



Timor-Leste Voluntary National Review 2019

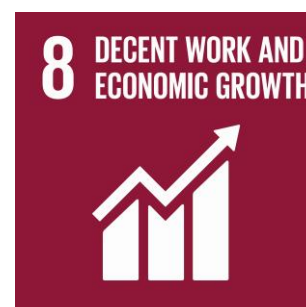
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Implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Timor-Leste

2019 Voluntary National Review: 9 Focus SDGs



A snapshot of our achievements

- 4 peaceful elections since the restoration of Independence
- Significant reduction in poverty
- Strong decline in maternal mortality
- Gender parity in primary education
- Doubling of electricity access
- Saving proceeds of oil and gas resources through the Petroleum Fund



Challenges to implementation of 2030 Agenda



Challenges in data collection: need reliable and timely data to make informed resource allocation and policy decisions



To mobilise domestic revenue and diversify non-oil economy



Weak institutional and absorptive capacity: need greater capacity to accelerate implementation



Consolidating peace, justice & stability (SDG 16) is crucial to accelerate progress on other SDGs

Opportunities to accelerate implementation of 2030 Agenda



To invest in **youth** to promote political and economic inclusion



To build **human capital** by maintaining progress in education and health will require sustained investment



To reap the **demographic dividend** by combining the right mix of policies



To promote **economic diversification**, job creation and private sector development for sustainable development

Innovative partnerships for development

- Critical state-building phase
- Innovative financing and technical support required to accelerate progress
- Harness support to develop exit strategies as we graduate from LDC status



Message from the Private Sector

- The private sector is embryonic
- We need to empower our nascent private sector
- Reduce reliance on public projects and enhance entrepreneurship
- We want to engage with the Global Compact for Corporate Sustainability



Message from Youth

- Youth are at the forefront of the democratic process in Timor-Leste
- Creating jobs and investing in the political inclusion of youth is vital for our economy and to keep our country at peace
- Youth have a key role to play in speeding up progress on the SDGs





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