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Voluntary Reviews in East Africa: The Missing Links and Emerging Links

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COVID-19 puts the local SDG Agenda at risk

Projected growth in 2020, percentage

2020 (projected)

- Dar es Salaam (14.8)
- Nairobi (11.6)
- Kampala (7.6)
- Lagos (3.7)
- Johannesburg (1.3)

Growth in 2020 under COVID-19, percentage

2020 (under COVID-19)

- Dar es Salaam (8.7)
- Kampala (4.9)
- Nairobi (4.6)
- Lagos (-3.6)
- Johannesburg (-5.9)
### CONTEXT AND ANALYSIS

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Emerging links

**SOCIAL COHESION**
- Engagement of marginalized groups in consultations
- Enhanced social cohesion and local conflict management

**LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS**
- Community and SCO sensitization about the SDGs
  - Improved public participation in monitoring public services
  - Increased voluntary initiatives (roads, education, etc.)
- Private sector participation
  - Improved public-private cooperation
- Focus on local SDG implementation
  - Better alignment of local plans and programmes with the SDGs

**CENTRAL GOVERNMENT COOPERATION AND ADVOCACY**
- Engagement of central government officials
  - Enhanced interaction and better mutual understanding
  - Highlighting the ask and support from the central governments
  - Setting broader agenda for decentralization and devolution
THANK YOU!

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