



Strengthening Partnership and Inclusivity: Ensuring no one is left behind through an inclusive public contracting and in follow-up and review of Agenda 2030 & 2063.

Side Event Proposal: April 18, 2019- 13:00 to 14:15, Marrakech, Morocco.

One of the founding principles of the 2030 Agenda "The Future We Want" is the requirement for all implementation and follow-up process for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be participatory and inclusive. In practice, this principle calls participation of all stakeholders in the review and implementation process. Realities in the implementation are still far reaching; for example, while economic growth in Africa continues to rank among the fastest, not all segments of African societies have benefitted from this growth. Large inequalities still persist and in fact, seem to exacerbate with economic growth.

This year, Tanzania and South Africa, among other countries volunteered to present its Voluntary National Review (VNR) on SDGs implementation in the upcoming High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) for the first time. The review process has come with significant lessons on partnership and on country specific efforts toward sustainable development. Within the spirit of SDG 17 which is about working together to make the 2030 Agenda a reality; **ICLEI Africa - Local Governments for Sustainability, Hivos and Africa Philanthropic Foundation through Tanzania Sustainable Development Platform** would like to host a side event on the sidelines of ARFSD 2019 to present and share findings and learnings from consultations and processes held during the VNR process in Tanzania and South Africa.

This event will seek to contribute to the overall theme through discussions around: opportunities for open public contracting in empowering vulnerable groups such as women, youth and underrepresented communities; the centrality of multi-stakeholders engagement in realization of Agenda as well as looking at the practical learnings, experiences and recommendations on national implementation strategies for the goals. The expected outcomes of the session are to provide a learning space for fostering engagements and inclusiveness in the implementations, follow up and review of Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063.

The proposed Agenda:

- **13:00-13:10** Welcome & Introductions
- **13:10-13:20** Key African findings from the partnership: What have we learnt from the dialogues and consultation on the Voluntary National Reviews?
- **13:20- 13:30** Open public contracting (procurement) for empowerment of women, youth and underrepresented communities, enhancing multi-stakeholders engagement toward attainment of agenda 2030 and 2063
- **13:30-13:40** Effective localization of the SDGs and Agenda 2063 through alignment of national and local plans: lessons from South Africa
- **13:40-14:05** Discussions, Questions
- **14:05- 14:15** Conclusion and closing

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