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
SDGs Coordination Mechanism

Ministries, Departments and Agencies

Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies

Civil Society Organisations
Private sector
Traditional authorities
Development Partners
Faith-based organisations
Philanthropies
Academia, etc.

The President (Co-Chair, Eminent Advocates)

High-Level Ministerial Committee

Implementation Coordinating Committee

CSOs Platform for SDGs
SDGs Technical Committee
SDGs Philanthropy Platform

SDGs Advisory Unit

Development Partners

Regional Coordination Council

National Development Planning Commission

Ministries, Departments and Agencies

Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies

SDGs/Agenda 2063 implementation Architecture
Access the extent of convergence between local, regional and global frameworks

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

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

Indicator monitoring and tracking framework
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
Integration of SDGs into CPESD

**National Development Dimension**

- Economic Development
  - Related SDGs: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 16, 17
- Social Development
  - Related SDGs: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 16, 17
- Environmental, Infrastructure, and Human Settlement
  - Related SDGs: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 16, 17
- Governance, Corruption, Public Account.
  - Related SDGs: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 16, 17
- International Affairs
  - Related SDGs: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 16, 17
Selected Government Interventions for Accelerating SDGs Implementation

- Planting for Food and Jobs
- 1 District 1 Factory
- Free Senior High Education
- Affordable Housing
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
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
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
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”.
Ghana's VNR Process

Approach

Whole of government

Whole of Society

Key actors

HLMC

SDGs

ICC

CSOs platform

SDGs Advisory Unit

SDGs Technical Committee

Resource Persons

Steps

Launch & Dissemination

Approval and endorsement

Report Preparation and validation

Rapid Assessment and Awareness Creation

Consultations, Data Collection and case studies

SDGs

Advisory Unit

SDGs Technical Committee

Resource Persons
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
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


3. 2020 Ghana SDGs Report


6. Ghana’s 2020 SDGs Budget Report

Thank you for your attention!