



Ghana's 2022 Voluntary National Review Process

The Lessons

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Outline

- Overview of Implementation Arrangement
- SDGs/Agenda 2063 Alignment
- VNR Process and Roadmap
- Lessons Learnt
- Challenges and Way Forward



1 NO POVERTY



2 NO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



7 CLEAN ENERGY



8 GOOD JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION



13 PROTECT THE PLANET



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



15 LIFE ON LAND



16 PEACE AND JUSTICE

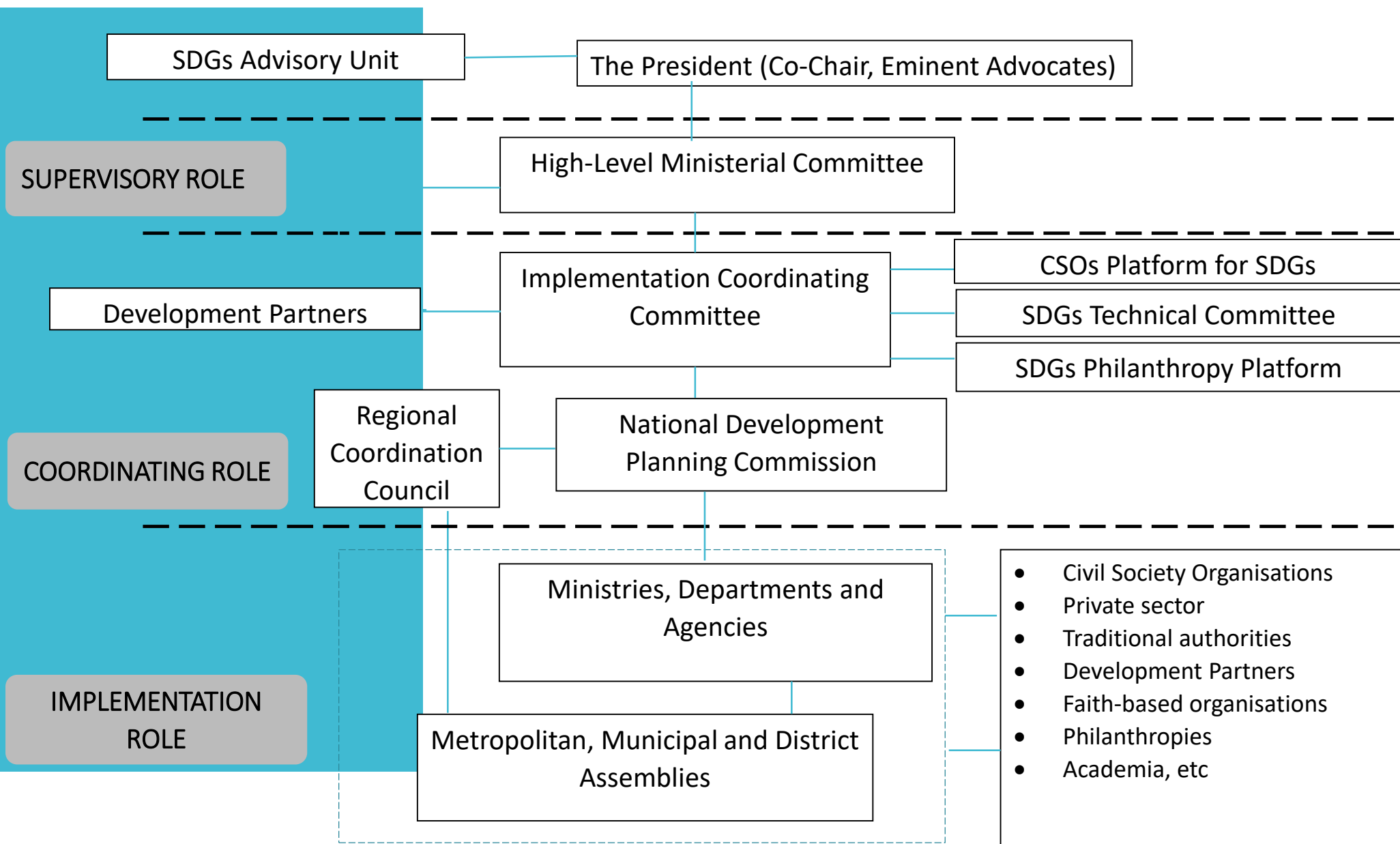


17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



THE GLOBAL GOALS

SDGs/Agenda 2063 implementation Architecture



SDGs/Agenda 2063 Alignment



Access the extent of convergence between local, regional and global frameworks

Align

Identify suitable targets & indicators and make amendments, if necessary, to suit Ghanaian context

Adapt

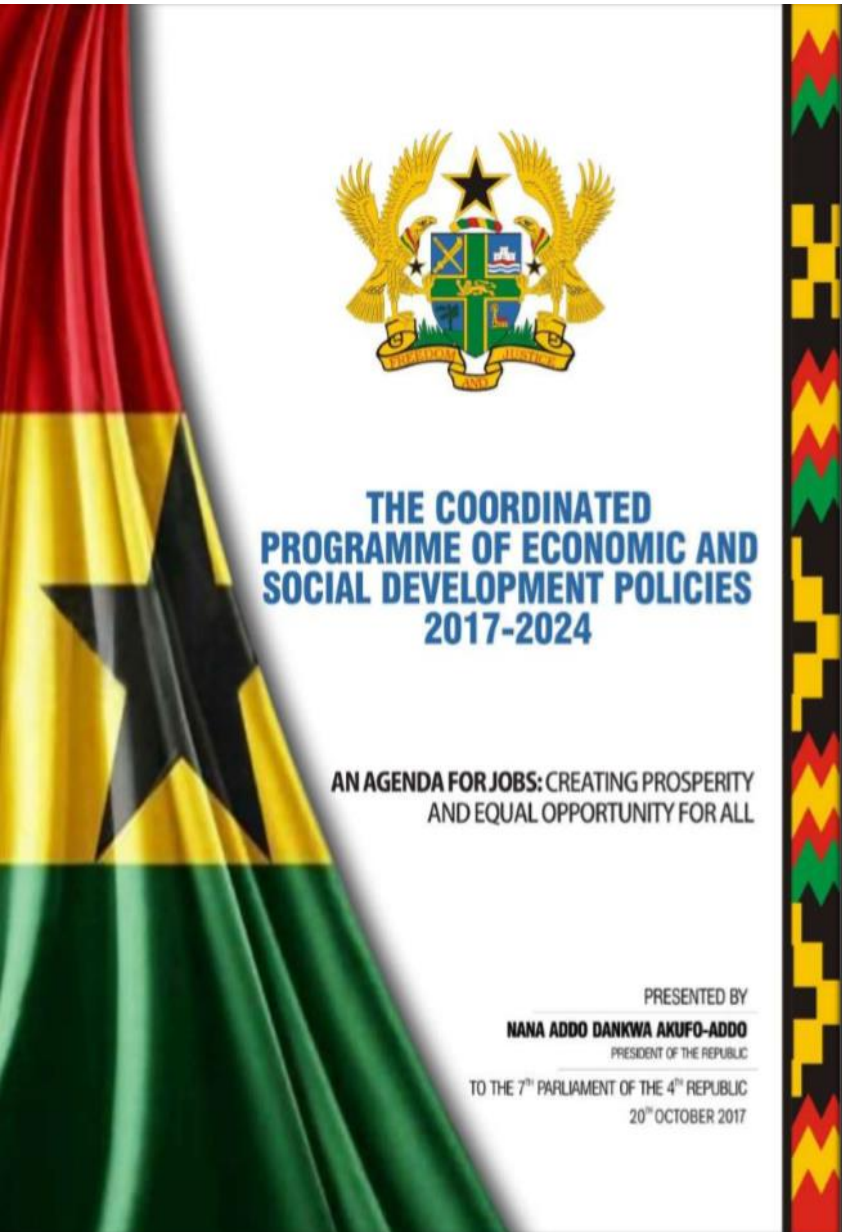
Adopt targets and indicators for use in the national and sub-national planning systems

Adopt

Indicator monitoring and tracking framework

Report

SDGs implementation Architecture



- ❖ SDGs are integrated in the Coordinated Programme of Economic and Social Development Policies (2017 – 2024)
- ❖ Medium-term National Development Frameworks (2018 – 2021 & 2022-2025) are consistent with the SDGs
- ❖ SDGs and Agenda 2063 indicators are included in the Results Matrix of the Policy Frameworks
- ❖ Sector and District Development Plans reflect the SDGs
- ❖ Budget and Economic Policy Statements are aligned to SDGs

National Development Dimension

Related SDGs



Economic Development



Social Development



Environmental, Infrastructure, and Human Settlement



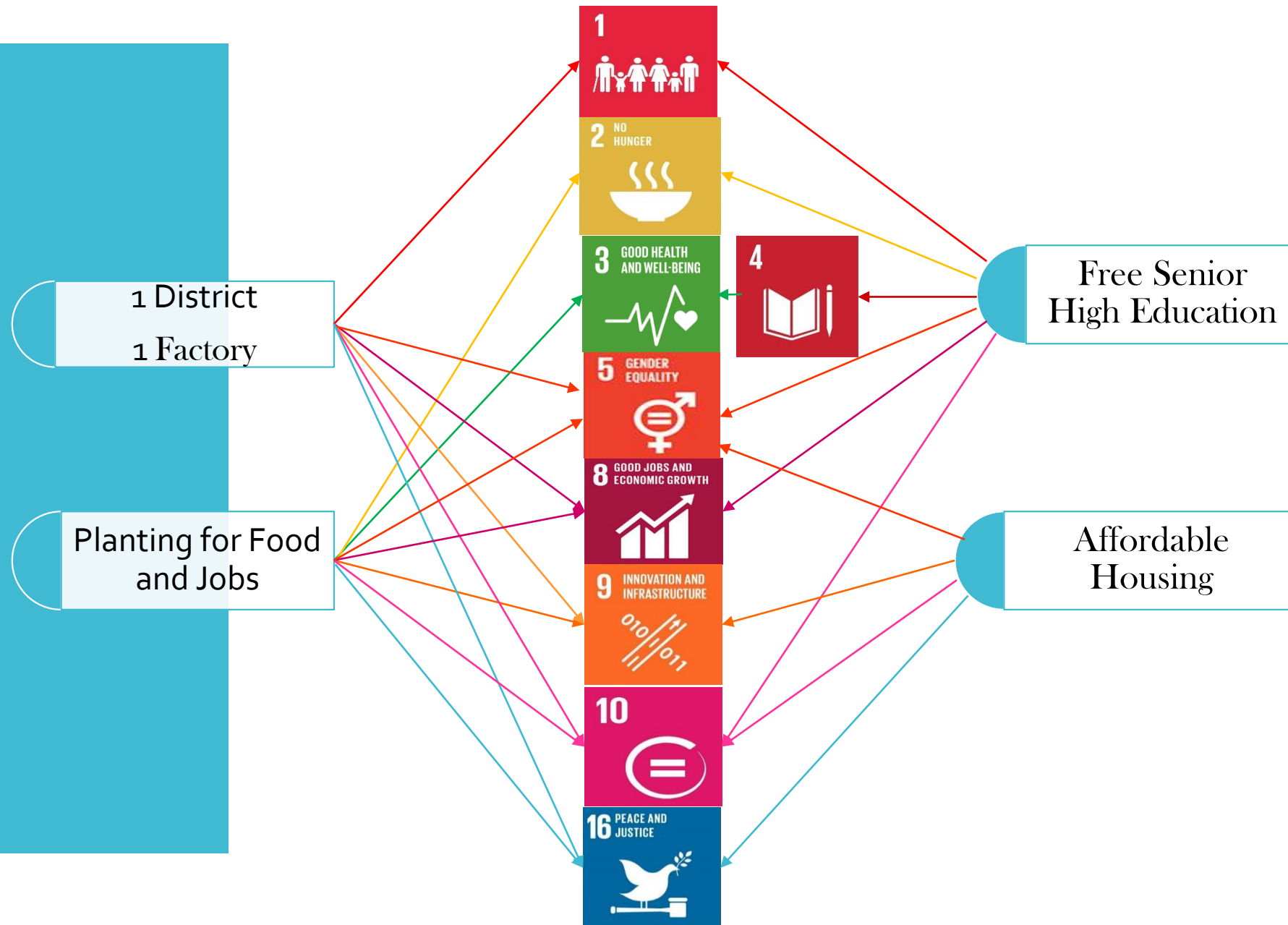
Governance, Corruption Public Account.



International Affairs



Selected Government Interventions for Accelerating SDGs Implementation





The Approach

- ❖ Whole Society and Whole Government approach
- ❖ Implementation is primarily through the Decentralized Planning System
- ❖ 3-tier coordination structure to support implementation
 - ✓ High-Level Ministerial Committee
 - ✓ Implementation Coordinating Committee
 - ✓ Technical Committee
- ❖ Multi-stakeholder approach (government, CSOs, private sector, academia, etc.)
- ❖ CSOs Platform on SDGs including Youth Groups



Some Deliverables So Far...

1. National budget statement and economic policies of government have been aligned with the SDGs to be the primary vehicle for financing
2. SDG Indicator Baseline Report prepared (2018)
3. SDGs Budget Report prepared since 2019 to track budget allocations at both national and subnational levels
4. Development of web-based National Indicator Tracking Platform
5. Preparation of progress Reports- 2020 SDGs Report, 2019 Agenda 2063 Report and 2021 Agenda 2063 Report
6. Voluntary Reviews Conducted – 2019 VNR and 2022 Under way
7. Supported with the preparation of maiden AMA Voluntary Local Review (2020)



1. Multi-stakeholder partnership approach
2. SDGs coordination arrangement
3. Integration of the SDGs in the planning and budgeting processes
4. SDGs budget tracking tool
5. Data quality assurance framework

Ghana's 2022 Voluntary Review Processes



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS





1. Progress of implementation of all 17 SDGs
2. Rapid Assessment
3. HLPF Thematic Areas
(Goals 4, 5, 14, 15 and 17)

Theme for the HLPF 2022: “**Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)** while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.



Approach

Key actors

Steps

Whole of
government

Whole of
Society

HLMC

SDGs
ICC

Resource
Persons

CSOs
platform

SDGs
Advisory
Unit

SDGs
Technical
Committee

Launch & Dissemination

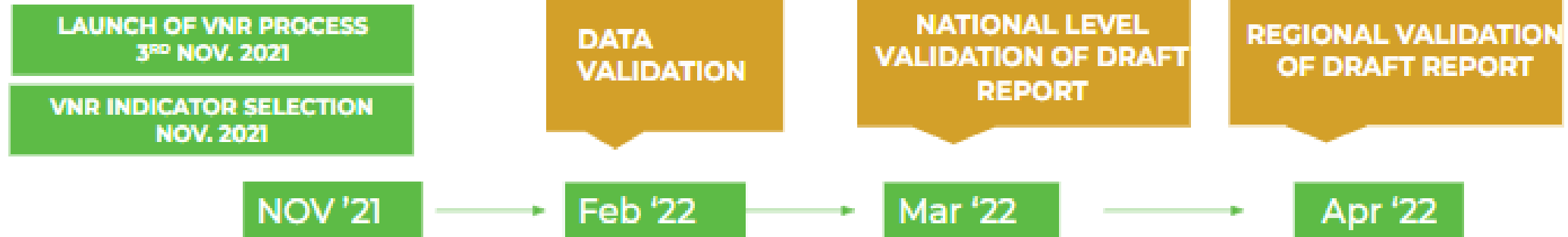
Approval and
endorsement

Report
Preparation and
validation

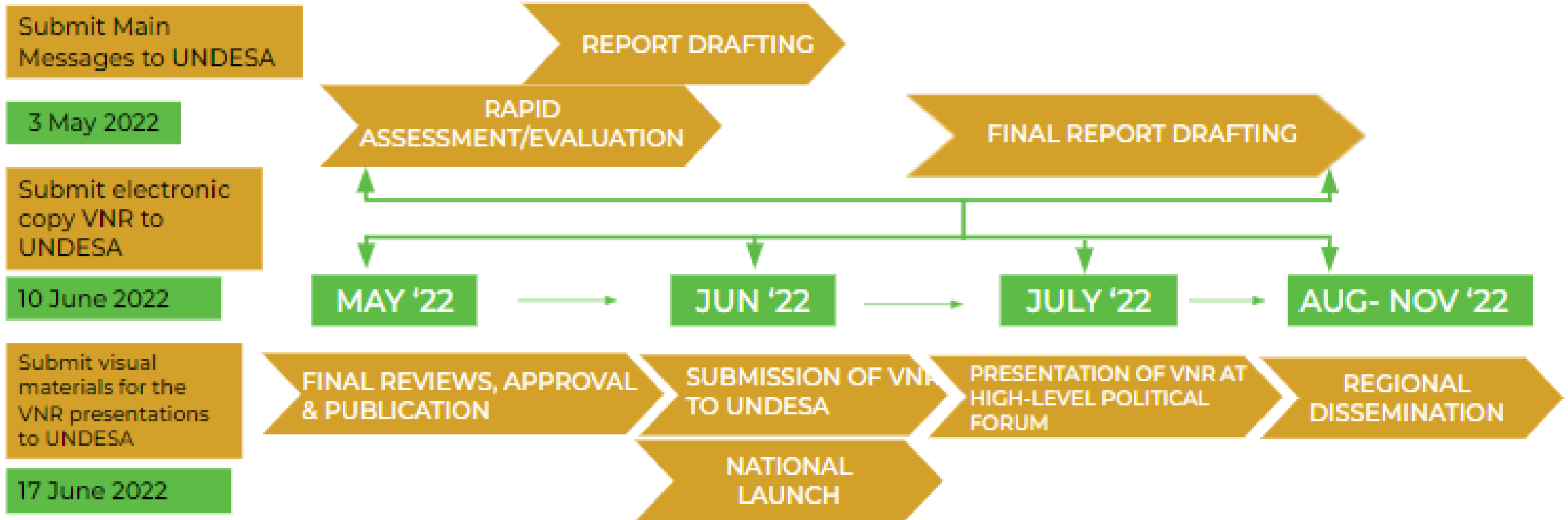
Rapid Assessment and
Awareness Creation

Consultations, Data
Collection and
case studies

VNR Focus



KEY DATES



Lessons Learnt from SDG Implementation





Consultations



1. Launch of the VNR Process
2. Establishment of SDG Implementation Coordinating Committee & Technical Committee-National level
3. Consultations at the Subnational Level (MMDAs)
4. Consultation with the SDG CSO Group
5. Training and consultation with Media Groups
6. Consultation with Private Sector
7. Consultation with Development Partners
8. Engagement and sharing experiences with UN DESA on Ghana's roadmap



COVID 19 and Engagements



1. Pre-pandemic, VNR 2019 employed in-person meetings
2. With COVID-19, the 2022 VNR is mainly using virtual meetings, (with some hybrid)
3. Observed limitations with virtual meetings:
 - ✓ Meeting fatigue
 - ✓ Poor internet connectivity
 - ✓ Re-scheduling of some virtual meetings



Data

- ❖ Selection of indicators (140) were based on data availability, relevance and timeliness (about twice of 1st VNR)
- ❖ Building on data from 2019 VNR
- ❖ The use of existing data sources: administrative data, survey data, qualitative data (case studies)
- ❖ New data source: 2021 Census Data, Rapid Assessment, non-Traditional Data





Opportunities to be Leveraged on



1. Sustained coordination Arrangement for the implementation of the SDGs and Agenda 2063
2. Expansion of stakeholder base for engagements and consultations
3. Use of Census Data and Non-Traditional Data
4. Financing the SDGs – Country Financing Roadmap for SDGs
5. SDG Investment Projects (Bankable Projects)





Challenges and Way Forward



- ❖ COVID-19 diverted the attention from general implementation of Ghana's National Agenda and the SDGs
- ❖ Experienced reprioritization of resources for critical sectors (health, education, agriculture etc).

However, Partnership has been strengthened to address COVID-19 management/alleviation
Implementation of Ghana CARES Programme

Links to Documents

1. National Medium-term Development Policy Framework 2022-2025
https://ndpc.gov.gh/media/MTNDPF_2022-2025_Dec-2021.pdf
2. Voluntary National Review Report on the Implementation of the SDGs 2019
https://ndpc.gov.gh/media/VNR_Report_NDPC.pdf
3. 2020 Ghana SDGs Report
https://ndpc.gov.gh/media/2020_SDGs_Report-Final.pdf
4. Agenda 2063 Ghana Country Report 2019
https://ndpc.gov.gh/media/A63_progress_report_Ghana_Final_2019.pdf
5. Ghana's Second Biennial Progress Report on the Implementation of AU Agenda 2063
https://ndpc.gov.gh/media/A63_progress_Report_Ghana_Final_Mount.pdf
6. Ghana's 2020 SDGs Budget Report
https://mofep.gov.gh/sites/default/files/reports/economic/2020_SDGs_Budget_Report.pdf
7. Country Financing Roadmap for the SDGs: Ghana, Insight Report June 2021
https://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_SDIP_CFR_Ghana_Report_2021.pdf



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