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere in the world	1. A high standard of living, quality of life and well-being for all 5. Modern agriculture for increased productivity and production 7. Environmentally sustainable climate resilient economies and communities 17. Full gender equality in all spheres of life	
2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.	1. A high standard of living, quality of life and well-being for all 3. Healthy and well-nourished citizens 4. Transformed economies and job creation 5. Modern agriculture for increased productivity and production 7. Environmentally sustainable climate resilient economies and communities 8. United Africa (Federal or Confederate)	
3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.	3. Healthy and well-nourished citizens 7. Environmentally sustainable climate resilient economies and communities 17. Full gender equality in all spheres of life	

Africa VLR Production

9 published

10 in

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2019

2020

2021-
2022

Busia

Accra

Brazzaville

Kwale

Harare

Cape Town

Marsabit

Ngora
District

Brikama

Taita
Taveta

Victoria Falls

Kanifing

Yaoundé

Kuntaur

Benin
*2 localities

Zimbabwe
*3 localities

Thank you
