

# Angola National Consultative Committee for LDC Graduation and Sustainable Development<sup>1</sup>

## I. Background

Angola's graduation from Least Developed Country (LDC) has been confirmed for February 2021 by Resolution, A/Res/70/253, adopted by the General Assembly on 12 February 2016. The country has laid out the ten steps of a Road Map to prepare its Smooth National LDC Transition Strategy towards Graduation on February 2021. This strategy must have a strong focus on the Human Asset Criteria and the Economic Vulnerability Criteria, as these are the two Graduation Criteria that were not met by the country when found eligible for Graduation.

At the same time, the smooth transition strategy should include the actions that Angola and development partners will take to make sure that the country is ready to deal with the losses and gains from graduation. Losses and gains relates to non-reimbursable aid for development, concessional loans and changes in trade instruments and regulations, among others.

Regarding the graduation criteria, the progress in the Human Asset Criteria is monitored with the Human Assets Index (HAI), which is a composite index based on four (4) indicators: percentage of undernourished people in the population, under-five mortality rate, gross secondary school enrolment rate and adult literacy rate.

With respect to Economic Vulnerability, the Economic Vulnerability Index (EVI) is the tool to monitor country progress. The EVI is also a composite index based on the following eight (8) indicators: population, average distance from major markets, share of population living in low-lying areas, share of agriculture, forestry and fisheries in GDP, merchandise export concentration index, share of victims of natural disasters in the population, index of instability of agricultural production and index of instability of exports of goods and services.

As can be observed, all the indicators for graduation have a direct and strong correspondence with the Goals, Targets and Indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which Angola endorsed in September, 2015 in the United Nations Summit.

Based on the above and to maximize the country efforts and strengthen development synergies, the Angolan Government has decided to create a joint National Consultative Committee to push forward and monitor progress on the implementation of the Road Map towards Graduation from LDC in February 2021 and on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## II. Expected Results of the National Consultative Committee for LDC Graduation and Sustainable Development:

1. Prioritization of SDG and Graduation Indicators and to closely follow up of the progress and constraints regarding the implementation of the LDC Graduation Road Map and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

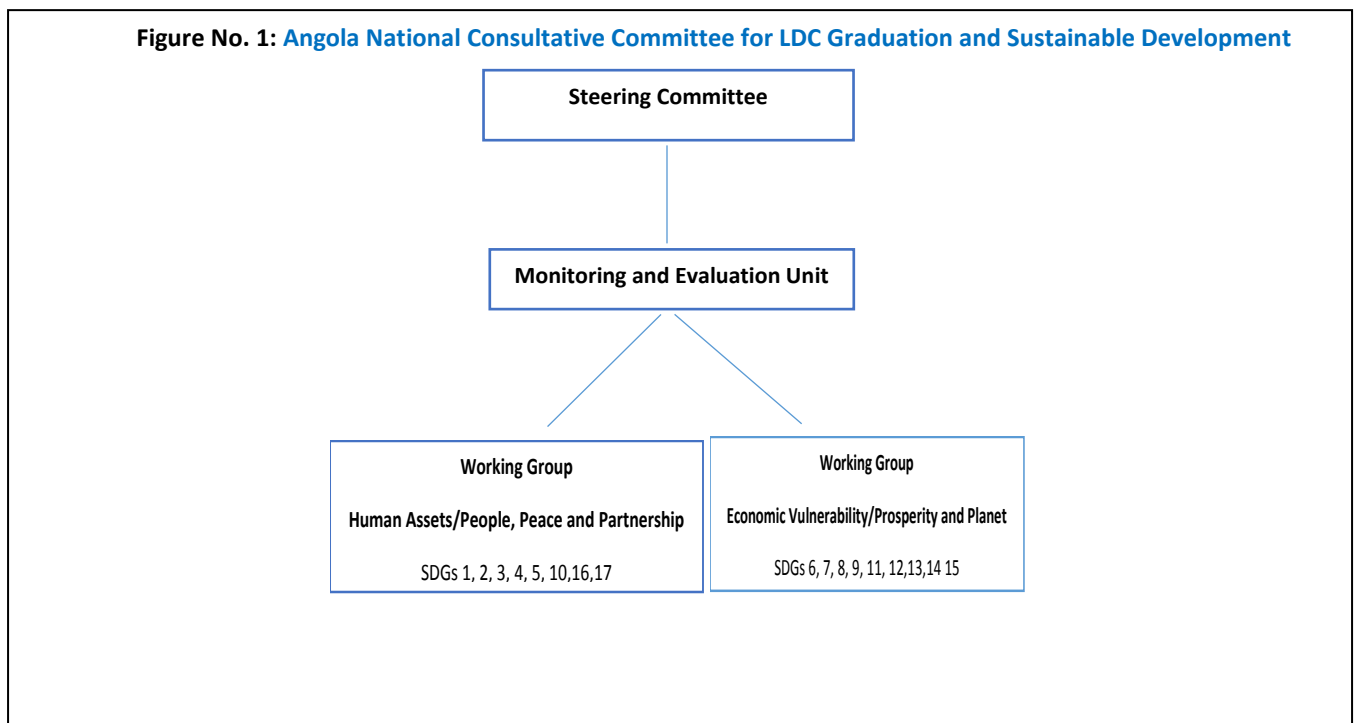
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<sup>1</sup>This proposal has been elaborated by UNDP Angola. The proposal is for consideration and comments from the Angolan Government and UN Agencies.

2. Timely and high-level advice and decision making to correct any detour on the implementation of LDC Graduation Road Map, and in the achievement of the SDGs.
3. Promote full mainstreaming and alignment of the LDC graduation Road Maps and SDGs into the National Plan and into the national budget.
4. Generation of positive development synergies among the different stakeholders involve in the graduation process and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), to enhance complementarity and coordination to provide the best possible conditions for Angola's transition and development process.

### III. Composition and Responsibilities of the National Consultative Committee for LDC Graduation and Sustainable Development:

Figure No. 1, presents the composition of the National Consultative Committee for LDC Graduation and



Sustainable Development.

#### III.A. Steering Committee

**Composition:** The Steering Committee will be co-chaired by the Minister of Planning and Territorial Development and the United Nations Resident Coordinator. Its 40 members represent Governmental Ministries, Parliament, NGOs, Academia, Private Sector and International Cooperation Partners. The representation must be at the highest institutional level, with full delegation power, in order to allow timely decision making. The Ministers that constitute the Steering Committee will be from Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Finance; Health; Education; Family and Women Promotion; Territorial Administration; Ministry of Public Administration, Ministry and Justice and Human Rights, Labor and Social Security;

Economy; Commerce; Industry; Agriculture, Environment<sup>2</sup>, the INE Director and the Secretary of Economics Affairs of the Presidency. Parliament will be represented by the Head of the Commissions of Economy and Finance, Health, and Education. From NGOs and Academia, ADRA- Rural Development and Environment Action, Women Network, the Research Center of Agostino Neto University and the Center for Research of the Catholic University will be invited to participate. From Private Sector, the Angola Industrial Association, the Angolan Chamber of Commerce and a National Union of Angolan Workers (UNTA), will join. From international development institutions: UN Agencies will be represented by the UN Resident Coordinator<sup>3</sup>, World Bank, African Development Bank, International Monetary Fund, the European Union and UNDP as lead UN Agency in the process. From bilateral partners: China, United States of America, Portugal, Japan, Brazil, South Korea, South Africa, Botswana and Cape Verde.

### **Responsibilities and Working Modalities:**

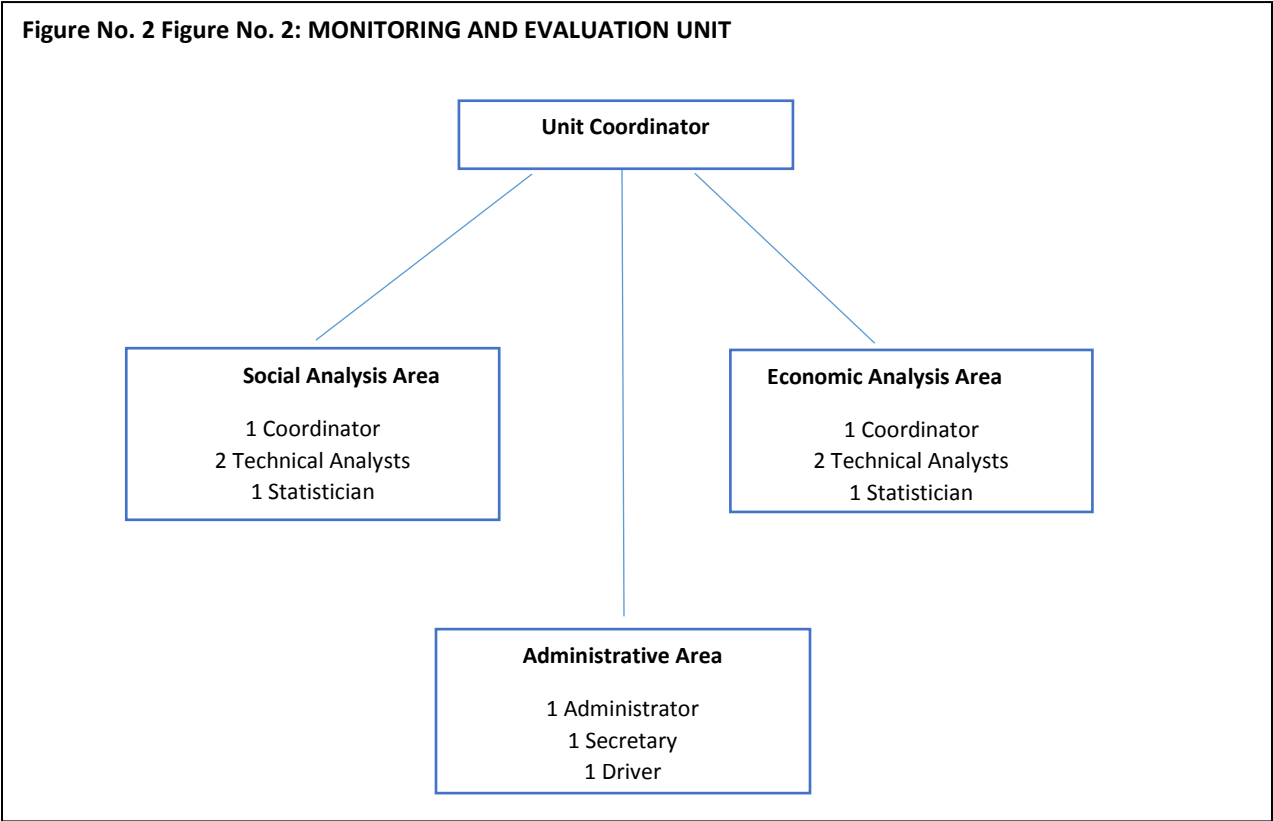
- ✓ Promote full mainstream and alignment of the LDC graduation Road Maps and SDGs into the National Plan and into the national budget.
- ✓ To establish the main milestones that Angola should accomplish along the LDC Graduation Process and the
- ✓ Close follow up of the progress and constraints regarding the implementation of the LDC Graduation Road Map and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- ✓ Timely and high-level advice and decision making to correct any detour on the implementation of LDC Graduation Road Map, and in the achievement of the SDGs.
- ✓ Generation of positive development synergies among the different stakeholders involve in the graduation process and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), to enhance complementary and coordination.
- ✓ The Steering Committee will meet twice a year.
- ✓ Present a two-page Executive Report to H.E. President of Angola. The two-page Executive Report should indicate progress achieved and exiting bottle necks, with concrete recommendations to overcome them.

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<sup>2</sup> The following Ministers can be invited for consultations: Ministers of Interior, Parliamentary Matters, Former combatants and veterans of the homeland, Social Communication, Hotel and Tourism, Geology and Mines, Petroleum, Science and Technology, Housing and Urbanism, Transportation, Energy and Water, Telecommunications and Information Technologies, Culture, Youth and Sports, Assistance and Social Reinsertion, Fisheries and Construction.

<sup>3</sup> When addressing issues that require UN Agencies expert advice, the relevant heads of agencies may be invited to participate.

III.B. Monitoring and Evaluation Unit



**Composition:** Figure No. 2 illustrates the composition of the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit. The Unit will be coordinated by and located in the Ministry of Planning and Territorial Development (MPDT), with full involvement of the National Institute of Statistics. The Unit will count with financial autonomy. The financing of the Unit will come from Governmental budget and development partners. The UNDP will provide technical advisory services to the Unit, and will coordinate the UN Agencies contributions and collaborations, including the ones from the UN working groups, such as the UN Monitoring and Evaluation Group.

The Unit will be headed by a Coordinator, that will be a high-level Angolan Professional with proven professional working experience in the areas of competence. All Ministries of the Angolan Government will appoint a technical focal point to work with the Unit on needs relating to Monitoring and Evaluation. The Unit coordinator will report directly to the Minister of Planning and Territorial Development, as co-chair of the Steering Committee.

To accomplish the Unit responsibilities, the Coordinator will be supported by two technical coordinators. One specialized in the economic area and the other one in social analysis. Professionals for each area will include 2 technical analysts and 1 statistician.

For the management and follow up of administrative issues of the unit, there will be the respective administrative personnel as shown in Figure No. 2

### Responsibilities:

- ✓ Information gathering to closely follow up on progress in the implementation of the LDC Graduation Road Map and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- ✓ Identification and Establishment of baselines for Graduation and SDGs.
- ✓ Alert the Steering Committee on potential detour from targets.
- ✓ Technical Coordination of the 2 working groups on Human Assets/ People, Peace and Partnership and Economic Vulnerability/Prosperity and Planet.
- ✓ Follow up of the progress of all the sub-groups that might be created within the 2 working groups.
- ✓ Assess impact of key governmental programs and projects on the Human Asset and Economic Vulnerability Indexes, as well as in the SDGs targets.
- ✓ Assess the gains and losses from graduation for Angola, particularly those regarding non-reimbursable aid for development as well as changes in trade instruments and regulations, among others.
- ✓ Identify potential actions that can be taken by the Angolan Government and bilateral and multilateral development partners to smooth removal of benefits in a gradual manner.
- ✓ Produced trimestral reports on progress as well as challenges that must be overcome for Steering Committee consideration and decision making.
- ✓ Prepare all the technical documentation and logistical arrangements for the 2 annual meetings of the Steering Committee.
- ✓ Aide- mémoire and follow up of the agreements reached in the meetings of the Steering Committee.
- ✓ Produce every year of the National Report on LDC Graduation and every two years, the National Report on SDGs progress and challenges. The prior will be done with support and consultation of the UN Agencies and other development partners such as IMF, World Bank and African Development Bank.

### III.D. Working Groups:

**Composition.** Table No. 1 below presents the two (2) Working Groups that will take forward the technical support towards the achievement of the Human Assets and Economic Vulnerability Index, within the context of sustainable development.

Table No.1		
Group/Sub-Group	Technical Coordinator	Institutional CO-Chairs
<b>Working Group Human Assets/People, Peace and Partnership</b> SDGs, 1,2,3,4,5,10, 16 and 17	<b>1 Technical Coordinator of the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit</b>	<b>2 Ministries to be determined by Government to proactively move forward this key task</b>  <b>2 UN Agencies based on the Table of UN SDGs Lead Agencies attached.</b>
<b>Working Group Economic Vulnerability/Prosperity and Planet</b> SDGs 6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15	<b>1 Technical Coordinator of the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit</b>	<b>2 Ministries to be determined by Government to proactively move forward this key task</b>  <b>2 UN Agencies based on the Table of UN SDGs Lead Agencies attached.</b>

As observed in Table No. 1, there will be 2 Working Groups. One on Human Assets which reflects three Ps of the SDGs, People, Peace and Partnership, and the other one on Economic Vulnerability corresponding with the SDGs Ps, for Prosperity and Planet. Each of the groups will have a technical coordinator from the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit.

Each of the 2 working groups must decide if there will be sub-groups. How many and which institutions will be in each one of them

All Government Ministries will send to Steering Committee a nomination of a focal point to the Group(s) per their institutional mandate. The UN-Agencies, Resident and Non-Residents will do the same.

The Steering Committee will also extend an invitation to representatives of Civil Society, Academia, Private Sector and International Cooperation to nominate a focal point to integrate each of the Groups per their area of expertise and interest.

The size of the 2 working groups and if there will be sub-groups will be determined, once having the list of all the stakeholders that will participate in these processes. The 2 working groups will be focalized on specific indicators of the graduation criteria's and SDGs. Each group must have an INE representative.

As mentioned above, each of the sub-groups will nominate its representatives to the corresponding working group.

***Important reminder:***

***As there are some sectorial working groups already operational, to avoid duplication of efforts, all the governmental and UN working groups already functioning will be taken into consideration, when determining the conformation of the Graduation-SDGs Working Groups.***

**Responsibilities of the 2 Working Groups:**

- ✓ Promote full mainstream and alignment of the LDC graduation Road Maps and SDGs into the National Plan and into the national budget.
- ✓ Clear identification of the indicators that Angola needs to improve to reach the Human Asset and Economic Vulnerability Criteria's, under the framework of sustainable development (SDGs).
- ✓ Prioritization of SDGs targets that will have higher impact in reaching the graduation indicators on Human Assets and Economic Vulnerability. In this way Angola can build its own Graduation-SDGs tailor made Agenda.
- ✓ Identification of the available information for those targets prioritized and for which more information is needed.
- ✓ Consolidation of a database that can help to follow up progress on the targets and indicators prioritized.
- ✓ Identification of new data collection instruments needed to gather information for follow up on progress.
- ✓ Identification of the key programs and projects that can trigger more progress in the Targets already prioritized, and support lead Ministry to advocate for these projects to be included in the Angola budget 2018 that will be approved by the end of 2017.

- ✓ Follow up on progress achieved and bottle necks found.
- ✓ Support to the Angola Government with a sensitization campaign that allows provinces to participate, otherwise it would be considered a very centralized Graduation-SDGs tailor made Agenda.
- ✓ 2 Pager Quarterly Report to the Steering Committee on progress achieved and steps needed to overcome the bottle necks.
- ✓ Provide substantive inputs to the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit to produce every year the National Report on LDC Graduation and every two years, the National Report on SDGs progress and challenges.

**Annex 1.- SDGs: UN Lead Agencies**  
(Based on UN PMG work)

	UN Agencies	
	Lead	Other Relevant Agencies
SDG 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere	UNDP	FAO UNICEF
SDG 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture	FAO	WFP
SDG 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages	WHO	UNFPA UNAIDS UNICEF UNDP
SDG 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all	UNICEF	UNFPA
SDG 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls	UNDP UNFPA	UNICEF UNAIDS FAO
SDG 6. Ensure access to water and sanitation for all	UNICEF	FAO UNDP UN-HABITAT
SDG 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all	UNDP	UN-HABITAT
SDG 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all	FAO	UNHCR UNDP
SDG 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation	UNIDO	UN-HABITAT UNDP
SDG 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries	UNDP	UNHCR UNAIDS UNICEF
SDG 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable	UN-HABITAT	IOM
SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns	UNEP	FAO
SDG 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	UNDP	FAO UNFPA IOM UN-HABITAT UNICEF
SDG 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development	FAO	UNDP
SDG 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	UNDP FAO	UN-HABITAT
SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels	UNDP	IOM UNHCR UNAIDS UNICEF



**SDG 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development**

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AGENCIES