

### **Event Description: Localization of SDGs**

Coterie Development Initiative (CDI) is a dynamic nongovernmental organization (NGO) based in Uganda, dedicated to mobilizing and empowering communities to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We believe that through creativity, innovation, and active participation, we can foster growth and development, leading to empowered and thriving communities. Although we work on all aspects of SDGs in the communities, our major focus lies on SDG Goals, 1, 2, 5, 8 and 17

This side event aims to explore innovative strategies for the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) during the 11th Africa Regional SDG Conference in April 2025. The thematic focus will be on strengthening local governance, enhancing community participation, and fostering partnerships to effectively achieve the SDGs at the grassroots level.

### **Organizers and Partners**

The event is organized by:

- Coterie Development Initiative (CDI)
- African Parliamentary Network on SDGs
- African Union (AU)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Regional Economic Communities (RECs)

### **Speakers and Panellists**

The event will feature a diverse lineup of speakers and panellists, including:

- Dr. Daisy N. Owomugasho, Chairperson, Coterie Development Initiative
- Hon. Henry Banyenzaki - African Parliamentary Network on SDGs
- Mr. Abebe Haile-Gabriel, Regional Director, FAO
- Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations
- Local government representatives from various African countries
- Community leaders and civil society representatives

### **Objectives**

- Share best practices and success stories in the localization of SDGs across African countries.
- Discuss challenges and opportunities in implementing SDGs at the local level.
- Promote multi-stakeholder partnerships for effective localization of SDGs.
- Develop actionable recommendations for local governments and communities.

### **Target Audience**

The event will engage:

- Local government officials and policymakers
- Community leaders and civil society organizations
- Academics and researchers
- International development partners and NGOs

### **Format**

The side event will consist of:

- Panel discussions featuring experts and practitioners.
- Interactive workshops to facilitate knowledge sharing.
- Networking opportunities for participants to foster collaboration.

### **Expected Outcomes**

- Increased awareness of the importance of localizing SDGs.
- Strengthened networks among stakeholders engaged in SDG localization.
- Concrete recommendations for local governments to enhance SDG implementation.
- Documentation of best practices and lessons learned for future reference.

### **Logistics**

The side event will take place in April 2025, during the 11th Africa Regional SDG Conference. Further details regarding the venue and time will be provided closer to the event date.