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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Agenda 2063



THE AFRICA WE WANT

Regional preparatory workshop for African voluntary national reviews and voluntary local reviews: strengthening integration and reporting on the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063

African Regional Guidelines

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Policy & Strategy Department

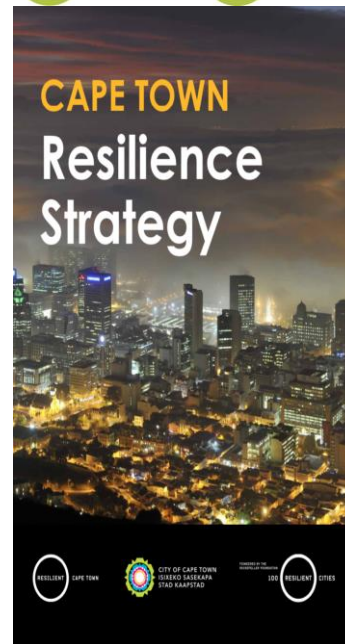
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Presentation Outline

- Cape Town localisation & VLR process
- value to CCT
- SDG localisation approach
- SDG related Capacity development
- VLR approach strategic informants
- CCT SDG localisation and VLR production – opportunities
- Value of African Regional guidelines
- CCT Vulnerability examples

City of Cape Town Localisation and VLR Process

- In 2019, a localisation report produced in collaboration with African Centre for Cities at the University of Cape Town under the Mistra Urban Future Knowledge Transfer Partnership.
- Adoption of CCT SDG implementation plan (April 2019)
 - Alignment of Cape Town Resilience Strategy with SDGs
 - Awareness and exposure - through presentations to officials and Portfolio Committees (Energy and Climate Change Committee)
 - Mayor Plato commitment to a VLR for Cape Town (July 2019)
 - Preparing VLR 2021



REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS, EXPRESS OUR COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, A SET OF 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) WITH 169 ASSOCIATED TARGETS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY UNITED NATIONS MEMBER STATES AT THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2015.

WE PLEDGE TO USE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SDGs TO DO OUR PART TO HELP END EXTREME POVERTY, FIGHT INEQUALITY AND INJUSTICE, AND WORK TO PREVENT THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE BY 2030.

WE APPRECIATE THE 2030 AGENDA'S RECOGNITION OF THE CRITICAL ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES, NOTING THAT WE ARE ON THE FRONT LINES OF ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, AND IN THIS EFFORT WE HAVE A UNIQUE ABILITY TO ESTABLISH COOPERATION WITH KEY SECTORS OF SOCIETIES AND PEOPLE WORKING TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW AND EQUITABLE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP THAT CAN MORE EFFICIENTLY ADVANCE THE 2030 AGENDA.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS JOINING THE CITY OF NEW YORK IN SUBMITTING DIRECTLY TO THE UNITED NATIONS A VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEW OF LOCAL PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

BY SIGNING THE VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEW DECLARATION, WE AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING NON-BINDING COMMITMENTS, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT EACH SIGNATORY WILL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THEIR INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE, DATA MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES, AND OTHER LOCAL DYNAMICS IN ORDER TO USE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AS A COMMON LANGUAGE TO DISCUSS OUR PRIORITIES IN CONCRETE TERMS, AND IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE WE CAN SHARE AND ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE:

COMMITMENT 1	TO IDENTIFY HOW EXISTING STRATEGIES, PROGRAMS, DATA, AND TARGETS ALIGN WITH THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
COMMITMENT 2	TO PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE FORUM WHERE STAKEHOLDERS CAN COME TOGETHER TO SHARE EXPERIENCES, LESSONS LEARNED, AND INFORMATION GATHERED USING THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
COMMITMENT 3	TO SUBMIT A VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEW TO THE UNITED NATIONS DURING THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

WE PLEDGE TO COOPERATE IN GOOD FAITH AND IN A SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP TO WORK TOWARD THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN THIS DECLARATION.

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City of Cape Town SDG Localisation Approach (April 2019 approved)

INTERNAL STRENGTHENING

Increase understanding and capacity for SDG engagement and alignment



Support SDG and City monitoring and reporting



GLOBAL POSITIONING

Localise the SDGs through locally embedded policies and plans

Contribute to the definition of global good practices on SDG localisation by cities



NATIONAL REPORTING

Support SDG and City monitoring and reporting



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City of Cape Town – SDG related capacity development

- Strengthen **indicator capabilities** in CCT:
 - Pilot project in 2015 tested data availability, relevance and appropriateness of the draft targets and indicators for SDG Goal 11
 - ISO 37120 certification – against globally standardized indicators – 2016/2017
 - City Resilience Index (CRI), 2018
 - Integrated Development Plan 2017-2022 alignment with SDGs (at programme level), 2018/2019
- Between 2017 and 2019 **researcher embedded** in the Research branch of Policy and Strategy Department in Corporate Services City of Cape Town (CCT), as part of the Mistra Urban Futures Knowledge Transfer Project (KTP) - MUF MOU between African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town and CCT
- 2020 VLR approach and process initiated
- 2021 VLR in production



City of Cape Town VLR approach - Key strategic informants

- The **Cape Town Resilience Strategy** (2019). This strategy will provide the one of the three key anchors for the alignment of City's programmes to the SDGs.
- The City's Resilience Strategy is also aligned to the current **Integrated Development Plan** (2017 to 2022), which is the second key anchor, which will **inform** the VLR, as well preparation for the new IDP 2022-2027, and the new IDP once approved.
- The third key anchor for the production of the VLR is the City's **COVID19 Recovery Plan**, the parameters of which are being prepared, for implementation starting August 2020 onwards
 - Build back better (Resilience strategies)
 - Leave no one behind (SDGs)

CCT SDG localisation and VLR production – opportunities

- Opportunity to take ownership of the SDGs at City level - through localising the SDGs 2030 – and align local action to global development goals local acceleration to achieve the global agenda(s)
- Through networks – national , regional and international – both add to and gain from the collective intelligence and lesson sharing around SDGs localisation and VLR production
- Internal CCT capacity development to re-vision development programmes and actions in terms of medium to longer term development outcomes and impacts – away from predominantly short term output lens
- Capitalise on opportunities for transversal/cross-functional work
- Assist with creating the evidence base in support of timely, relevant and sustainable development reporting systems to assess progress in the achievement of the SDGs
- Assists to strengthen impacts - and gains - making a real difference in local communities and the city

Value of African Regional guidelines 1

- Holistic, framing approach
 - Synergies, including comparators
 - Collaborations
 - Actions
 - Metrics
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- Which institutional model – city-wide or organisation only? How within the City?
 - Structure, look and feel of the VLR document – where/how to pitch the report? Goals, targets?
 - Which are the most important transversal strategies to review for SDG alignment
 - Not to be limited by the data available

Value of African Regional guidelines 2

- Strengthening the ability to gather quality data – for Tier II and Tier III indicator reporting, i.e. build LRG capacity to report on complex/transversal outcomes
- Tools to help assess “goal attainment”
- Providing guidelines for integrating LRGs and LRG data into VNR processes and documents
- Experiences and lessons learned in linking local and national levels

Value of African Regional guidelines 3

- Africa specific context
- Peer reviews
- Joint programmes
- Leaving no one behind – inclusivity, inequality, bridging gaps

- Focus on vulnerability and vulnerable groups
- Focus on resilience

- Involve youth
- Stakeholder engagement

- Partner for progress

- Monitoring and keeping dynamic and responsive

Value of African Regional guidelines 4

- Will assist CCT with current VLR
- May try to align as far as possible
- Opportunities for alignment
- Opportunities for piloting and “testing”
- Look forward to working with ECA and engaging on taking forward



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Thank You

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