



## February Newsletter

### Hello from Tanzania Sustainable Development Platform!

We're happy to to share with you our February Newsletter on what we have been doing across the board.

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*Tanzania Sustainable Development Platform is voluntary and open platform for civil society organizations in Tanzania to come together, self-organize and self-coordinate to ensure their meaningful participation and contribution towards the implementation, follow-up and monitoring of Sustainable Development in Tanzania. Tanzania Sustainable Development Platform is co-convened under UNA Tanzania and Africa Philanthropic Foundation.*



Operationalization of the

# Parliamentary Group Strategic Plan

Working with Parliamentarians in Tanzania.

In Tanzania, The Parliamentary Group on Sustainable Development within the national parliament champions the parliamentary role in the oversight of SDGs implementation.

National Parliaments and Parliamentarians have an important role to play when exercising law making, budgeting, and oversight functions by ensuring that the commitments and aspirations in both 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the African Union Agenda 2063 are implemented through supportive policy frameworks, and national development plans.

Tanzania Sustainable Development Platform (TSDP) has been engaging with Parliamentary Group from championing its formation, overall capacity building on SDGs to championing SDG agenda at the parliamentary level.

Currently the TSDP is working on operationalization of Strategic Plan of the Parliamentary Group. The Strategic Plan will provide a road map and a guidance in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals in Tanzania while providing wide avenue for multi-level partnerships at national, regional and global levels.

As the representatives of the people, Parliamentarians have a responsibility to ensure that no one is left behind by facilitating people centered and inclusive development planning and budgeting that considers interests of marginalized groups such as people with disabilities, children, elderly, women, and youths.

The Parliamentary Group for Sustainable Development was launched in November 2018. The group has 35 members.

Tanzania Sustainable Development Platform has currently volunteered to provide Secretariat for the Parliamentary Group.





## Developing SDGs Toolkit for Local Government Authorities (LGAs) in Tanzania



Tanzania Sustainable Development Platform, Policy Forum and UNA Tanzania collaborated with the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) to review the draft version of SDGs Toolkit.

The process of developing the SDGs toolkit was initially informed by the role of President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) in assisting to build the administrative capacity of local governments and to strengthen channels of communication between national and sub-national bodies to further devolve power to the local level, ultimately aiming to improve

the quality of life for Tanzanians. The session held on February 3 - 4 and 5, 2022 at Dodoma.

The SDGs Toolkit aims at providing a guide map and framework of how best SDGs could be well integrated on the LGAs strategic plans at sub-national level. The taskforce did an overview review of the toolkit presented to incorporate inputs from PORALG and feed on gaps identified.

The SDGs Toolkit will moreover support identifying the progress, key achievements, challenges and lesson learned in achieving sustainable development in Tanzania.

The finalized draft version of the toolkit will be submitted to PO-RALG for final approval prior piloting while The Local Government Training Institution (LGTI) will be responsible to oversee the operationalization of the toolkit.



## **Africa Regional Forum on SDGs 2022: Side event on institutionalization of the multistakeholders SDGs advisory bodies.**



Tanzania Sustainable Development Platform (co-convened under UNA Tanzania and Africa Philanthropic Foundation) participated at the side event titled, **“The institutionalisation of the Multistakeholder SDGS advisory bodies to catalyse the SDGs delivery in Africa”** on the 8<sup>th</sup> session of Africa

Regional Forum for Sustainable Development held on March 1-5<sup>th</sup> 2022 in Kigali Rwanda.

This year's SDGs goals under review included Goal 4, 5, 14, 15 and 17. The session was held in hybrid format due to ongoing impacts of COVID19 pandemic.

The side event **aimed at** fostering learning and exchange between selected African countries on the institutionalization of the Multistakeholder SDG advisory bodies and garner political support at national and regional levels.

The side event which was organized by the African Working Group of the Global Forum for SDGs Advisory Bodies further focused on the status of the MSP processes in Africa and gave a strategic overview of the MSP architecture in seven participating countries (Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, and Benin). The session was held on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022.

Multi-stakeholder bodies have long been recognized as forums for consensus-building on controversial issues and identify practical, inclusive and socially acceptable solutions that will set the course for sustainable development.

Tanzania Sustainable Development Platform was represented by Reynald Maeda (Executive Director - UNA Tanzania and co-convener of the Platform) where he shared Tanzania's experience fetched from working on number of engagements including formation and strengthening of parliamentary group, developing SDG toolkit to enhance SDGs integration, participation of CSOs in developing national development plan, journaling and storytelling on SDGs among others.

Other countries participants shared their over view in variation to context which gave an opportunity for learning exchange amongst participants.

Tanzania Sustainable Development Platform has been working with the Government, National Parliament (through Parliamentary Group for Sustainable Development), CSOs and other stakeholders on SDGs implementation and why it is important to institutionalize Multi Stakeholders Partnerships going forward.

Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, is one of the mechanisms providing inputs to the follow-up and review process at the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

Checkout links below to preview various contents from the Forum's sessions including videos, presentations and Key Messages from the session.

Forum Videos:

<https://www.uneca.org/eighth-session-of-the-africa-regional-forum-on-sustainable-development/videos>

Forum Presentations:

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Key Messages for MGoS:

<https://www.uneca.org/sites/default/files/TCND/ARFSD2022/Presentations/majorgroup/Key%20messages%20of%20the%20major%20groups%20and%20other%20stakeholders%20-%20Carole%20Agengo.pdf>

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