

MAIN ASPECTS OF FIRST VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS GEORGIA



Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Summary

- **Stakeholder Analysis:**
The process of nationalization of the SDGs and development targets
- **Thematic Analysis:**
Government Policy Priorities in pursuit to SDGs
- **Integration into National Policies**
- **Creating ownership of the SDGs, M&E mechanism and awareness building**
- **Challenges and next steps**



Stakeholder Analysis:

The process of nationalization of the SDGs and development targets

- The nationalization process was guided by the global level of ambition, but taking into account national circumstances - goals and targets were set considering national context, challenges and opportunities
- Administration of Government of Georgia (AoG), as a coordinating structure of SDG national processes, established a joint technical working group including experts from different line ministries, National Statistics Office and UN country team
- The technical thematic working sub-groups on Human Rights and Gender Equality, Social Inclusion, Economic Growth and Environment Protection have analyzed the SDGs
- At the first stage, Georgia prioritized set of 14 goals out of the total 17, as well as 88 global targets mid term. The adjusted goals and targets will be reviewed in a 5-year span to cover full scope of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030



Integration of SDGs into National Policy Framework

- The process of defining adjusted SDG targets, development of the applicable and relevant indicators has drawn on a set of strategic and multi-sectoral development documents adopted in Georgia in recent years, especially:
 - **EU-Georgia Association Agenda**
 - **Social and Economic Development Strategy “Georgia 2020”**
 - **National Strategy for the Protection of Human Rights in Georgia**
 - **Public Administration Reform Roadmap and its Action Plan 2015-2016**

Thematic Analysis: Government Policy Priorities in pursuit to SDGs

- **4 point reform plan of the Government of Georgia:**
- **Economic reform**
 - **Education reform**
 - **Spatial development: Regional and Infrastructural Development**
 - **Governance reform**



Government Policy Priorities in pursuit to SDGs

- **Healthcare** –increase the efficiency of public spending on healthcare through improved administration and placing greater emphasis on preventive measures
- **Energy**- develop stable and reliable energy sector and construction of new hydropower stations
- **Environment** - maintenance of economic development from the perspective of environmental protection and rational use of natural resources; improved integration of the energy efficiency standards in developing projects and policies along with the incitement of renewable, modern, sustainable energy sources
- **IDPs & Refugees** – facilitation of platforms for promoting social inclusion and trust building between societies separated by dividing occupation lines; ensure decent conditions for internally displaced population in accordance with the National Strategy and its relevant Action Plan.

Creating ownership of the SDGs, M&E mechanism and awareness building

- Government of Georgia foresees the establishment of the SDG Coordination Council involving the business, civil society and academia
- The SDG national review process will be achieved through monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework for national strategies and annual action plans
- Data collection & national statistical system will be the cornerstone for SDG national monitoring and evaluation
- Awareness building and engagement, especially on local level will be generated through consultative efforts supported by Georgia's development partners





Challenges

- Statistical data - disaggregated sectoral data and administrative statistics
- Supplementary sector researches - financial and capacity development needs

Next steps

- Government will establish SDG Monitoring and Evaluation system at both central and local levels to track progress: annual reporting cycle will be upheld
- Government will set the sturdy Coordination framework to serve as a floor for the development of more comprehensive implementation and accountability mechanisms





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