



VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEW

PRESENTATION SHARING OF EXPERIENCE

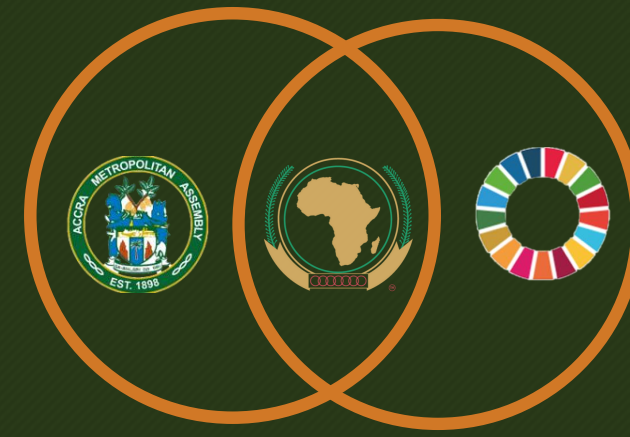
Workshop on Advancing Sustainable Development through SDG
Localization in Ghana

Takoradi, Ghana

27th - 30th January



(2019-2020)



What is Voluntary Local Review (VLR)



NYC launched VLR Declaration in September 2019 for local and regional governments worldwide to formally commit to reporting on the SDGs



22 cities including three African cities (Accra, Free Town and Cape Town) signed up to a Voluntary Local Review



Cities pledged to use the framework of the SDGs to help end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and work to prevent the harmful effects of climate change by 2030



(2024-2025)

IMPORTANCE OF VLR TO AMA



Leverage on past experience to prepare AMA's 2025 Voluntary Local Review Report (VLR) and future reports.

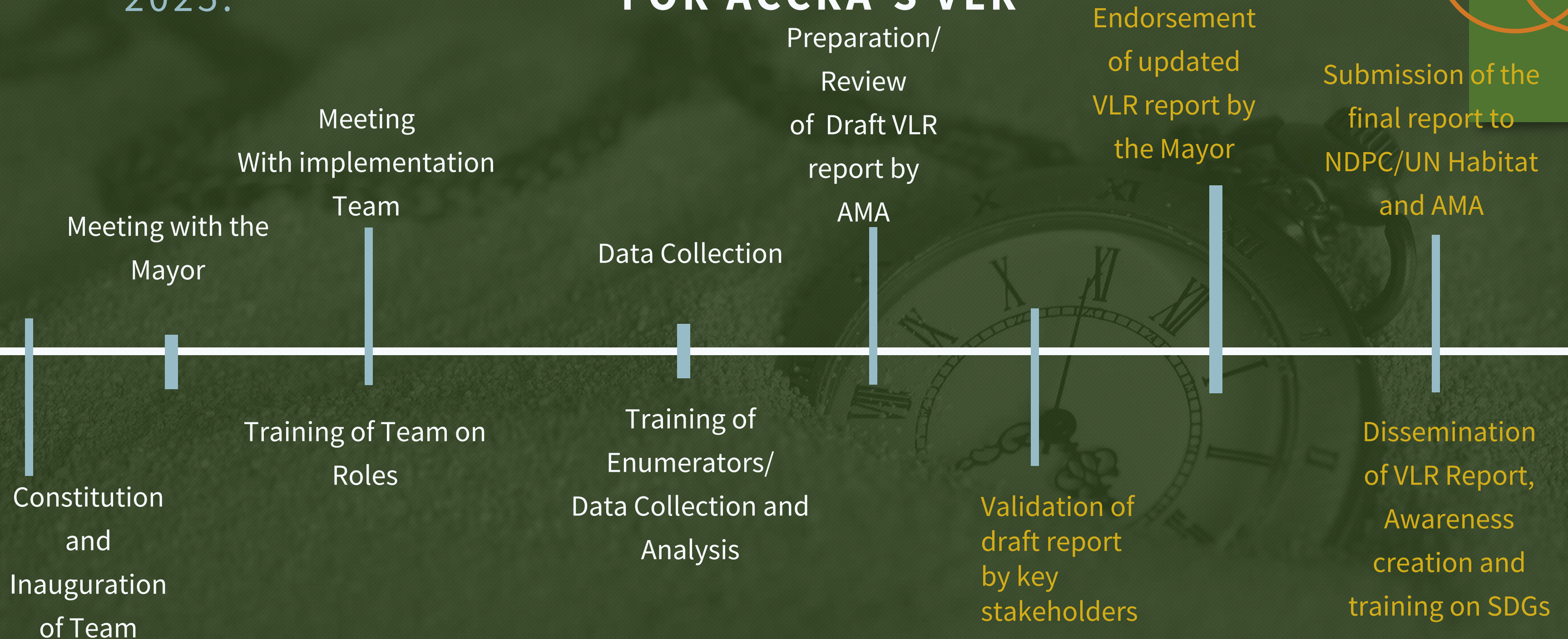
Track progress and achievements of the implementation of SDGs and Agenda 2063.

AMA's VLR to serve as relevant information into the National Voluntary Review (NVR).

10th JUNE,
2025.

PROCESSES

FOR ACCRA'S VLR



ACTIVITY PICTURE REPORT

Meeting with the Mayor



ACTIVITY PICTURE REPORT

Swearing in and Inauguration of Team



ACTIVITY PICTURE REPORT

Training of Team on Roles



ACTIVITY PICTURE REPORT

Training of Enumerators/ Data Collection and Analysis



ACTIVITY PICTURE REPORT

STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT ON SDGs



NUMBER OF INDICATORS TO REPORT ON



ORIGINAL INDICATORS- 40



LOCALISED INDICATORS- 12

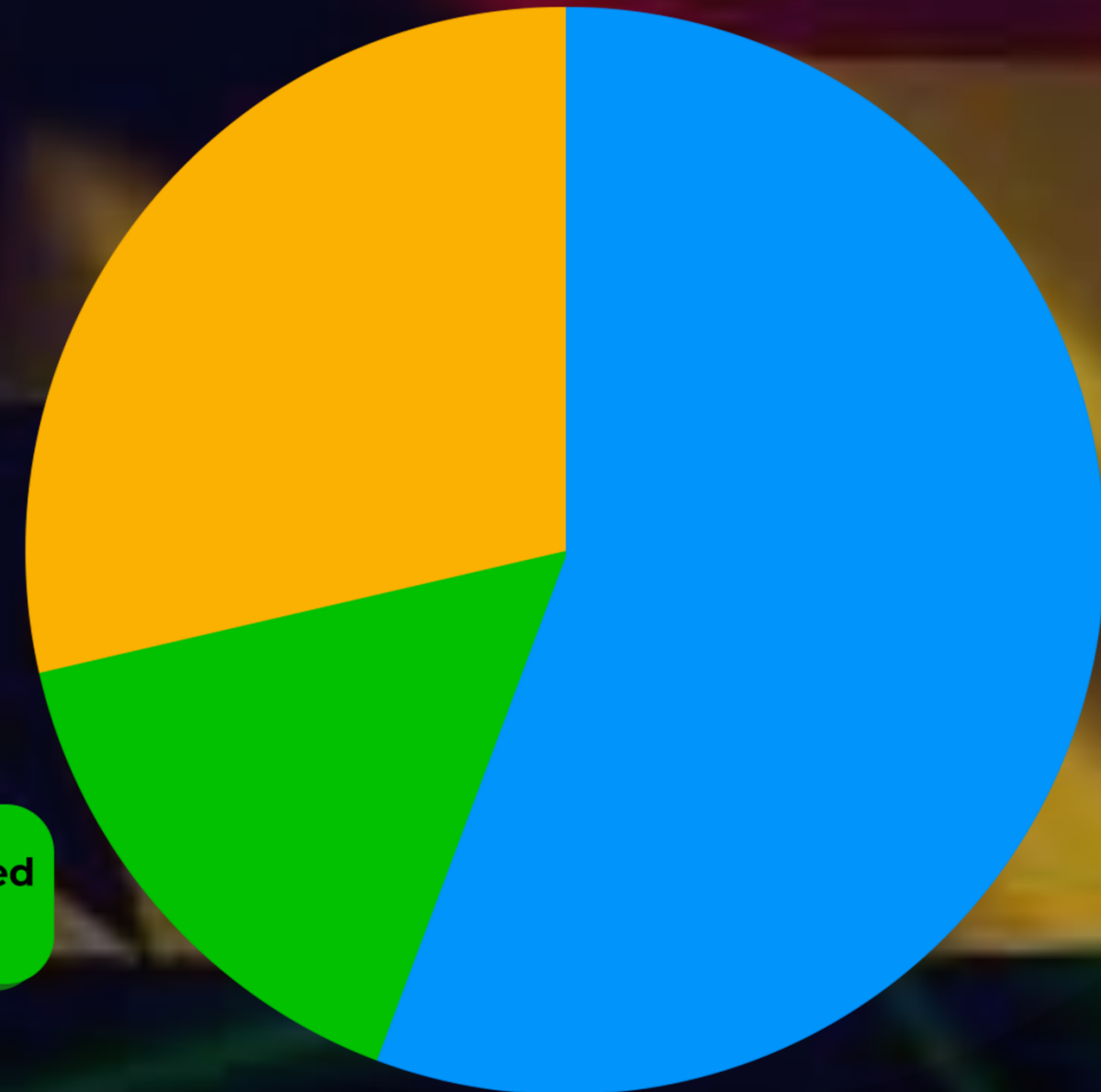


PROXY INDICATORS- 28

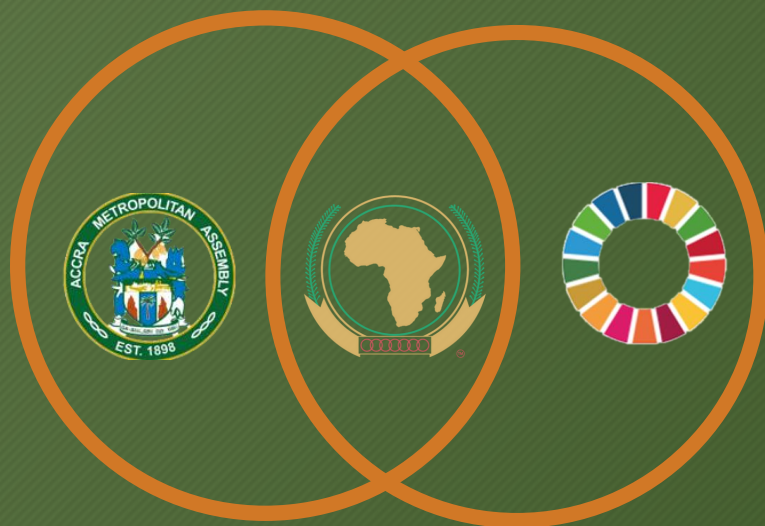
**Proxy
29%**

**Localized
15%**

**SDG
56%**



BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS



EMBEDDED INCLUSIVITY

Engage diverse stakeholders (Government, CSOs, Private Sector, Communities) early and often

STRENGTHENING DATA SYSTEMS

Invest in local data collections, management and use of Disaggregated data.

BUILD LOCAL CAPACITY

Train local teams on VLR processes, data use, and Stakeholder engagement.

PLAN FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Integrate VLR into existing planning/reporting cycles
For ongoing tracking.





CHALLENGES

DATA AVAILABILITY & QUALITY

- Access to timely and reliable data at the Sub National level.
- Limited or no disaggregated data at MMDAs level.

STAKEHOLDERS COORDINATION

- Getting timely input from diverse actors (CSO, Private Sector, Community Groups)

CAPACITY AND RESOURCES

- Inefficient technical expertise, limited funding and stretched Human resource for the implementation of SDGs and its related activities.

REPORTING TIMELINES

- Tight deadlines clash with fiscal/academic cycles delaying validation and approval.



RECOMMENDATIONS

UN HABITAT/PARTENERS

Continuous support for the city of Accra to develop data management system for reporting on the SDGs and the Agenda 2063.

KNOWLEDGE PLATFORMS

Strengthen the knowledge sharing platform for sharing of experiences of implementation especially among technical people and Mayors since there is no knowledge sharing arrangement currently

IMPLEMENTATION

Most cities lack the resources to implement the SDGs and the Agenda 2063 therefore UN Habitat and other donor partners should explore the possibility of organizing a regional workshop to share experiences on potential sources of financing the agendas at the local level.

Thank You