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National capacity building workshop on “Improved Local and National Government Capacities for Localizing SDGs and National Development Strategy-1 Progress Through Voluntary Local Reviews in Zimbabwe

4-6 October, Rainbow Hotels Kadoma Hotel & Conference, Kadoma
Workshop Programme

DAY 1	
8:30 – 9:00	Coffee and registration
9:00 – 9:30	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, DSDG/DESA - Ms. Sylocious Chaturuka, Deputy Director SDGs and Agenda 2063 Unit, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare – overview of the main purpose and objectives of the workshop
9:30 – 10:00	<p>Introductions</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Munyaradzi Motsi, Ministry of Local Government and Public Works</p>
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Session 1: Setting the national context: NDS1, the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs</p> <p><i>This session will provide an overview of the national, regional and international frameworks that guide sustainable development in Zimbabwe.</i></p> <p>Chair: UN RCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Tracy Chiyanike, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development - <i>Implementing NDS1 and the 2030 Agenda in Zimbabwe: progress, gaps and challenges</i> - Ms. Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Advisor, DSDG/DESA – <i>Introduction to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs and their key features and principles, DSDG/DESA</i> - Ethel Bangwayo, National Economist, UNDP – <i>Overview of the SDGs and the role of Local Authorities in the SDGs</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Rogers Dhlwayo, UNDP South Africa – <i>SDG Moment and Localizing the 2030 Agenda: lessons from the Zimbabwe Integrated SDG Insights Report (virtual)</i> <p>Q&A</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 2: Using VLRs to drive localization of the SDGs and inform VNRs: Sharing of experiences and lessons learned</p> <p><i>This session aims to gather experience, develop, and share best practices on various challenges surrounding VLRs, such as linking VLRs to the development process of VNRs, achieving governmental recognition of VLRs, empowering local stakeholders for developing VLRs, creating local fora for VLRs, and how the national Government can support these.</i></p> <p>Chair: Mr. Munyaradzi Motsi, Ministry of Local Government and Public Works</p> <p>Panel: <i>Introduction and lessons learned from the Voluntary Local Reviews</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, DSDG/DESA – Reviewing implementation of the 2030 Agenda through Voluntary National and Local Reviews, - Mr. Muchineripi Nemhara, MPSLSW -Localizing SDGs and NDS1: Drawing lessons from the experiences of VLRs in Zimbabwe - Ms. Ethel Bangwayo, National Economist, UNDP - <i>Presentation on support for integration of the SDGs into the private sector local governance and service delivery</i> - Experiences from a rural district (Bikita) - Experiences from urban districts (Bulawayo and Harare) <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. How has the VLR process contributed 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>Session 3: Interactive session on the Status of SDG and NDS1 implementation in Zimbabwe</p> <p><i>This session will explore Zimbabwe’s journey towards implementing the 2030 Agenda and the NDS1, particularly in terms of how the country has integrated the SDGs into national and local policy processes and the role of various stakeholders contributing to the transformation of key development sectors.</i></p> <p>Chair: Ms. Tracy Chiyanike, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sylocious Chaturuka, Deputy Director SDGs and Agenda 2063 Unit, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare <p>Presentations by participating six 2023 local authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinhoyi Municipality • Midlands Gokwe North • Mashonaland East – Murehwa • Matabeleland North – Nkayi • Matabeleland South – Bulilima • Harare City 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? <p>Q & A</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Session 4: Strengthening local and national coordination for the SDGs <i>Multilevel governance is critical to the implementation of sustainable development. This session will explore guidance from the international level on effective governance, as well as good practices from the region and within Zimbabwe in ensuring coordination amongst various levels of government.</i></p> <p>Chair: Ms. Ethel Bangwayo, National Economist, UNDP Zimbabwe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Anderson Chiraya, Chief Director Programmes Management, Office of the President and Cabinet - Mr. Munyaradzi Motsi, Ministry of Local Government and Public Works - <i>Role of local government in implementing, monitoring, and reporting on the SDGs</i> - Ms. Saras Jagwanth – DESA/DPIDG – <i>CEPA Principles/African Toolkit (virtual)</i> - Mr. Rogers Dhlwayo, UNDP South Africa – <i>Lessons on SDG integration and multilevel governance from Kenya and South Africa (virtual)</i> <p>Q & A</p>
DAY 2	

9:00 – 10:15	<p>Session 5: Inclusive approaches to awareness-raising and engaging stakeholders</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Lusungu Kayani, Social Affairs Officer, UN Economic Commission for Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Carol Pollack, DSDG/DESA - <i>Presentation on stakeholder engagement</i> - Mr. Towanda Chitambara, Sustainable Development Officer, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare - Government efforts to raise awareness of NDS1 and the 2030 Agenda - Mr. Robert Papa, Busia County, Kenya - <i>Presentation on experience with stakeholder engagement and awareness-raising (virtual)</i> - Ms. Judith Kaulem, Poverty Reduction Forum Trust – <i>Experiences and perspectives from civil society</i> <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>
10:15– 11:00	<p>Break-out Group: Stakeholder mapping exercise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Briefing on work in breakout groups on mapping - Facilitated working groups
11:00– 11:15	<p>Break</p>
11:15 – 12:00	<p>Session 6: The VLR preparatory process: overview of approaches, milestones and deliverables</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Getrude Matsika, Development Coordination Officer: Data Management, Results Monitoring and Reporting, UN RCO in Zimbabwe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Advisor, DSDG/DESA - <i>Presentation of the Global Guiding Elements for VLRs</i> - Ms. Lusungu Kayani, Social Affairs Officer, UN Economic Commission for Africa – <i>Africa Regional Guidelines for Voluntary Local Reviews – Linking AU Agenda 2063 with the 2030 Agenda</i> <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?

	Q & A
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Break-out Groups: Preparing the road map and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Briefing on work in breakout groups on a VLR road map - Facilitated work groups on key components and steps for VLRs
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:15	<p>Session 7. Data for enhanced SDGs and NDS1 follow-up and review processes at the national and sub-national levels</p> <p><i>This session will focus on the use of quantitative and qualitative data in monitoring progress towards global goals at the national and sub-national levels. It will provide an opportunity for discussion regarding how cities and regions can access data for VLRs and for development planning, as well as existing challenges and innovative approaches.</i></p> <p>Chair: Mr. Towanda Chitambara, Sustainable Development Officer, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Munyaradzi Bote, ZIMSTAT – <i>Data for SDGs and NDS1 monitoring and evaluation at national and sub-national levels: opportunities and challenges</i> - Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, DSDG/DESA – <i>Leveraging citizen generated data -opportunities and challenges</i> <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?
15:15 – 15:30	Break
15:30 – 17:00	<p>Session 8. SDGs Monitoring and Evaluation</p> <p><i>This session will focus on sharing existing tools for monitoring and evaluation at national and local levels, drawing also on experiences from other countries.</i></p> <p>Chair: Ms. Ethel Bangwayo, National Economist, UNDP</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Anderson Chiraya, Chief Director Programmes Management, Office of the President and Cabinet– <i>National Monitoring and Evaluation Policy</i> - Mr. Thulani Dube, Lupane State University - <i>Overview of monitoring and evaluation processes</i> - Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, DSDG/DESA – <i>Monitoring, Evaluation and Voluntary Local Reviews</i> - Ms. Getrude Matsika, Development Coordination Officer: Data Management, Results Monitoring and Reporting, UN RCO in Zimbabwe – <i>The work of the UN system in supporting monitoring and evaluation of the SDGs in Zimbabwe</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is evaluation and why it important 2. How to embed evaluation evidence in policies and programmes <p>Q&A</p>
DAY 3	
9:30-10:00	<p>Session 9. High-level Session on SDG Localization in Zimbabwe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Edward Kallon, UN Resident Coordinator Zimbabwe - H.E. Mr. Umberto Malnati, Ambassador of Italy to Zimbabwe - Mr. Simon Masanga, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare
10:00-10:45	<p>Report back from Day 2 break-out groups</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Sylocious Chaturuka, Deputy Director SDGs and Agenda 2063 Unit, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare</p> <p>Report back on road map preparations and stakeholder engagement planning</p> <p>Q & A</p>
10:45 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:00	<p>Next steps for VLR process</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Advisor, DSDG/DESA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lusungu Kayani, Social Affairs Officer, UN Economic Commission for Africa • Ms. Ethel Bangwayo, National Economist, UNDP Zimbabwe • Ms. Sylocious Chaturuka, Deputy Director SDGs and Agenda 2063 Unit, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare <p>Discussion and reflections</p>
12:00 – 12:30	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, DSDG/DESA