The VLR Preparatory Process: overview of approaches, milestones and deliverables

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Africa VLR Guidelines

- Simple
- Easy to follow
- Best practices
- Lessons learned
- Guiding questions
- Tools
How to begin a VLR Process?

- **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.
## 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
VLR Milestones

OUTPUTS

• Local expressions of interest by subnational government to conduct VLR
• 2030 Alignment or SDG localisation report
• Online surveys
• Budgeting and costing
VLR Milestones

**Activity**

- Desk review on local policies, strategies, plans and programs responding to the SDGs
- SDG Awareness raising and public outreach
- Identify organizations collecting relevant data
- Map Agenda 2063 goals and indicators to local plans and strategies
- Determine institutional mechanism to lead VLR, including task force and key stakeholders

PRE-VLR & PHASE I
VLR Milestones

OUTPUTS

- Stakeholder Mapping
- Stakeholder engagement plan
- Policy alignment to SDGs and Agenda 2063
- Roadmap or workplan

PRE-VLR & PHASE I

Map stakeholders contributing to the SDGs and A63 in the locality

Prepare a stakeholder engagement plan for each phase of the VLR outlining the purpose of consultations

Set vision for local implementation on what the locality wants to see happen by 2030

Define a roadmap and work plan
### VLR Milestones

**PHASE II**

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<td>Define the number of goals locality wants to measure and monitor</td>
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<td>Continue identifying organizations collecting data for the localized targets and indicators</td>
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<td>Develop data collection methodology and approach identifying list of instruments for data collection, sources of limitations encountered</td>
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<td>Review progress against each identified priority SDG and localized targets and indicators highlighting successes and challenges</td>
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**OUTPUTS**

- Selection of targets & indicators based on priorities, stakeholder inputs
- Quantitative and qualitative data collection instruments, including spatial
- Data analysis with stakeholders: highlight progress and challenges
OUTPUTS

- VLR draft for review + Integration of comments
- Presentation at a stakeholder forum
- Final layout and design of VLR
- VLR Launch
- Integration of VLR in VNR
- Implementation of priorities outlined
- ARFSD, HLPF, other localisation events
Africa VLR: The Process & engagement

Phase I
- Preparation, Visioning and Stakeholder Mobilization
- Prioritization
- Stakeholder Engagement

Phase II
- Data Collection, Write up and Analysis
- Validation
- Stakeholder Engagement

Phase III
- Publication Dissemination
- Integration, Monitoring and Implementation
- Stakeholder Engagement

Peer Learning
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