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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?

The structure in charge of implementing the SDGs at the national level is the Ministry of Planning and Development.

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?

For the implementation of the 17 SDGs, the Togolese government will draw up a National Development Plan (NDP) covering the period 2018-2022. This document should be available before the High-Level Policy Forum 2017. The NDP will take into account all ongoing and future development programs and policies. Thus, there will be in the PND programs such as: Vision Togo2030 (document describing the actions of the country by 2030), PNDS (National Health Development Program), youth employment program and other Development programs initiated by other stakeholders (CSOs, private sector, etc.).



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

NO, Unfortunately. There is no parliamentary review. Generally these documents of developments are validated only by the Presidency of the Republic.

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

YES, but their participation is very limited and selective. Only the mayors and prefects are more involved than the others (canton chief, traditional chief and customary chief). Their involvement is limited by their participation in workshops occasionally organized in the regions by the regional directorates of the Ministry of Planning and Development.

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?

Not any action is taken to this end. Nevertheless this action is foreseen by Jeunes Verts, in the SDGs communication plan.

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

For the 2017 HLPF, a public consultation is planned according to the roadmap. Nevertheless, an information meeting on the national voluntary organized this Friday (April 7, 2017) at the Ministry of Planning and Development. Present at the meeting were CSOs, the private sector, government actors (all ministries), development partners, banks...

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?

The process is outstanding. But civil society also held a meeting on thursday, April 6, 2017, to make recommendations to improve Togo's report to the 2017 HLPF. These recommendations should contribute to the implementation, monitoring, review, and the development of the 2017 HLPF report.



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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 yet. But that is based on our recommendations. Thus we would like not only to participate in the 2017 HLPF, but also to have a speaking time during the presentation of Togo. The Togolese Civil Society plans to submit an alternative report to the 2017 HLPF.

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

We are still waiting for the response to our recommendations.

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 is a platform. It is the community of practitioners of sustainable development (CoPraDD). It is a platform that brings together development actors, experts and practitioners. To date, it is composed of 4 organizations and works with the UNDP, the OIF and the Ministry of Planning and Development.

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

Not yet. But steps are underway to get there. We would soon have specific platforms on issues of women, young people, on water issues....

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

Not really.



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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?

For the implementation of Agenda 2030, CSOs have proposed their programs and actions in the National Development Plan. CSOs also play an important role in supporting grassroots communities in developing their local development plan oriented towards the NDP.

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

Of course, there are case studies.

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

Yes, there are challenges such as the political will of the government to support the CSOs, the lack of financial resources....

16. What is the engagement of other stakeholders like the private sector in the national implementation plan?

For the moment their commitment is not yet defined, because they do not understand much about the SDGs. Hence the importance of a communication campaign to encourage strong involvement of all stakeholders.

Is there a broader partnership across sectors for implementation? **Not yet.**

Have any challenges or opportunities been identified in terms of broader partnerships?

We're not there yet. But in my opinion the more heard partnership will have more opportunity than challenges.

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

Not yet. But it is possible that the financing plan will be defined in the national development plan in relation to the programs and actions proposed.