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Localizing the 2030 Agenda: People Connecting Development and Peace

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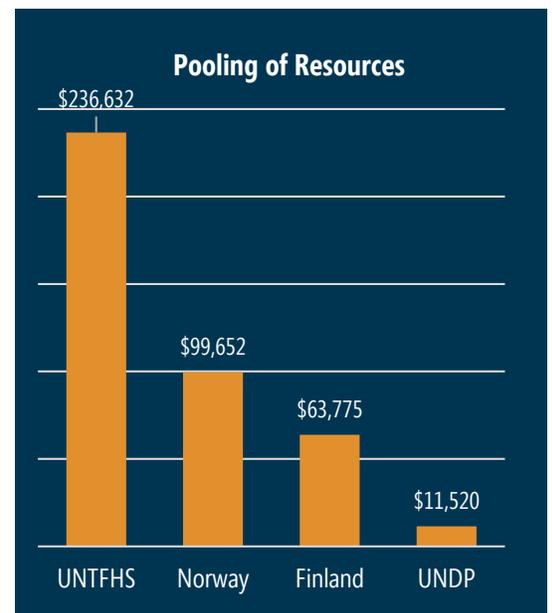
Background Information

The achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) depends more than ever on the ability of local and regional actors to promote integrated, inclusive and sustainable development. Localizing the 2030 Agenda is a process to empower local stakeholders and leverage their comparative advantages by mobilizing their specific economic, cultural, social and creative resources. It is aimed at making sustainable development more responsive and relevant to local needs and aspirations.

West Africa is at an important crossroads. The region has tremendous potential to advance in peace and sustainable development. It has demonstrated unique capacities for prevention including in The Gambia where the country averted potential instability following the elections in 2017. Similarly, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea successfully overcame the Ebola crisis. It is a region where current peace and development gains need to be protected and the people creating positive change need to be supported.

At the center of this initiative, an Exchange Forum entitled: “Localizing the 2030 Agenda: Building on What Works” will take place on 27-29 October 2019 in Banjul, the capital of The Gambia.

Grounded in a spirit of optimism for the future of West Africa, the Forum—the first of its kind in the sub-region—aims to stimulate an exchange of ideas amongst a diverse group of leaders from national governments and municipal authorities, to the UN system, bilateral and regional entities, entrepreneurs and community representatives coming from Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Liberia, Senegal, and Sierra Leone.



Goals & Objectives

- Gain awareness of existing transformative initiatives that local champions in the sub-region of West Africa have put in place to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- Generate potential partnerships between regional, bilateral and multilateral partners and local champions.
- Enable policymakers and UN officials at the global level to gain a practical understanding on how best to operationalize the SDGs at the local level.

A report highlighting the main outcomes of the Forum will be launched in New York in the spring of 2020, sharing lessons learned and best practices with the international community.

In addition, as we enter the “decade of action and delivery for sustainable development,” the UNTFHS, with support from the international community, will pool resources to scale up identified initiatives emerging from the Forum into operational programmes led by Resident Coordinators and implemented in partnership with governments, non-governmental entities, the private sector, and local champions and communities. These programmes will advance tangible improvements in the daily lives of people towards the transformative promise of the 2030 Agenda.

Applying the Human Security Approach

The 2030 Agenda calls for development strategies that result in more resilient societies where people are safe from chronic threats such as abject poverty, hunger, disease, violence and repression, and protected from sudden and hurtful disruptions in their daily lives.

To this end, the UN Trust Fund for Human Security brings more than 20 years of experience to tackle multidimensional challenges facing vulnerable communities. It guides localized analysis, planning and implementation among UN entities in collaboration with a broad range of partners. It promotes disaggregated analysis to collectively identify needs, address gaps and build on existing capacities, leveraging the ingenuity and initiatives of local actors and ensuring that no one is left behind.

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