Regional preparatory workshop for African voluntary national reviews and voluntary local reviews: strengthening integration and reporting on the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063

African Regional Guidelines

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Presentation Outline

- Cape Town localisation & VLR process
- value to CCT
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City of Cape Town Localisation and VLR Process

- In 2019, a localisation report produced in collaboration with African Centre for Cities at the University of Cape Town under the Mistra Urban Future Knowledge Transfer Partnership.
- Adoption of CCT SDG implementation plan (April 2019)
  - Alignment of Cape Town Resilience Strategy with SDGs
  - Awareness and exposure - through presentations to officials and Portfolio Committees (Energy and Climate Change Committee)
  - Mayor Plato commitment to a VLR for Cape Town (July 2019)
  - Preparing VLR 2021
City of Cape Town SDG Localisation Approach (April 2019 approved)

**INTERNAL STRENGTHENING**
- Increase understanding and capacity for SDG engagement and alignment
- Support SDG and City monitoring and reporting

**GLOBAL POSITIONING**
- Localise the SDGs through locally embedded policies and plans
- Contribute to the definition of global good practices on SDG localisation by cities

**NATIONAL REPORTING**
- Support SDG and City monitoring and reporting
City of Cape Town – SDG related capacity development

- Strengthen **indicator capabilities** in CCT:
  - Pilot project in 2015 tested data availability, relevance and appropriateness of the draft targets and indicators for SDG Goal 11
  - ISO 37120 certification – against globally standardized indicators – 2016/2017
  - City Resilience Index (CRI), 2018
  - Integrated Development Plan 2017-2022 alignment with SDGs (at programme level), 2018/2019

- Between 2017 and 2019 **researcher embedded** in the Research branch of Policy and Strategy Department in Corporate Services City of Cape Town (CCT), as part of the Mistra Urban Futures Knowledge Transfer Project (KTP) - MUF MOU between African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town and CCT

- 2020 VLR approach and process initiated

- 2021 VLR in production
City of Cape Town VLR approach - Key strategic informants

- The **Cape Town Resilience Strategy** (2019). This strategy will provide the one of the three key anchors for the alignment of City’s programmes to the SDGs.
- The City’s Resilience Strategy is also aligned to the current **Integrated Development Plan** (2017 to 2022), which is the second key anchor, which will inform the VLR, as well preparation for the new IDP 2022-2027, and the new IDP once approved.
- The third key anchor for the production of the VLR is the City’s **COVID19 Recovery Plan**, the parameters of which are being prepared, for implementation starting August 2020 onwards
  - Build back better (Resilience strategies)
  - Leave no one behind (SDGs)
CCT SDG localisation and VLR production – opportunities

• Opportunity to take ownership of the SDGs at City level - through localising the SDGs 2030 – and align local action to global development goals local acceleration to achieve the global agenda(s)

• Through networks – national, regional and international – both add to and gain from the collective intelligence and lesson sharing around SDGs localisation and VLR production

• Internal CCT capacity development to re-vision development programmes and actions in terms of medium to longer term development outcomes and impacts – away from predominantly short term output lens

• Capitalise on opportunities for transversal/cross-functional work

• Assist with creating the evidence base in support of timely, relevant and sustainable development reporting systems to assess progress in the achievement of the SDGs

• Assists to strengthen impacts - and gains - making a real difference in local communities and the city
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- Holistic, framing approach
- Synergies, including comparators
- Collaborations
- Actions
- Metrics

- Which institutional model – city-wide or organisation only? How within the City?
- Structure, look and feel of the VLR document – where/how to pitch the report? Goals, targets?
- Which are the most important transversal strategies to review for SDG alignment
- Not to be limited by the data available
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- Strengthening the ability to gather quality data – for Tier II and Tier III indicator reporting, i.e. build LRG capacity to report on complex/transversal outcomes
- Tools to help assess “goal attainment”
- Providing guidelines for integrating LRGs and LRG data into VNR processes and documents
- Experiences and lessons learned in linking local and national levels
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- Africa specific context
- Peer reviews
- Joint programmes
- Leaving no one behind – inclusivity, inequality, bridging gaps

- Focus on vulnerability and vulnerable groups
- Focus on resilience

- Involve youth
- Stakeholder engagement

- Partner for progress

- Monitoring and keeping dynamic and responsive
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- Will assist CCT with current VLR

- May try to align as far as possible

- Opportunities for alignment

- Opportunities for piloting and “testing”

- Look forward to working with ECA and engaging on taking forward
Thank You

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