



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Trinational SDGs Localization and Voluntary Local Reviews Capacity Building Workshop (Mozambique, South Africa, Zimbabwe)

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

4-6 February 2025

Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

Workshop Programme

DAY 1	
8:30 – 9:00	Coffee and registration
9:00 – 9:45	<p>Session 1: Opening</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Simon Masanga</i>, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Zimbabwe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer • National Anthem • Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. R. Moyo, Office of the President and Cabinet/ Provincial Minister of Mat North • H.E. Umberto Malnati, Ambassador of Italy to Zimbabwe • Mr. Edward Kallon, UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator • Hon. E. Moyo, Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Zimbabwe • Vote of Thanks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Simon Masanga, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Zimbabwe <p>Overview of the main purpose of the workshop</p> <p>Against the backdrop of global crises, regional shocks such as droughts and floods, the 2023 high-level political forum and SDG Summit, and the Summit of the Future, national and local government officials took stock of progress implementing the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs. This regional workshop is organized by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and hosted by the Government of Zimbabwe. This significant sub-regional event provides a platform for local and regional governments preparing their VLRs as standalone reports as well as reports that inform VNRs that are presented at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). It serves as an important space for sharing experiences and knowledge among national and sub-national governments, as well as addressing specific issues and challenges to the VLR preparation and promoting integrated planning and budgeting. This workshop also raises awareness among government officials on the importance of monitoring progress and integrating the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into national and sub-national plans and policies. National and local government officials from planning and sectoral and other ministries, sub-national governments, statistical offices, and institutions engaged in the VNR at national level will be participating in the sub-regional workshop.</p> <p>Presentation: Ms. Carol Pollack, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UNDESA</p>
9:45 – 10:00	Introductions

10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 – 12:15	<p>Session 2: Challenges, Opportunities and Lessons Learned in the Preparation of VLRs: The Experience of South Africa</p> <p>Since the Division for Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DSDG/UNDESA), in collaboration with the South Africa National Planning Commission, SALGA, and the United Nations Resident Coordinator’s Office and the United Nations Development Programme, with assistance from the Government of Italy, organized the first national capacity building workshop on “Voluntary Local Reviews in South Africa” in March 2023, nine local governments have since prepared their first VLRs (Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality, Rustenburg Local Municipality, uMhlathuze Local Municipality, Mogale City Local Municipality, Mossel Bay Local Municipality, Koukamma Local Municipality). These VLRs seek to strengthen policies and institutions of local governments and to mobilize multi-stakeholder support and engagement for accelerating the implementation of the SDGs at the local level. This session provides an opportunity for sub-national governments from South Africa, civil society organizations, the private sector and other stakeholders to share experiences of subnational implementation and SDG localization through the preparation of voluntary local reviews, deepen understanding of the links between national development plans and local and national reviews, and discuss how these reviews can contribute to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 through the exchange of ideas and best practices with regional peers.</p> <p>Format: Presentations Chair: Ms. Silondile Mpotshane, Research Assistant, National Planning Commission, South Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Xoliswa Dilata, Specialist Planning Coordinator, National Planning Commission, South Africa – <i>Fostering VNR-VLR linkages in South Africa</i> • Mr. Tebogo Matlou, Project Manager, International Programmes and Partnerships, South African Local Government Association (SALGA)- <i>Key messages from South Africa’s selected municipalities’ 2023/24 VLRs</i> • Local government presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Darby Gounden, Manager International and Intergovernmental Relations, Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality; ○ Ms. Nevana Srikissoon, Manager: Projects Performance Monitoring & Evaluations Unite, Thekwini Metropolitan Municipality ○ Mr. Stanley Nyanyira, Director: Strategy and Research Development, Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality; ○ Ms. Gloria Moopelwa, IDP Specialist, Rustenburg Local Municipality; ○ Mpho Nemavunde, Specialist Research: Group Strategy, Policy Coordination and Relations, Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality • Ms Rethabile Mbokodi, Programme Manager, The Global Compact Network South Africa - <i>Private sector contributions to the Voluntary National Review and SDG localization: lessons from South Africa</i> <p>Q&A and Interactive Discussions</p> <p><i>Guiding questions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the successes, challenges, gaps and lessons learned from voluntary national and local review preparation processes in South Africa?</i> • <i>How can local government associations play a strategic role in aligning voluntary local and national reviews, infuse local level data, and decentralized planning systems?</i> • <i>How can voluntary local reviews contribute to the preparation of national reviews, and how can synergies between the two be strengthened, regarding data and multi-stakeholder engagement?</i> • <i>What are the principal guidelines and tools for reporting at the national and subnational levels, and how can they be harnessed to assist reviews being undertaken at the HLPF in 2025 and beyond?</i>

12:15 – 13:15	Lunch break
13:15 – 15:00	<p>Session 3: Challenges, Opportunities and Lessons Learned in the Preparation of VLRs: The Experience of Zimbabwe</p> <p>Zimbabwe conducted its first pilot Voluntary Local Reviews for two local authorities (Harare and Victoria Falls) in 2020 with assistance from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. Since then, the Division for Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DSDG/UNDESA), in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, as the lead Ministry for Sustainable Development Goals implementation, the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works, Office of the President and Cabinet, the United Nations Resident Coordinator’s Office, United Nations Development Programme, and Economic Commission for Africa, with assistance from the Government of Italy has built on these early efforts and organized two national capacity building workshops on “Improved local and national government capacities for localizing SDGs and national development strategy-1 progress through voluntary local reviews in Zimbabwe” in November 2021 and October 2023. This has resulted in an additional six local governments preparing their first VLRs (Bikita Rural District, Bulawayo City Council, City of Mutare, Zvishavane Town Council, Mutasa Rural District Council, Nkayi Rural District Council). These VLRs seek to strengthen policies and institutions of local governments and to mobilize multi-stakeholder support and engagement for accelerating the implementation of the SDGs at the local level. This session provides an opportunity for sub-national governments from Zimbabwe, civil society organizations, the private sector and other stakeholders to share experiences of subnational implementation and SDG localization through the preparation of voluntary local reviews, deepen understanding of the links between national development plans and local and national reviews, and discuss how these reviews can contribute to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 through the exchange of ideas and best practices with regional peers.</p> <p>Format: Presentations Chair: Ms. Khonzani Ncube, Chief Director Local Authorities and Inspectorate, Ministry of Local Government and Public Works</p> <p>Keynote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Daniel Garwe, Minister of Local Government and Public Works - <i>Localizing global, regional and national development agendas in Zimbabwe: progress, gaps, challenges and opportunities</i> <p>Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sylocious Chaturuka, Deputy Director, Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063 Unit, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare • Mr. Prince Thuso Moyo, Mayor, Victoria Falls (tbc) • Local government presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Noel Israel Mushangwe, City of Mutare ○ Mr. Morgen Madhura, Council Bikita RDC ○ Mr. K. Moyo, Bulawayo City ○ Ms. Winnet Chitauro, Murewa Rural District Council <p>Q&A and Interactive Discussions</p> <p><i>Guiding questions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the successes, challenges, gaps and lessons learned from voluntary national and local review preparation processes in Zimbabwe?</i> • <i>How can local government associations play a strategic role in aligning voluntary local and national reviews, infuse local level data, and decentralized planning systems?</i> • <i>How can voluntary local reviews contribute to the preparation of national reviews, and how can synergies between the two be strengthened, regarding data and multi-stakeholder engagement?</i> • <i>What are the principal guidelines and tools for reporting at the national and subnational levels, and how can they be harnessed to assist reviews being undertaken at the HLPF in 2025 and beyond?</i>

15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
15:15-17:00	<p>Session 4: Challenges, Opportunities and Lessons Learned in the Preparation of VLRs: The Experience of Mozambique</p> <p>The Division for Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Mozambique, and the United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNDP Mozambique, organized a national capacity building workshop on “Localizing SDGs and National Development Strategy Progress Through Voluntary Local Reviews in Mozambique,” in November/December 2023. In 2020, the National Association of Mozambican Municipalities (ANAMM) prepared Mozambique’s first Voluntary Local Review, with contributions from 16 out of the country’s 53 municipalities. The Ministry of Economy and Finance now seeks to extend this practice to include additional local governments. This session provides an opportunity for sub-national governments from Mozambique, civil society organizations, the private sector and other stakeholders to share experiences of subnational implementation and SDG localization through the preparation of voluntary local reviews, deepen understanding of the links between national development plans and local and national reviews, and discuss how these reviews can contribute to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 through the exchange of ideas and best practices with regional peers.</p> <p>Format: Presentations Chair: Ms. Evenilde Tamele, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Planning and Budget Directorate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nilvia Mamudo, Head, Department of Planning and Budgeting for Local State Bodies and Municipalities, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Planning and Budget Directorate • Mr. Pedro Laice, Cooperation and International Relations Officer, National Association of Municipalities of Mozambique (ANAMM) - <i>Overview of SDG localization at municipal level</i> • Ms. Adelina Uazire Calima – Chief of Planning and Budgeting Department of the Provincial Economy and Finance Service – State Representation - Nampula Province; • Mr. Santana Fernando Andicene – Chief of the Planning and Budget Department at the Provincial Economy and Finance Service – State Representation - Manica Province; • Local government presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Suzete Nhangumele, Monapo District Administrator: Monapo District, Nampula Province; ○ Mr. Pereira Napuanha, Municipal Planning Councilor: Municipal Council of the City of Nampula; ○ Mr. Dauto Francisco Mendes – Head of Public Health Department: Gondola District, Manica Province; ○ Mr. Jorge Nesibet, Chief of Municipal Administration and Planning Service: Municipal Council of the City of Manica; ○ Mr. Bani Portugal, Chief of the Planning and Local Development Department: Boane District, Maputo Province. • Mr. Rafael Cumbe, Statistical planning technician, National Institute of Statistics in Mozambique – <i>Contribution to the Voluntary National Review and localization of the SDGs: lessons and challenges from Mozambique.</i> <p>Q&A and Interactive Discussions</p> <p><i>Guiding questions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the successes, challenges, gaps and lessons learned from voluntary national and local review preparation processes in Mozambique?</i> • <i>How can local government associations play a strategic role in aligning voluntary local and national reviews, infuse local level data, and decentralized planning systems?</i> • <i>How can voluntary local reviews contribute to the preparation of national reviews, and how can synergies between the two be strengthened, regarding data and multi-stakeholder engagement?</i>

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8:30 – 10:00	<p>Session 5. Leave No One Behind: Civil Society and Stakeholder Perspectives on the Challenges and Opportunities in the Preparation of VLRs and their contributions to VNR processes and accelerating SDG localization</p> <p><i>Format:</i> Interactive Dialogue <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Tebogo Matlou, Project Manager, International Programmes and Partnerships, South African Local Government Association (SALGA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Sixolile Ngcobo, Program Associate, African Monitor – <i>Localizing SDGs in South Africa: perspectives from Civil Society</i> • Ms. Judith Kaulem, Executive Director, Poverty Reduction Forum Trust, Zimbabwe - <i>Localizing SDGs in Zimbabwe: perspectives from Civil Society</i> • Mr. Pedro Laice, Cooperation and International Relations Officer, National Association of Municipalities of Mozambique (ANAMM) – <i>stakeholder engagement in SDG implementation and localization in Mozambique</i> • Ms. Kgomotso Papo, Save the Children - <i>Inclusion of children and child participation in VNRs: the experience of South Africa's 2024 children's VNR complementary report</i> <p><i>Guiding Questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What can be done to promote a “whole-of-society” approach to the SDGs?</i> • <i>What are some of the good practices for awareness-raising?</i> • <i>How can local and subnational governments mainstream gender and human rights in local reviews to ensure that rights holders receive adequate public goods and services from local governments?</i> • <i>How can VNR-VLR processes involve women, young people, persons with disabilities and groups in vulnerable situations in all decision-making processes and thus create opportunities that transform development outcomes, resulting in stronger, more inclusive societies?</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break
10:30-12:00	<p>Session 6: Beyond the VLR: Including the SDGs in Inclusive Local Development Planning, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation</p> <p>Two-thirds of the SDG targets address areas that fall into the legal responsibilities and competencies of local and regional governments (LRGs). In many countries, LRGs are the tier of government closest to local communities, and hence are best positioned to recognize and deliver on local needs and priorities and to craft people-centered policies in keeping with the principles of leaving no one behind. LRGs deliver essential public services such as housing, education, energy, water, transport, security, and social services. They are also often the first responders to conflict, displacement, and disasters linked to climate change and natural hazards. Given their mandate to deliver these critical services, LRGs can act as catalysts for innovative solutions and transformative change, particularly when faced with emergency situations as was seen during the COVID-19 pandemic or in the face of natural hazards such as floods, cyclones, and hurricanes. Therefore, policies and strategies developed by LRGs, and the plans to implement them, are a catalyst for the achievement of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda at the local level.</p> <p><i>Format:</i> Presentations <i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Sabino André, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Planning and Budget Directorate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief of the National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, DSDG/UNDESA – <i>Critical assessment of the 2023/24 Voluntary Local Reviews prepared under the</i>

	<p><i>“Improved local and national government capacities for localizing SDG progress through Voluntary Local Reviews” project” and way forward</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lusungu Kayani, Social Affairs Officer, UNECA - <i>Critical assessment of the 2023/24 Voluntary Local Reviews prepared in the Africa region and way forward</i> • Ms. Ethel Bangwayo, UNDP Zimbabwe – <i>Alignment of Local and National Development Plans to the SDGs</i> <p>Presentations from local governments that have advanced in this area (including a focus on how planning is including LNOB principle)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Noel Israel Mushangwe, City of Mutare, Zimbabwe • Ms. Adelina Calima, Chief of Planning and Budgeting Department of the Provincial Economy and Finance Service – State Representation - Nampula Province, Mozambique – <i>SDGs and provincial planning in Nampula</i> • Ms. Nomkita Fani, Executive Manager: Economic Development Services, Mogale City, South Africa - <i>Institutionalisation of SDGs in Mogale City Municipality</i> <p>Q&A and Interactive Discussions</p> <p><i>Guiding Questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What do you plan to do after conducting a voluntary local review?</i> • <i>How VLRs help to identify, improve, and create local data systems that contribute to evidence-based action?</i> • <i>How can local planning processes act as catalysts for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs?</i> • <i>How can countries use the SDGs to inform and guide local and regional planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation?</i> • <i>How can countries strengthen and anchor VLRs within SDG localization and local decision-making processes as well as to the UN’s overall support at country level?</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	<p>Session 7: Accelerating implementation of the 2030 Agenda at Local Level through a focus on key transitions</p> <p>The UN Sustainable Development Group has identified six systems or “transitions” areas where policy interventions and strategic investments can have compounding benefits across the SDGs: food systems; energy access and affordability; digital connectivity; education; jobs and social protection; and climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. This session will focus on national and local governments can leverage these six transformative transitions to accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063. By examining how these key transitions can act as catalytic drivers and have multiplier effects for progress across the SDGs, participants will explore strategies for integrating these transitions into local and national development plans and strategies. The session will identify potential areas for action, share successful examples, and address challenges to scale up efforts and achieve meaningful impact.</p> <p>Format: Presentations</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Munyaradzi Motsi, Ministry of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing (tbc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief of the National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, DSDG/UNDESA, - <i>Leveraging the “Six Transitions: Investment Pathways to Deliver the SDGs” at the national and sub-national levels</i> • Mr. Rogers Dhliwayo -<i>Advancing the SDG Push with Equitable Low-Carbon Pathways: Comprehensive Overview of Key Insights and Recommendations (virtual)</i> • Ms. Getrude Matsika, Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Zimbabwe - <i>Perspective from the UN System: the experience of the UN Country Team in Zimbabwe experiences in integrating six transitions into Joint Work Plans</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sylocious Chaturuka, Deputy Director, Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063 Unit, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare– <i>Implementation of the six transitions in Zimbabwe</i> <p>Q&A and Interactive discussions</p> <p><i>Guiding Questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>How can countries use national and local review processes to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs?</i> <i>Taking an integrated policy approach is needed to achieve the SDGs. How can countries effectively navigate the synergies and trade-offs in taking a certain line of action?</i>
14:00-15:15	<p>Session 8: Beyond the VLR: Financing for Sustainable Development at Local Level</p> <p>This session will discuss the local development financing options that local authorities can leverage to promote economic growth, job creation, service delivery, infrastructure development, (tax increment revenues, contributions, revenues from property of an authority, proceeds of bonds, loans, etc) as well as the authorizing legislation or lack thereof.</p> <p>Format: Interactive Dialogue Moderator: Ms. Ethel Bangwayo, UNDP Zimbabwe – <i>Alignment of Local and National Development Plans to the SDGs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Daniel Platz, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, DESA – <i>Leveraging local assets for the Sustainable Development Goals (virtual)</i> • Mr. Nervile Ndlovu, Treasury, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe – <i>Financing for sustainable development at local level: the experience of Victoria Falls</i> • Ms. Nilvia Mamudo, Head, Department of Planning and Budgeting for Local State Bodies and Municipalities, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Planning and Budget Directorate – <i>Resource mobilization for SDG localization in Mozambique CPO</i> • Ms. Clarissa Augustine, International Project Coordinator, South Africa Local Government Association - <i>Financing for sustainable development at local level: experiences from South Africa</i> • Mr. Biggie Chanda, Director City Planning, Lusaka City Council; and Ms. Olinda Sikazwe, Director of Finance, Chililabombwe Municipal Council, Zambia – <i>experiences in financing for sustainable development at local level in Zambia (virtual)</i> <p><i>Guiding Questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Financing remains a critical are for improvement and focus in accelerating the achievement of the SDGs at the national and sub-national levels. What efforts and innovative solutions are being pursued by African countries and their sub-national authorities?</i> • <i>How can national and subnational authorities leverage greater financing and targeted investments to scale local efforts and accelerate progress towards the SDGs?</i>
15:15 – 15:30	<p>Coffee break</p>
15:30 – 16:30	<p>Session 9: Application of the Principle of Subsidiarity for Sustainable Development</p> <p>One of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA)’s 11 principles of effective governance for sustainable development focuses on the principle of subsidiarity. The 5 strategy guidance notes on subsidiarity produced by DESA provide government officials with practical tools and frameworks to enhance decision-making on the basis that the principle that governance functions should be performed at the most immediate level of authority capable of effectively addressing the issue. These notes offer actionable insights into implementing the subsidiarity principle, fostering inclusiveness, efficiency, and responsiveness. They show how decentralization can enhance resource allocation, improve service delivery, reduce redundancies, and empower local stakeholders. The notes</p>

	<p>also provide case studies and best practices from countries around the world, aiming to help governments strengthen decentralized governance systems and advance sustainable development goals.</p> <p>Format: Presentations</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Xoliswa Dilata, Specialist Planning Coordinator, National Planning Commission, South Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Paul Smoke, Professor of Public Finance and Planning, New York University Wagner – <i>Fiscal federalism and decentralization (virtual)</i> • Ms. Cristina Rodriguez Acosta, Inter-Regional Advisor, DPIDG/DESA - <i>Localizing the SDGs: Capacity Building for the Successful Implementation of Subsidiarity (virtual)</i> • Ms. Jamayeh Armien-Ally, Organisational Research, Research Branch Policy & Strategy Future Planning and Resilience, City of Cape Town, South Africa - <i>Fiscal federalism and the experience of Cape Town</i> <p><i>Guiding Questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. How can the principle of subsidiarity be applied to address unique governance challenges in your region? ii. What strategies can your government adopt to ensure an effective balance of authority and funding between national and local levels? iii. What capacity-building and resource allocation needs to take place in the successful implementation of subsidiarity?
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DAY 3

8:30-10:00	<p>Session 10. Beyond the VLR: Partnerships to advance the implementation of the SDGs</p> <p>This session will share best practices and examples of different types of partnerships in which both national and local governments are engaging to advance sustainable development and SDG implementation at national or local level.</p> <p>Format: Presentations</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Getrude Matsika, Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Zimbabwe</p> <p>Panel: (approaches and good practices from Mozambique, South Africa, Zimbabwe and beyond)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Winnet Chitauro, Murewa Rural District Council, Zimbabwe - <i>Partnerships to advance the SDGs: the experience of Murewa RDC</i> • Mr. Alberto Muenda, Chief of Planning and Budgeting Department of the Provincial Economy and Finance Service – State Representation - Maputo Province, Mozambique – <i>Partnerships to advance the SDGs: the experience of Maputo Province</i> • Ms Nevana Srikiisoon, Manager: Projects Performance Monitoring & Evaluations Unit, Ethekwini, South Africa – <i>example of tripartite cooperation agreement with the Cities of Bremen (Germany) and Windhoek (Namibia) on climate change, water and sanitation, renewable energy, education and skills development, and waste management (tbc) (SDG 17 and SDG 9)</i> <p><i>Guiding Questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. How have partnerships helped to advanced SDG implementation in your community? ii. How/ to what extent has your community's SDG implementation and reporting efforts facilitate the formation of new partnerships for development? iii. How can stakeholder engagement be made more inclusive, strengthened and institutionalized?
10:00-11:00	<p>Session 11. Innovations in supporting multi-level approaches to sustainable development and SDG localization: the work of the UN system</p> <p>This session will highlight the vital role of United Nations entities in the voluntary national and local review processes and in ensuring a participatory and inclusive process, including the Resident Coordinator Offices and United Nations country teams.</p> <p>Format: Presentations</p>

	<p>Moderator: Ms. Carol Pollack, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UNDESA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Caroline Kienast-Von Einem, SDG Localization and Local Governments Team, UN Habitat (<i>virtual</i>) • UNDP Mozambique (<i>virtual</i>) • Ms. Kefiloe Masiteng, Head of Resident Coordinator's Office in South Africa (<i>virtual</i>) • Mr. Ernest Mutanga, Office of the Resident Coordinator in Zimbabwe (<i>virtual</i>) <p><i>Guiding Questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What further support is needed from the UN system and development partners to effectively complete and follow up on the findings of voluntary national and local reviews?</i> • <i>How can UN entities collectively support countries to build on existing SDG localization initiatives and scale best practices, including by providing support to local and subnational governments and boosting local stakeholders' capacities?</i>
11:00-11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:45	<p>Session 12. Break out groups by country</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Lusungu Kayani, Social Affairs Officer, UNECA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for next steps/actions to be taken in each country on SDG localization and the fostering of VNR/VLR linkages • Report back
12:45 – 13:00	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UNDESA • Ms. Sylocious Chaturuka, Deputy Director, Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063 Unit, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare
13:00	Lunch