



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## National VLR capacity building workshop

28-30 March 2022, Harare

### Workshop Programme

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

	<p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the role of local and regional governments in SDG implementation?</li> <li>2. What are the benefits of conducting a VLR?</li> <li>3. What gaps in SDG implementation did the VLRs highlight?</li> <li>4. Did the VLR process lead to changes in strategies, plans, coordination mechanisms or other areas of SDG implementation?</li> </ol> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>
14:00 – 15:30	<p><b>Interactive session: Status of SDG and NDS1 implementation in Zimbabwe</b></p> <p>Chair: Government</p> <p><i>Status of national SDG implementation, Senior official, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare [10 min]</i></p> <p>Presentations by participating four VLR 2022 local authorities: [8 min each]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bulawayo City Council</li> <li>• Zvishavane Town Council</li> <li>• Mutasa Regional District Council</li> <li>• Nkayi Regional District Council</li> </ul> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What actions have been taken on SDG implementation? What are some of the key success stories and bottle necks?</li> <li>2. What are areas of priority action and how have they been identified? Have the priority areas been aligned with a local/regional budget?</li> <li>3. How have the SDGs been integrated into local and regional development plans and strategies?</li> <li>4. Why the VLR can be a useful tool for enhancing SDG implementation in the local context?</li> <li>5. What will be the main benefits of the VLRs?</li> </ol>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Break</b>
16:00 – 17:00	<p><b>SDG Localization</b></p> <p>Chair: Ms. Mabel Hungwe, UNDESA</p> <p><i>Presentation on devolution, Ministry of Local Government and Public Works</i></p> <p><i>Presentation on support for local governance and service delivery, UNDP</i></p>
<b>DAY 2</b>	
9:00 – 10:00	<p><b>The VLR preparatory process: overview of approaches, milestones and deliverables</b></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"> <li>1. How to begin a VLR process?</li> <li>2. What are the key elements and milestones in the process?</li> <li>3. Who leads the process and who is engaged? What works and why?</li> <li>4. What are the lessons learned from the process and how has it contributed to the local implementation of the 2030 Agenda?</li> <li>5. How to prepare a roadmap?</li> </ol> <p>Interactive discussion</p>
10:00 – 11:15	<p><b>Break-out Groups: Preparing the road map and next steps</b></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	<b>Break</b>
11:30 – 12:30	<p><b>Use of data for SDG implementation and VLRs</b></p> <p>Chair: UNCT</p> <p>Presentation: ZIMSTAT</p> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the challenges regarding data in monitoring and reviewing the sub-national implementation of the 2030 Agenda?</li> <li>2. How should data comparability and suitability for the local context be balanced? What data is available?</li> <li>3. How to prepare the statistical annex for a VLR report?</li> <li>4. How best to analyse and communicate information on data so that it can be used as broadly as possible?</li> </ol>
12:30 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30 – 14:30	<p><b>Break-out Groups: Identifying data sources for VLRs</b></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><b>Inclusive approaches to awareness-raising and engaging stakeholders</b></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"> <li>1. How can the engagement of various stakeholders contribute to a robust sub-national review?</li> <li>2. How can the VLRs help to ensure that no one is left behind?</li> <li>3. What are some of the good practices for awareness-raising?</li> <li>4. What are key steps in identifying stakeholders and preparing a stakeholder engagement plan?</li> </ol> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
15:30 – 15:45	<b>Break</b>
15:45 – 16:45	<p><b>Break-out Groups: Stakeholder mapping exercise</b></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	<b>Recap of day</b>
<b>DAY 3</b>	
9:00-10:15	<p><b>SDG Localization Exercise: Break-out groups</b></p> <p>Chair: Ms. Mabel Hungwe, UNDESA</p> <p>Presentation by UN-Habitat (remote)</p> <p>Facilitated group work</p>
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Break</b>
10:30 – 12:00	<p><b>Next steps for VLR process</b></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><b>Closing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RCO</li> <li>- Government representative</li> </ul>