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Considering Domestication of the SDGs, Agenda 2030, and Agenda 2063 in regard to Eritrea



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Domestication

- No formal national agency or entity tasked with implementing or monitoring the SDGs and Agenda 2063
- Many national policies, action plans, and strategies are closely aligned with and support progress towards the SDGs and Agenda 2063
 - *National Charter (1994)*
 - *“Leaving no one behind”*
 - *Joint Strategic Cooperative Framework (2022-2026)*
 - *Many others, including: Macro Policy, National Indicative Development Plans, and various sector-specific strategic development plans*



Domestication

- Eritrea is party to many international agreements, conventions, and frameworks
 - Have special relevance to and bearing on the SDGs and Agenda 2063
 - Reinforce domestication and encourage progress, especially via participatory mechanisms and obligations
 - *Beijing Declaration and CSW*
 - *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*
 - *Many others, including: Convention on Biological Diversity, Convention to Combat Desertification, Convention on the Rights of the Child, Kyoto Protocol*



Domestication

- Public events and campaigns
 - Regular and frequent
 - Involve communities, schools, various groups or stakeholders, and mass media
 - Occur nationwide and in all languages
 - Raise public awareness and understanding
 - Help promote domestic ownership and responsibility
 - Bolster mobilization, participation, and progress



Domestication

- Education system

- Concepts and themes from GCED and ESD* are highly mainstreamed and integrated (e.g., curricula, teacher training, etc.)
 - **Rights, tolerance and understanding, peace, respect, inclusion, equality and social justice, sustainability, ethics, citizenship, and responsibility in a global and local context*
- Youth
 - Large part of population
 - Referenced explicitly/implicitly in SDGs and Agenda 2063
 - Offer fresh perspectives
 - Help drive progress and implementation



Domestication

- While policies and framework are broadly consistent and positively aligned, still much room for improvement
 - For example: Eritrea lacks adequate national and sectoral climate change policies (SDG 13 or Goal 3)
 - More comprehensive approach can identify opportunities for tighter alignment
- Improve national statistical capacity and mainstream indicators into national framework
 - Promote monitoring, evaluation, reporting
 - Support identification of opportunities and actions to accelerate progress
 - Assist planning, budgeting, and implementation of evidence-based policies
 - Promote transparency and accountability



Domestication

- Greater engagement with:
 - Private sector
 - Integrate SDGs and Agenda 2063 into business models and processes
 - Help drive innovation
 - Improve monitoring, evaluation, and reporting
 - Academia
 - Source of cutting-edge research, analysis, and innovation



Domestication

- Develop central, executive-level body or focal points within relevant agencies
 - Streamline approach and implementation
 - Strengthen coherence, promote synergies and mitigate trade-offs*
- Raise awareness and understanding
 - Particularly for Agenda 2063



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Whole of Society

- Whole-of-society approach
 - Meaningful participation involving different groups throughout process of implementation
 - Government
 - Local communities
 - CSOs (women, youth, students, etc.)
 - External partners
 - Plug gaps and build capacity
 - Ensure that projects are locally-driven and will meet needs and requirements of local communities
 - Promotes ownership and long-term sustainability of initiatives

Insights



- A young, low-income country, Eritrea has been confronted by – and still faces – an array of challenges
 - Harsh environment and climate change
 - Geopolitics, regional insecurity, and armed conflict
 - Regional terror threats
 - Unilateral sanctions
- However, against this backdrop it has registered important achievements in different areas, including (among others)
 - Health
 - Education
 - Gender equality
- Eritrea's successes offer moral encouragement and tangible example that progress is possible