

AFRICA'S VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEW GUIDELINES AND PEER ENGAGEMENT

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- ▶ Africa VLR Process
- ▶ Assessing The Progress Of SDGs In Africa And The Gambia
- ▶ The Gambia VLR Process
- ▶ The Gambia Pilot VLR
- ▶ The Gambia VLR road Map

The Africa VLR process:

- **Phase I**

The first step in the process, involve: Visioning, Preparation, and Stakeholder Mobilization as well as Prioritization;

- **Phase II**

Includes Data Collection, Write up and Analysis and Validation;

- **Phase III**

Constitutes Publication, Dissemination and Integration as well as Monitoring and Implementation. Stakeholder engagement and peer review processes will inform each stage of the process.

Assessing the Progress of SDGs in Africa and The Gambia

- ▶ Paragraph 79 of the 2030 agenda encourages member states to regularly conduct inclusive country-led reviews of progress at the national and subnational level.
- In addition, paragraph 89 of the 2030 Agenda calls on major stakeholders and key groups, including local authorities, to report on their contribution to the implementation of the agenda.
- Since 2016, countries have presented their VNR to the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development.

The Gambia VLR Process

- ▶ As The Gambia present her first VNR in 2020 at the UN-HLPF, it becomes imperative for the government to scale up the level of awareness on the agenda 2030 and by extension mainstream the SDGs into policies and strategies at all levels; National, Sectoral and Sub national
- ▶ At this end the UNRCO's engaged relevant government officials on the need for VLR. Government in turns engaged local authorities on the potential to embark on VLR initiatives that will inform the tracking of progress at all levels of government authority

The Gambia VLR Process

Phase I

► Preparations, and Visioning ,Inception Workshop, Literature review, Prioritization, Stakeholder mobilisation , Consultations and sensitization

Phase II

► Data collection, Data Analysis ,Presentation of findings and Validation , Draft Report, Consolidation of Feedback

Phase III

► Submission of Final Report, Validation Workshop, Publication and Dissemination, Integration, Monitoring and Implementation

THE GAMBIA PILOT VLR

- ▶ The Gambia Association of Local Government Authority (GALGA)- the umbrella organization of all local authorities in The Gambia and all the subnational authorities were engaged by government officials on the need to conduct VLR.
- ▶ Three subnational authorities are taking part in the VLR as a pilot
- ▶ Phase I of the VLR process is almost completed

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