Country Report - Uganda

Capacity Building Activities under the European Commission funded project on Enhancing capacity for measuring progress towards the Environmental Dimension of the SDGs, 2020-2023

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1. Introduction

The project Enhancing Capacity for Measuring Progress towards the Environmental Dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), funded by the European Commission, was instituted to strengthen national capacity for monitoring and reporting on the environmental dimension of the SDGs, including SDG indicators 8.4.1/12.2.1 on material footprint, 8.4.2/12.2.2 on domestic material consumption, 12.3.1b on food waste, 12.4.2 on hazardous waste generated and treated, 12.5.1 on national recycling rate and 17.14.1 on policy coherence.

National activities were implemented in different formats in beneficiary countries in Africa and Asia. The aims of the national activities were to deepen government officials' understanding of the adopted methodologies for SDG indicators, to equip them with the necessary statistical capacity to report on these indicators and as these indicators require data from multiple national stakeholders, engage all stakeholders together for future collaborations.

The following national activity was implemented in Kampala, Uganda from 02 to 03 November 2023:

- In-country technical assistance mission on policy coherence indicator (SDG indicator 17.14.1).

2. SDG policy coherence indicator: in-country technical assistance mission (*02-03 November 2023)*

Key Observations

- 13 participants attended the two training days in Uganda. The participants represented a range of institutions, namely different departments of the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS), the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), as well as the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA).
- The discussions were very lively throughout the two days, with very good communication amongst and with the participants. The participants were well informed and provided valuable insights and examples from different perspectives.
- Based on the discussions during the training and the 8 dimensions of SDG Indicator 17.14.1, the participants were able to self-evaluate their country's progress towards policy coherence. The score remains unofficial and is pending the validation of the data by the country and Uganda's official response to data collection for SDG indicator 17.14.1 to UNEP in its capacity of custodian agency for the SDG indicator.

Recommendations

A set of recommendations were developed with the participants to enhance policy coherence for sustainable development in Uganda:

- Recommendation 1 for UBOS: The scoring has been decided and approved by all meeting participants, hence the necessary steps are needed to validate the data. Once the data is validated, to officially submit the results to UNEP as a response to the data collection exercise of SDG indicator 17.14.1.

- Recommendation 2 for UBOS: During future meetings on SDG indicator 17.14.1 on policy coherence, a broad range of different entities should be present, e.g., representatives of all 20 Programme Lead Entities, to ensure that policies across sectors are aligned with the SDGs. This will help to avoid conflicting objectives and foster a more holistic and integrated approach to sustainable development.

Way forward

- The participants discussed the possibility for UNEP to provide additional capacity building for other SDG indicators. They were advised to consolidate their request and officially request assistance from the SDG and Environment Statistics Unit to be able to support their request;
- The participants will review the recommendations and provide inputs;
- UBOS will nominate a new focal point for SDG indicator 17.14.1; and
- A representative from UBOS will coordinate the data validation.

3. Additional Resources

Technical materials

All relevant technical materials are available on the project website under 'Output I'.

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Agenda - Policy coherence (02-03 November 2023)

Date	Time	Session	Presenter
Day 1	09.00 –09.20	Opening	Uganda Bureau of Statistics UNEP
	09.20-09.30	Introduction on policy coherence	
	09.30-10.30	Domain 1: Institutionalized political commitment	UNEP
	10.30-11.00	*Coffee Break*	
	11.00-12.00	Domain 1: Institutionalized political commitment - *continued*	UNEP

	12.00-13.00	Domain 2: Long-term considerations	UNEP
	13.00-14.00	*Lunch break*	
	14.00-15.00	Domain 3: Inter-ministerial and cross-sectoral coordination	UNEP
	15.00-16.00	Domain 4: Participatory processes Wrap up of day 1	
Day 2	09.00-10.30	Domain 5: Integration of the three dimensions of Sustainable Development	UNEP
	10.30-11.00	*Coffee break*	
	11.00-12.00	Domain 6: Consultation and coordination across government levels	UNEP
	12.00-13.00	Domain 7: Monitoring and reporting for policy coherence	UNEP
	13.00-14.00	*Lunch break*	
	14.00-15.00	Domain 8: Financial resources and tools	UNEP
	15.00-16.00	Reporting requirements and next steps	UNEP