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

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Africa VLR Guideline – Mandate and Purpose

- Result of a specific request made by member States
- Provide a common guideline & template for VLRs
- Further the VLR production in the region and provide a common approach
- Foster local ownership, commitment and action
- Collaboration between ECA, UN-Habitat and UCLG-Africa
VLR Momentum in Africa - update

**2019**
- **Kenya**
  - Busia County
  - Kisumu
  - Kwale
  - Marsabit
  - Taita Taveta

**2020**
- **Cameroon**
  - Yaoundé
- **Ghana**
  - Accra
- **Uganda**
  - Ngora District
- **Zimbabwe**
  - Harare
  - Victoria Falls

**2021**
- **South Africa**
  - Cape Town

**2022**
- **Benin**
  - Abomey-Calavi
  - Avrankou
  - Bassila
  - Nikki
- **Djibouti**
  - Djibouti City
- **Ethiopia**
  - Dire Dawa
- **Gambia**
  - Brikama
  - Kanifing
  - Kuntaur
  - +more
- **Ghana**
  - +10 new municipalities

**2023+**
- **Malawi**
  - TBD
- **Mozambique**
  - TBD
- **Uganda**
  - +6
- **Tanzania**
  - Emboreet
  - Kibaha
  - Mwanza
- **Zimbabwe**
  - Gokwe North
  - Murehwa
  - Nkayi
  - Bulilima
  - Harare
  - +4

*Africa VLR Guidelines Published*
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
VLR Milestones

OUTPUTS

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

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
VLR Milestones

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
- Peer Learning
- Publication Dissemination

Phase III
- Integration, Monitoring and Implementation
- Stakeholder Engagement

Peer Learning
THANK YOU!