



CIVIL SOCIETY'S ROLE & CONTRIBUTION INTO THE VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEW PROCESS

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INTRODUCTION

- The 2030 Agenda is the global developmental framework that will guide development policy and practice at the national, regional and global levels to the year 2030.
- The 2030 Agenda stipulates that implementation and review processes should be participatory and inclusive. LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND.
- The principle of inclusivity is equally relevant to the VNR/VLR processes which are central to follow up and review at the national, regional and global levels.
- VNR/VLR processes are key towards the localization of the SDGs- (bringing them home).



CSOs ROLE IN LOCALIZING THE SDGs

- Most if not all civil society actors working in economic, social and environmental sectors are already carrying out work that supports the SDGs (ready allies!)
- **CSOs help in demystifying the SDGs-** and bringing in the voice of the poorest and marginalized.
- **CSOs as Agents of Accountability-**engaging government and ensuring it delivers on its commitments with the SDGs implementation.
- **CSOs as Service Delivery Agents-** complimenting government and other development partners across sectors
- **Data Collection, Reporting & Monitoring**
- **CSOs can compliment governments efforts to secure funding for SDGs implementation.**



ZIM SDGs CSOs COORDINATION



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ZIM SDGs CSOs COORDINATION

- ▶ This Reference Group officially launched in February 2017, with the following main objectives of the Reference group are to:
- ▶ To provide a platform for CSOs to engage in a coordinated manner in critical dialogue and contribution towards the SDGs implementation.
- ▶ To influence national policy making with a view to creating an enabling and inclusive environment for SDGs implementation in Zimbabwe.
- ▶ To promote innovative approaches and initiatives for realizing the SDGs in all the three dimensions: social, economic and environmental.



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- The Reference Group is a conduit through which women, older persons, youth, children, churches, the Media and Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs) are coordinated to effectively contribute the SDGs implementation in the country.
- The members are uniquely positioned to contribute towards the VLR process because they are diverse in terms of reach and comparative advantages.
- (1) they are already present in the communities through their structures.
- (2) have expertise and up to date knowledge of everyday realities of marginalized groups that will be critical towards informing and shaping the VLR process.



ZIM CSOs REFERENCE GROUP ON SDGS FOCUS

Human Rights NGO forum;	SDG 16
Media Institute of southern Africa (MISA)	SDGs- 9 and 16
National Association of Societies of the Care of the Handicapped (NASCOH)	All SDGs
National Association of Youth Organisation (NAYO)	GOAL 3,4,5, 6, 7, 8, 9,10, 11,13, 16, 17
CARITAS ZIMBABWE	All SDGS



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SAYWHAT	SDG3
Volunteer Involving Organizations Network Zimbabwe (VIONet Zim)	All SDGs
Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe (WCOZ);	SDGs : 1,2 ,3, 5, 8, 10,12,13,16
Youth Empowerment and Transformation Trust (YETT)	All SDGs
Zimbabwe Evaluation Association (ZEA)	All SDGs



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Zimbabwe National Council for the Welfare of children (ZNCWC)	SDG3,4,5,16
Helpage Zimbabwe	GOAL 2, 3, 4, 5,6, 7, 8, 10,13, 17
Poverty Reduction Forum Trust (Reference Group Convenor)	All SDGs



OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS AWARENESS RAISING.

- SDGs awareness raising through radio and tv programs in partnership with various government line ministries under the coordination of the Ministry of Public Services, Labour & Social Welfare as well as with the UN family.
- We raise awareness through our several online platforms (twitter, facebook, WhatsAPP, <https://zimcsosdgs.org>).
- Several IEC materials (position papers, jingles).
- Contributed towards the government's 2017 and 2021 VNRs- both in the government-led processes as well as CSOs-led processes culminating in the CSOs Spotlight reports.
- Continuous Advocacy and engagement related activities.



CONCLUSION

- ▶ CSOs are already well positioned, coordinated enough as key stakeholders in the VLR process.
- ▶ Nyika inovakwa nevene vayo and we are here to put our hands on the deck and tell the Zimbabwe story from our perspective.
- ▶ The VRL process should leave no one behind!

I THANK YOU