

SUMMARY REPORT OF TOGO

Drawing lessons from the results of MDGs implementation, Togo undertook to adopt a vision of its development in 2030. As a pilot country, Togo has been active in the process of development and adoption of sustainable development goals (SDGs) and the definition of the post-2015 agenda. Following this commitment, he volunteered to prepare and submit to the High Level Political Forum in July 2016, his progress report of integrating SDGs instruments into national development planning.

The main joints of the report are as follows:

- **Existing sustainable development**

Togo, before the advent of SDGs, had already adopted a vision for sustainable development, including building a society founded on the basis of a harmonious social and economic development and sustainable for the environment by 2030. It is embodied in the national sustainable development Strategy (NSDS) developed in 2011. In addition, to facilitate the integration of SDGs, a new national planning system was developed and validated. Moreover, the country has learned from the mixed results of the MDGs implementation and pledged to work for the successful implementation of the post-2015 agenda.

- **Process of drafting and adoption of SDGs**

Beyond the aspirations expressed by the Togolese people as part of the development of the post-2015 agenda, other initiatives have been taken by Togo to look to the appropriation of the approach dictated by the new framework of development. This is among others:

- the development of national capacity building and modernization program of the state for the sustainable development of Togo (PNRCME / DD 2015-2019);
- training on the analysis grid for Sustainable Development (GADD-F);
- training on mastering development tools development program for after 2015 and the strategy of sustainable public procurement in Togo;
- awareness of Parliamentarians on Agenda post-2015;
- media awareness and civil society;
- awareness and information on regional based planning SDGs.

- **Conduct review for drafting the report**

For the review to prepare the report to be presented to high-level political forum, Togo has adopted a methodological approach in five (05) steps:

1. Preparation: (identification and mobilization of stakeholders);
2. Consultation with stakeholders (briefing on the process and data collecting, transmitting the collection questionnaire, synthesis and analysis, consultation on synthesized data);
3. Resource Mobilization ;
4. Report writing (creation of a technical secretariat, preparation of the draft report);
5. Validation of the report (technical validation of the report by stakeholders before adopting by the Council of Ministers of the report).

- **Principal challenges**

The major challenges are related to capacity building and resource mobilization for the implementation of the SDGs.

- **Integration Efforts of SDGs in development policies and strategies**

For the integration of SDGs in national planning instruments, efforts were noted both on the part of state actors (institutions of the Republic, ministries) and non-state (private sector, civil society, technical and financial partners). These actors led among other actions: (i) awareness for updating the policies, strategies, programs and projects; (ii) the dissemination of information about SDGs; (iii) awareness for the appropriation of SDGs; (iv) identification and integration of SDGs in planning documents and (v) participation in international and regional meetings on the integration of SDGs in planning.

- **Major emerging themes**

The energy, coastal erosion, youth employment and capacity building appear as major emerging themes. Faced with these challenges, Togo will:

- guide the strategies, programs and plans towards low carbon development based on the development of new and renewable energies;
- fight against the advancing sea by conducting measures to protect the coast and also strengthening community resilience of the coastal zone to climate change;
- strengthen the promotion of youth employment;
- implement national capacity building and modernization of State for Sustainable Development (PNRCME / SD) to restoring the capabilities of both human, institutional and organizational heavily eroded with the long socio-political crisis 1990, to replace the Togo on the ramp of sustainable development.

- **The means of implementation of SDGs**

To mobilize resources for the implementation of the SDGs, the Government launched the process of drafting the National Development Plan which will be submitted, once finalized, donors at a round table. In addition, the private sector and the diaspora are other funding niches of the implementation of the SDGs.

Moreover, for the mobilization of domestic resources, the Government has already put in place the Togolese Revenue Authority (OTR) with the integration of tax and customs services for more efficiency.

- **Next steps**

In the short and medium term, the Government intends to undertake:

- the development, validation and adoption of NDP;
- the development of SDGs Integration guide planning;
- Capacity Building on integrating SDGs planning;
- updating existing policies and strategies in light of SDGs;
- updating the Togo governance record for accountability in the context of the implementation of the NDP;
- the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation system of the implementation of the SDGs;
- extension of the NDP.

In the long term, it will matter to evaluate the National Development Plan (NDP) in relation to the SDGs and vision of Togo in 2030.

INCLUSIVE REPORT ?

The process of preparing the report HLPF of Togo was not really inclusive for three reason:

1. Absence of local communities in the process (local authority, youth, religious men ...)
2. Absence minority (people with Disabilities, marginalized and vulnerable);
3. No policy information, communication and restitution to the public.

HOWEVER will be observed, motivation and dynamism of the focal point for all stakeholders are involved in the process.

Nevertheless CSOs are organized platform to better support the government and technical and financial partners in the implementation process of SDGs in Togo.