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Guiding Questions for a Template for CSO engagement for Voluntary National Review at the UN High-level Political Forum (HLPF)

This template aims to identify what mechanisms are in place for government engagement with the SDGs, civil society, local governments, and current initiatives from all actors in realizing the SDGs at a national and international level.

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A. State of national government's preparation for the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development / SDGs – domestic and international

1. **Which ministry (or other institution e.g. in the Prime Minister's office) is now leading or in charge of the planning for the domestic implementation of the SDGs in your country?**

   Office of the Senior Special Adviser to the President on the Sustainable Development Goals (OSSAP-SDGs)

2. **Does your government have a policy framework on SDG implementation? How does this relate to existing or other policy frameworks as national development plans?**

   Yes the government has a policy framework that is embedded within the ERGP (Economic Growth and Recovery Plan) http://www.nationalplanning.gov.ng/images/pub/ERGP%20document%20as%20printed.pdf

3. **Is there parliamentary/congressional scrutiny of the framework? If so please list the relevant committee and its activity**

   House of Representative Committee on the SDGs. Committee has both Facebook and Twitter handles to provide information and receive feedback on its activities to the public. https://web.facebook.com/Nigerian-House-of-Representatives-Committee-on-SDGs-152909868408445/?_rdc=1&_rdr and @SDGsHouse

Its activities as monitored online can be seen from the links below:

- http://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2016/03/10/african-parliamentarians-meet-in-abuja-to-promote-engagement-with-sdgs/
- http://allafrica.com/stories/201512101048.html
- https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/news/general/nigeria-must-prioritize-sdgs-reps/123792.html
- https://www.pressreader.com/nigeria/thisday/20160121/281887297318209

4. Are local governments in your countries actively engaged in the 2030 Agenda / SDGs? If so, how

It is yet to be seen how the local governments are engaged since in many States local government elections are yet to be held and there are concerns about democracy deficits within the local government system in Nigeria.

B. CSO engagement with the government in the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development / SDGs

5. Is the full text of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs available in your local languages? Which language(s)? Who translated it?

The full text is only available in English as the last time I checked however there are abridged versions in Hausa, Yoruba and Ibo languages. The version I have seen and accessed was done by the United Nations Information Center.

6. Was there any invitation to public consultation on the voluntary national review at HLPF? If so, who was invited?

Yes there were, civil society, private sector and various institutions in governance were invited.

7. Have there been any other ways in which civil society has been able to contribute to the implementation, monitoring or review, including national reporting at HLPF?

Civil society was invited by Government into the Committee charged with the responsibility of writing the report. CSOs were involved at the early stage of report writing and participated through out the processes.

8. Has your government invited CSO representatives to be a member of its delegation to participate in the HLPF 2017 and/or make a presentation at the VNR?

Not immediately sure but I can find out.

9. In case you say "YES", has your government provided financial support for this participation?

C. CSO national coalition-building for the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development / SDGs

10. **Is there any CSO national platform or network focusing on the SDGs?**

    Yes there are

11. **Are there national platforms that work on specific goals or targets?**

    Yes there are

12. **Have you had a regular policy dialogue with relevant government ministries during the preparation and since the adaption of the 2030 Agenda?**

Yes

D. CSOs own implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development/SDGs

13. **How far are CSOs developing their own plans on implementation of the agenda in your country?**

    These are needs improvement. Though the Nigeria Network of NGOs has trained over 200 civil society organisations on how to integrate the SDGs within their plans and programmes, we are yet to see publicly available written plans (strategic plans, work plans, implementation plans and budgets) that capture SDGs attainment on the part of CSOs in the country.

14. **Are there particular case studies of effective delivery by CSOs already underway?**

    This is yet to be researched however there certainly will be.

15. **Are there challenges to prevent CSO delivery of this agenda in your country?**

    Asides funding challenges, awareness of the SDGs amongst civil society is still weak, because the SDGs is also knowledge and evidence based, civil society will continue to be challenged in the areas of providing concrete evidence to support their work since data is a big missing link and documentation on the part of CSOs is also weak.

16. **What is the engagement of other stakeholders like the private sector in the national implementation plan? Is there a broader partnership across sectors for implementation? Have any challenges or opportunities been identified in terms of broader partnerships?**

    Yes there are broader partnerships. The country has a private sector advisory group on the SDGs and a CSO advisory group. It is yet to be seen though how both groups can come together to work in partnership with government on the attainment of the goals

rather than in silos.

17. **Is there any clear national plan in terms of funding the delivery of the 2030 Agenda?**

The ERGP provides a framework. http://www.nationalplanning.gov.ng/images/pub/ERGP%20document%20as%20printed.pdf