

# CONCEPT NOTE

## THE 3RD SDG CONFERENCE AND DISSEMINATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT OF SERVICE DELIVERY REPORT

### THEME

Strengthening SDG localization and service  
delivery mechanisms for national development.



**SPEKE RESORT  
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MUNYONYO

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## 1.0 Background

Uganda is one of the 193 countries that adopted in 2015 and set on the journey to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Uganda has made considerable milestones towards the attainment of each Sustainable Development Goal through Ministries, Departments and agencies (MDAs), Private Sector, Local Governments and Civil Society Groups to localize the implementation of the SDGs and fast track its implementation. Every year, the Office of the Prime Minister conducts the Uganda National Annual SDG Conference. The first and second Uganda National Annual SDGs Conferences were held in June 2022 and June 2023 respectively.

The conferences brought together representatives from the Government of Uganda, the development partners, Civil Society Organizations, youth and women, media, the Private Sector among others. This collaborative effort showcases Uganda's dedication to fostering inclusive and innovative actions both at the national and continental levels, aimed at accelerating the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2063. During the second SDG conference, the discussions utilized the recently concluded Mid-term Review of the Third National Development Plan (NDPIII) to inform our discussions and shape the development of the fourth National Development Plan. This approach demonstrated Government's commitment to integrating our efforts strategically aligning our objectives and Leaving No One Behind to ensure greater impact in pursuit of the SDGs.

At the midpoint of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, Uganda's progress presents a mixed picture. In terms of targets, only 26.1% of SDGs are on track, 54.2% have limited progress and 19.7% are stagnating. With this mixed performance, Uganda has, through a consultative process at national and sub-national levels, developed six commitments for SDG acceleration and transformation. These commitments focus on actions to accelerate: (i) Leaving No One Behind agenda through the inclusive Parish Development Model implementation; (ii) inclusive actions for trade financing and climate-smart investments; (iii) leveraging science, technology and innovation; (iv) inclusive economic and social development through climate change adaptation and mitigation; (v) harnessing the full potential of data to improve the lives of all Ugandans; and (vi) strengthening SDG coordination and service delivery mechanisms. To effectively implement the commitments, the Government must focus on the means of implementation and improving service delivery mechanisms to accelerate SDG localization and implementation.

Furthermore, the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) coordinates the Annual Local Government Management of Service Delivery (LGMSD) Performance Assessment which

involves assessment of; i) Higher Local Governments on their management of service delivery, ii) Local Climate Adaptive Living (LoCAL) facility Local Governments iii) Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) for Central Government oversight and systems for Local Government service delivery, iv) Lower Local Governments (LLGs), and iv) Service Delivery centres (primary schools and health facilities).

## 2.0 About the third SDG conference

The Government of Uganda through the Office of the Prime Minister in partnership with development partners, Civil Society Organizations, Private Sector, premised on the first and second Uganda National Annual SDG Conferences, will organize the third Uganda Annual SDG Conference (UASDGC24). The Conference will with a focus on Uganda's third Voluntary National Review (VNR) Report to be presented at the High-Level Political Forum in July 2024. The Conference will also focus on the implementation of the two SD commitments i.e., LNOB through the Parish Development Model and (ii) strengthening SDG coordination and service delivery mechanisms through the Local Government performance assessment.

As such, the third SDG conference will focus on three thematic areas namely;

- (i) **Service delivery mechanisms with a focus on Local Government Level performance.** The Government of Uganda implements the Uganda Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfer (UgIFT) Reform Programme focused on *improving the efficiency of LGs in the delivery of services* by providing incentives for improved institutional and service delivery. As a means of review and facilitating performance, the Office of the Prime Minister coordinates the Annual Local Government Management of Service Delivery (LGMSD) Performance Assessment which involves assessment of; i) Higher Local Governments on their management of service delivery, ii) Local Climate Adaptive Living (LoCAL) facility for Local Governments iii) Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) for Central Government oversight and systems for Local Government service delivery, iv) Lower Local Governments (LLGs), and iv) Service Delivery centers (primary schools and health facilities).

During this year's SDG Conference and as a means of tracking service delivery and localization of Government programs and interventions, there will be dedicated review of Local Governments' performance to underscore the role of Local Governments in SDG implementation. This review will facilitate development of actions of improving coordination and service delivery mechanisms at Local Government level. The Conference will therefore provide opportunity to convene and disseminate the Local Government assessment

report to all key stakeholders including Local Government leaders, key Ministries Departments and agencies and development partners.

**(ii) The implementation of the Parish Development Model.** Among the six commitments to accelerate sustainable development in Uganda and ensure “No One is Left Behind” by 2030 is the current flagship program of the Parish Development Model (PDM). The PDM targets to move the 39% of Ugandans who are in subsistence production to money economy and works with both the State and Non-State Actors in a participatory manner to organize, harmonize, register feedback, and deliver public and Private Sector interventions at the lowest administrative unit (the parish. The PDM is focused on achieving i) Household Food security ii) Job creation iii) Wealth Creation iv) Improved service delivery at the Parish level. These are being achieved through increased production, processing/ value-addition along the value-chain and marketing, economic infrastructure, community mobilization and improved service delivery at the Parish.

This program organizes and delivers Public and private sector interventions for wealth creation and employment generation, using the Parish as the economic unit for planning, budgeting, and service delivery. With two of implementation, the PDM targets to make each Parish (10,594 in total) in the Country the growth and service delivery units. Therefore, the PDM strategy is expected to contribute to reducing the proportion of men, women and others from subsistence and poverty situations in all dimensions, across the rural, peri-urban, and urban areas in Uganda. During this year’s SDG Conference, the Government through Ministry of Local Government will review the progress made in the implementation of the PDM and provide a full of account of the future for this program.

**(iii) Discussion of Uganda’s SDG implementation of SDG at midterm and third Voluntary National Review report.** In July 2024, the 12th session of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) will convene in New York as the primary UN platform for monitoring and reviewing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The HLPF serves as a crucial forum for providing political leadership, guidance, and recommendations to integrate the Economic, Social, and Environmental dimensions of sustainable development. Under the auspices of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC), the HLPF will take place from July 8 to July 17, 2024, under the theme “**Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions.**”

Among the 38 selected countries, Uganda will feature in the ministerial segment of the forum and present her third Voluntary National Review (VNR) Report at the HLPF, a process that will enable the country identify special challenges, share best practices and benchmark solutions for the accelerated delivery on the SDGs through rigorous review of the local, national, regional and global dimensions on the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions regarding the SDGs. The 3<sup>rd</sup> SDG Conference will therefore be used as an opportunity to share to provide Uganda's progress on SDGs and Government's commitment to accelerating delivery on the 2030 Agenda.

## 2.1 Objectives of the Conference

To catalyze the Leaving No one Behind actions for improved service delivery mechanisms and facilitate national commitments for sustainable development at all levels.

The conference will leverage on the interface of leaders from Local Governments and central Government, and other non-state actors and partners to discuss the service delivery mechanisms through Local Government performance and PDM implementation.

**Specifically, the conference will focus on the following.**

- i) Review Local Government performance as a means of improving service delivery and driving local actions at community level.
- ii) Discuss how to leverage the Parish Development Model for better results to ensure no one is left behind.
- iii) Discuss Uganda's third voluntary national review report and recommended pathways for accelerating implementation of the SDG commitments.

**\*\* During this conference, the best performing Local Governments will be recognized.**

## 2.2 The expected outputs of the 3<sup>rd</sup> SDG Conference

- a) Appreciation and ownership of Uganda's voluntary national review report that will be presented at the High-Level Political Forum. This will further catalyze actions for implementing national commitments for SDGs Acceleration.
- b) Findings of the Annual LGMSD Performance Assessment disseminated: Share the outcomes of the Annual Local Government Management of Service Delivery (LGMSD) Performance Assessment for the fiscal year. This will enhance ownership and accountability for service delivery and empower stakeholders to take actions.



- c) Recognize and appreciate exemplary performance in Local Governments. Acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of individuals, organizations, and local governments that have demonstrated excellence in service delivery and governance; and highlight successful initiatives, innovative approaches, and best practices that contribute to the realization of SDGs and promote sustainable development.
- d) Improved understanding of the current performance trends of the Parish Development Model, draw strategies to address the challenges for better service delivery.
- e) During the UASDGC24, the Government of Uganda will launch the implementation Framework for the SDG Commitments, the Midterm SDG Progress Review report 2023, the Leave No One Behind Report.

### 3.0 Methodology, venue, and participants

The third Conference will take place on **June 19-20, 2024**, under the theme, *“Strengthening Localization and Service Delivery Mechanisms for national development and SDG Acceleration.”*

Organized under hybrid format, the Conference the third edition will bring together participants from all Local Government leaders across the Country, Ministries, Departments and Agencies, high-level policymakers, officers and experts from Ministries, Departments and Agencies, UN Agencies, private sector, CSOs, Business and Industry Organizations, Academia and Research Institutions and all development partners, and media.

### 3.1 Methodology

The conference will be a hybrid allowing both physical and virtual participation. The official opening of the conference on the first day will be officiated by:

- H.E, the President of the Republic of Uganda
- The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda
- Minister of General Duties, Office of the Prime Minister
- Minister of Local Government
- Minister of Finance, Planning & Economic Development
- Hon Ministers
- The UN Resident Coordinator, Uganda
- Chairperson Inter-Religious Council of Uganda
- Chairperson, Uganda Local Government Association
- Executive Director of Uganda National NGO Forum
- Technical leaders from Ministries, Departments and Agencies,
- The Executive Committee of ULGA and UNMA

### 3.2 Participants

The event will be officiated by H.E the President of the republic of Uganda and convened by the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister. It will be attended by Ministers, Permanent Secretaries, Heads of Government Agencies, District Chairpersons, City/Municipal Mayors, Resident District and City Commissioners, the Chief Administrative Officers, Town Clerks, the Civil Society, United Nations Development Partners and Heads of Missions, private sector, Inter-religious Council of Uganda, Uganda Local Government Association, the youth, academia and among others.

The proposed venue for the event will be **Speke Resort Munyonyo on 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

## 4.0 Communication and Coordination

### 4.1 Communication

Information on the Conference and the embedded activities will be shared on the Office of the Prime Minister website to ease access to all events' materials and information including program, travel details, registration forms, exhibitions, and side event applications. 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 event 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 Agenda 2063, PDM implementation and Local performance reports.

### 4.2 Coordination

This committee will be responsible for the development and drafting of standards, developing, and managing the program, and fundraising for the event. Chaired by the Office of the Prime Minister as the overall coordinator, 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, Academia, the youth and other development partners.

## 4.2 Participation

Participation in this conference will be hybrid both virtual and physical.

Virtual participation is physical participation is **ONLY** for Invited and accredited guests.



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