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ACTIONS FOR ACCELERATED DELIVERY ON THE SDGs AND
AGENDA 2063



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THEME

“Leveraging Inclusive National and Continental
Actions for Accelerated Delivery on the SDGs and
Agenda 2063”

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Kampala, Uganda

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1.0 BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Uganda is one of the 193 countries that adopted and set on the journey to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in 2016. Seven years since the adoption of the Agenda, Uganda has made considerable milestones with an improved Global ranking of 136 out of 163 countries (from 143/163 in 2021), an average score of 54.9 in 2022. This has been achieved through the SDG localization efforts of various Ministries Departments and agencies (MDAs), the Office of the Prime Minister, and Civil Society Groups. Similarly, the Global Sustainable Development report 2022 by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) places Uganda in the 5th position in Africa regarding Government's commitment in the coordination and implementation of SDGs. Besides the integration of the 2030 Agenda into national policies such as the National Development plan, Sectoral plans and more efforts are being made to ensure SDG responsive planning and implementation and reporting at the sub national levels to fast track progress made in reference to the furthest behind such as rural women, vulnerable households, communities stricken by drought and hunger, people living with disabilities, people living with HIV and unemployed youth among other groups. Realization of Sustainable Development is also echoed in the Africa We Want Agenda 2063 which was adopted in 2013. This reflects the desire to frame the national and regional development priorities as Africa's shared strategic framework for Sustainable Development and inclusive growth and is a concrete manifestation of the pan-African drive for unity, self-determination, freedom, progress, and collective prosperity pursued under Pan-Africanism and African Renaissance. The key to unlock barriers to the attainment of the sustainable and the Africa we want Agenda is intentional and strategic investment in key sectors by both government and the private sector.

The Second Uganda Annual SDG Conference 2023 is premised on the first annual SDG conference which was organized in June 2022. During the conference, it was observed that it is important to have this event as annual platform in which stakeholders will continuously reflect on SDG progress, identify and showcase catalytic innovations but also make resolutions of accelerating SDG implementation and achievement. Therefore, to re-affirm these actions towards Sustainable Development, the Government of Uganda through the National SDG Secretariat Office under the auspices of the Office of the Prime Minister in partnership with United Nations in Uganda, Civil Society Organizations, Private Sector will host the UASDGC23.

1.1 About the UASDGC23

In 2022, Uganda developed and adopted an annual platform called the Uganda Annual SDG Conference (UASDGC). Subsequently, the first annual SDG conference was hosted in June 2022 under the leadership and coordination of the Office of the Prime Minister. This conference was instituted as an annual event to provide a platform for multisector participation in the review and validation of Uganda's actions for accelerated delivery on SDGs and the Africa we want Agenda 2063. As such, the Government of Uganda plans to hold the 2nd UASDGC in June 2023 as a means of reviewing the midterm progress of SDGs. The UASDGC23 will also be informed by the fact that this year (2023) the UN member states will be reviewing the mid-term progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the

SDGs through the SDG Summit 2023 in New York under the auspices of the UN General Assembly in September 2023. The Conference will take keen reflection on the midterm progress and level of implementation of NDPIII in addition to showcasing some of the catalytic innovations that have spurred action and accelerated SDG implementation. Cognizant, of the UN SDG Summit and HLPF 2023, it is important that Uganda takes stock of the midterm progress of SDGs and reflects on how its leveraged regional frameworks and opportunities for integrated delivery on SDGs and Agenda 2063. Therefore, the conference will facilitate analyzing and sharing key messages of the Mid Term Progress on SDGs and prepare different stakeholders to participate in the annual High Level Political Forum (HLPF).

The UASDGC23 will feature a series of integrated activities and high-level meetings. Proposed for June 22-23, 2023, the Conference will feature a series of capacity building workshops, exhibitions, expert panels, and plenary presentations highlighting progress made towards the attainment of the 2030 SDG targets.

2.0 UASDGC23: OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

2.1 Main objective of the UASDGC23

The overall objective is to review Uganda's mid-term progress with focus on the interlinkages and leveraging national and continental actions for accelerated delivery of SDGs and Agenda 2063.

2.2 Specific Objectives

- To conduct a mid-term progress review on the attainment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- To review the sub national and regional actions and commitments for accelerated implementation of the SDGs and A2063.

The Conference will therefore serve as a platform for the sharing of experiences, good practices and lessons learned in efforts to implement the two agendas.

Under the theme “Leveraging Inclusive National and Continental Actions for Accelerated Delivery on the SDGs and Agenda 2063”, the Second Uganda Annual SDG Conference will be conducted under the three sub themes that will inform the high-level panel discussions as follows.

- Financing frameworks and opportunities for regional cooperation and accelerated delivery on SDGs and Agenda 2063.
- Leveraging science, technology, and innovation for accelerated delivery on SDGs and Agenda 2063.
- Leaving No One Behind: The Ultimate Benefit of SDG Localization

Whereas the conference will focus largely on all 17 SDGs, the forum will generate key messages to feed into the for the HLPF 2023, some discussions will be dedicated to the SDGs that have been considered for the HLPF 2023 in-depth review. These Goals include;

Goal 6: clean water and sanitation

Goal 7: affordable and clean energy

Goal 9: industry, innovation, and infrastructure

Goal 11: sustainable cities and communities

Goal 17: partnerships for the Goals

2.3 Expected Results

- The Conference is expected to foster national and regional engagements and discussion between actors on the implementation of the Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063.
- Re-commitment on partnerships that will foster accelerated implementation in the next half term of SDGs. Partnership through mutual support and the sharing of knowledge and experience on the implementation of the two agendas.
- Documentation of the comparative advantage, impact and prospects of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 in Uganda and beyond.

2.4 Expected Outcomes

- A declaration with specific recommendations to support the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063.
- A set of initiatives and key messages to accelerate Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063 at all levels and by all key stakeholders.
- The key messages will also be shared at the High-Level Political Forum in July 2023 and the UN SDG Summit of the midterm review of SDGs during the UNGA
- An outcome document to highlight the state of implementation of the Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030 and the role of different stakeholders in promoting a sustainable development.

3.0 METHODOLOGY, VENUE AND PARTICIPANTS:

The UASDGC23 will take place on June 22-23, 2023, under the theme, “Leveraging Inclusive National and Continental Actions for Accelerated Delivery on the SDGs and Agenda 2063.”

3.1 Methodology (Pre-conference and other activities during the Week)

- i. SDG Skills Building workshop** on June 21st, 2023, targeting young people in innovations and technology for development. The SDG Skills Building Workshop will aim at knowledge and skills acquisition, networking, sharing experiences and peer to peer collaboration, learning about practical actions and solutions to SDG challenges, and capacity building among others.
- ii. SDG exhibitions** that will run from 22-23 June 2023. The Community village will provide a platform for the exchange of cutting-edge ideas, experiences, showcase of innovations and new ideas in localizing SDGs as well as best practices in promoting partnerships, building resilient communities and responding to climate challenges in Uganda. It will be a unique opportunity for individuals and organizations to have an audience for their work towards the attainment of the 2030 SDG Agenda and African Union Agenda 2063.
- iii. Regional SDG festivals & forums**
 - a) SDG Festivals.** These will precede the Conference to allow participation and learning from local government actors clustered according to geographical location and ease of proximity to the emerging cities/districts. The regional SDG festivals will be organized in Karamoja (Moroto), West Nile (Arua City), Western (Mbarara), and Central (Mukono).

The activities will include mobilisation and popularization, regional walks, tree planting, citizen parliaments (barazas), promotional events on the local media and stakeholder consultations. These will be coordinated alongside the 23 Champions whose institutions participated in the June 2022 SDG fellowship organized by the Danida Fellowship Centre and sponsored by the Royal Danish Embassy in Uganda.

b) Regional SDG Forums. Like it was in the first conference last year, the regional forums will be organized for 1 day and will bring together different district leaders from within the region to have a technical reflection. The participants will include leaders from the hosting district/City, CSOs and private sector, leaders from neighboring districts. The regional forums will draw up actions and key messages for the SDG conference. The regional forums will be preceded by the regional festivals and will be hosted in the same districts/cities as is for the festivals.

(iv) The National People's SDG Festival 2023; this will be a 2-days national event prior to the SDG conference led by media and communities running concurrently in different parts of the country. It will be a people-centered festival meant to inspire, mobilize, and connect people and organizations to act on the SDGs. This festival will be physical with different stages/spaces, featuring plenary sessions; citizen talks (citizen panels); performances; interactive workshops; exhibitions (Ministries, Departments, Agencies, LGs, private sector, CSOs, etc) and leader-citizen discussions; activists; private sector; political parties; student shows; youth, women and PWDs shows and more. This Festival will take place within the Kampala Metropolitan area.

(v) Side Events: The side events will be hosted virtually on June 19-20, 2023. Institutions and individuals are encouraged to apply to host these side events and showcase their work and contribution towards SDGs and A2063

This conference provides an opportunity for all Government stakeholders to participate and showcase their contributions toward sustainable development and the Africa we want aspirations. A sponsorship package has also been developed to guide on how different partners and stakeholders can contribute and the level of recognition accorded to them. All prospective partners and participants are encouraged to contact the SDG Secretariat and or visit the SDG Secretariat website at <https://sdgs.opm.go.ug/> for more information on the conference, side events, exhibitions, regional SDG festivals.

3.2 Timing and Venue for the SDG conference 2023

The Second Uganda Annual SDG Conference 2023 will take place on 21st to 23rd June 2023 at Speke Resort Hotel Munyonyo. The events will be hybrid i.e., both physical and virtual participation. The regional SDG festivals are planned as follows;

3.3 Target Participants for the UASDGC23

The Conference will provide for both physical and virtual participation. The 2nd Edition of the Uganda Annual SDG conference 2023 will bring together participants and stakeholders from Ministries, high-level policymakers, officers and experts from Ministries, Departments and Agencies, UN Agencies, African Union Civil Society Organizations, Business and Industry Organizations, Academia and Research Institutions, Development Partners, International

participants including regional UN offices and Media.

The Conference will be officiated and attended by:

- H.E, the President of the Republic of Uganda
- The Rt. Hon Speaker of Parliament of Uganda
- His Worship the Chief Justice
- The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda
- The Minister for General Duties/Focal Point Minister for SDGs
- Ministers from Government Ministries
- The UN Resident Coordinator, Heads of UN Agencies in Uganda, Heads of Missions
- Ministers and Technical Officers from Ministries, Departments and Agencies
- Heads and Representatives of the Private Sector
- Representatives of the Civil Society Organizations
- Academia
- Key Development Partners and International participants

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION

4.1 Communication and Logistics

Information on the UASDGC23 and the embedded activities will be shared on the SDG Secretariat websites to ease access to all events' materials and information including program, travel details, registration forms, exhibitions and side event applications/information. The Conference will also have social publications that are through newspaper, magazine, posters, and flyers. These will be printed and circulated to the concerned different entities as a means of promoting the events.

The events will have Information, Education and Communication materials aiming to educate different gender, age and social groups about the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the 2063 Agenda. Furthermore, there will be direct mailing, outdoor advertising, radio and TV broadcast as a part of the communication plan within a comprehensive strategy for these events.

4.2 The National Organizing Committee

This committee will be responsible for the development and drafting of standards, developing and managing the programs, and fundraising for the event. The Organizing Committee will comprise of;

- Representatives from the Government
- Representatives from the United Nations Systems
- Civil Society Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations
- The Private Sector and Academia and other development partners.

Different Sub Committees will be formed during the first meeting of the Organizing committee to manage the different aspects of the conference. These will include among others Technical Committee, Communication Committee, Logistics Committee and Security and Protocol Committee. The SDG Secretariat will chair and house the national organizing committee with support of UN RCO (representing the UN family) and Uganda National NGO

Forum (representing CSOs/INGOs) as co-chairs. The SDG Secretariat with support of the national organizing committee will provide overall coordination and Secretariat services for organizing and logistics management related to the Second Uganda Annual SDG Conference 2023 (UASDGC23).