



## Supporting the SDGs Implementation in Ukraine

### Project Concept

Timeline: 10 November 2017- 30 April 2018

Budget: 70,000 Euro

### 1. Background information

At the UN Sustainable Development Summit of September 2015, UN Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at its core. The Agenda strives for a world that is just, rights-based, equitable and inclusive. It commits all countries to work together to promote sustained and inclusive economic growth, social development and environmental protection and to benefit all, including women, children, youth and future generations. It is to be implemented in a manner consistent with existing obligations of states under international law. This new universal agenda requires an integrated approach to sustainable development and collective action, at all levels, to address the challenges of our time, with an overarching imperative of 'leaving no one behind' and addressing inequalities and discrimination as the central defining feature.

On 1 January 2016, the 17 SDGs of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development officially came into effect. Over the next fifteen years, with these new Goals that universally apply to all, countries will mobilize efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind. The SDGs and targets are integrated and indivisible, global in nature and universally applicable, taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities.

The SDGs, also known as Global Goals, build on the success of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and aim to go further in their ambition to be bold and transformative. The new Goals are unique in that they call for action by all countries, poor, rich and middle-income to promote prosperity while protecting the planet. They recognize that ending poverty must go hand-in-hand with strategies that build economic growth and address a range of social needs including education, health, social protection, and job opportunities, while tackling climate change and environmental protection.

While the SDGs are not legally binding, governments are expected to take ownership and establish national frameworks for the achievement of the 17 Goals. Countries have the primary responsibility for follow-up and review of the progress made in implementing the Goals, which will require quality, accessible and timely data collection.

A series of initiatives to support the adaptation and implementation of the SDGs in Ukraine were undertaken. The Government of Ukraine took ownership for the adaptation of the SDGs into the national context. It has committed that the SDGs will serve as a basis for

strategic planning of the country's development and as a platform for sectoral strategies and annual plans until 2030.<sup>1</sup> The Government of Ukraine, specifically the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT), led the preparation of the National Baseline Report 'Sustainable Development Goals: Ukraine' with support from the UN/UNDP.<sup>2</sup> The Report was officially released in September 2017 and it highlights the baseline level of the SDGs targets and benchmark indicators for 2020, 2025, and 2030.

The preparation of the Report was preceded by a series of regional and national consultations. Regional consultations on the SDGs were co-organized by the local administration, the UN and MEDT in 10 cities: Dnipro, Zhytomyr, Zaporizhia, Lutsk, Mariupol, Sumy, Ternopil, Uzhgorod, Cherkasy and Chernivtsi, among which events in Dnipro and Lutsk were organised in partnership with the GIZ "Programme to Support the Green Modernisation of the Ukrainian Economy" (Green Economy Programme). Approximately 700 participants representing oblast and local authorities, civil society, international organizations, and academia took part in the consultations to define main development objectives at the national and oblast levels and the ways to achieve them.

The national consultations took place in Kyiv and involved around 300 participants representing government institutions, UN Agencies, academia, civil society and think tanks. 17 SDGs were discussed according to four areas: Sustainable Economic Growth & Employment, Equitable Social Development, Environmental Sustainability & Resilience Building, Accountable & Inclusive Governance & Justice for All.

As a result of multi-stakeholder consultations, the following objectives of sustainable development of Ukraine have been specified: (i) economic growth will be ensured foremost by boosting innovations, accelerated infrastructure development, increase of savings and reducing dependence on foreign loans; (ii) balanced distribution of economic growth results will reduce inequality, including gender disparity; (iii) growth rates will ensure full employment, poverty reduction, and with due consideration of sustainable production and consumption will contribute to the restoration and protection of ecosystems; (iv) effective and accountable governance will leave no one behind.

In addition, UNDP supported the process of elaboration of the Sustainable Development Strategy for Ukraine until 2030, which was proposed for consideration by the President's Administration and the Cabinet of Ministers as a framework tool to ensure that all national policies are guided by the SDGs and contribute to their implementation.

## 2. Principles

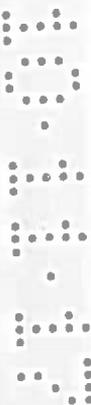
The project will be based on Mainstreaming, Acceleration and Policy Support (MAPS) that was adopted by the UN Development Group in October 2015 as a common approach to its support to implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the country level.<sup>3</sup> The main concept to be promoted by the project will be that the SDGs and

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<sup>1</sup> See President Poroshenko's address at the Sustainable Development Summit in September 2015 at <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/20898ukraine.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [http://un.org.ua/images/SDGs\\_NationalReportEN\\_Web.pdf](http://un.org.ua/images/SDGs_NationalReportEN_Web.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://undg.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/MAPS-Concept-Note-Oct-2015-ENDORSED-BY-UNDG-on-26.10.15.pdf>



targets are integrated and indivisible, all 17 SDGs are equally important and interrelated. The proposed project will have a special emphasis on the SDGs 8, 9 and 12, indicated as the priority SDGs in the framework of the Milestone Plan of the GIZ Green Economy Programme for 2017-2018.

Core principles that will guide the project implementation process include:

- *Country-led, evidence-based, citizens-oriented and results-focused approaches:* the project will address the needs that the country has and develop the national capacity.
- *Integration:* the project will utilize an integrated approach to sustainable development through multi-sectoral approaches.
- *Collaboration:* the project will complement, enrich and collaborate with other projects, organizations and entities dealing with the SDGs implementation in one or another way.
- *Innovation and experimentation:* the project will promote a space for innovative thinking and experimentation to explore tailored solutions based on the changing environments and country contexts and needs.

### 3. Project objective and implementation strategy

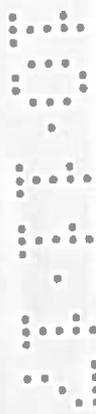
The overall objective of the project is to promote and support the implementation of 2030 Agenda and the SDGs through an **enhanced monitoring system, strengthened capacity in SDGs-based planning and mainstreaming into regional strategies and programmes, and broader public awareness and support.**

Success in the effective implementation of the SDGs in Ukraine will depend on the capacity to create an open platform gathering a wide range of partners willing to participate in the shaping of the SDGs, and subsequently in their monitoring, including through innovative technologies. The government will have a key role in this regard and it is expected that the SDG framework, established by the National Baseline Report 'Sustainable Development Goals: Ukraine', will be fully taken into consideration in the various governmental processes of strategic planning, forecasting and development programming, including at the subnational and local levels, as well as in the reform documents of the country.

The project will be complementary to other efforts of UN agencies and donor community to contribute to the SDGs achievement in Ukraine. The project will work with the Government of Ukraine, the MEDT, line ministries, State Statistics Service, regional and local authorities, civil society and think tanks.

The proposed project will be fully integrated into the three-pillar programme of UNDP Ukraine, articulated in UNDP Country Programme Document for 2018-2022 and the United Nations Development Assistance Programme for 2018-2022 that emphasize the linkages between governance reform, recovery and peacebuilding, energy, environment and climate policies and sustainable human development, as stipulated in the SDGs.

At the regional level, the project will utilize UNDP local presence and implementation mechanism developed in the framework of 'Community Based-Approach to Local



Development (CBA) project over nine years. The project will also utilize networks and platforms, established by other UNDP projects, such as 'Strengthening SME Business Membership Organizations' project.

#### 4. Project components and activities

##### Component 1: Monitoring of implementation of the nationally adopted SDGs 8, 9 and 12 and respective targets

The project will support the Government of Ukraine, the MEDT, line ministries and the State Statistics Service to establish an effective system for monitoring the adopted national and regional/local SDGs, targets and indicators through data collection, analysis, interpretation and dissemination. A crucial factor of success in the SDGs monitoring is strengthening the statistical capacity in the central and regional/local administrations of Ukraine so that the data attached to the indicators are reliable, regularly collected, known and used by policy makers, and broadly disseminated to the population at large. Disaggregation of data is a major issue at stake as this is the finest way to compare the real impact of policies on groups according to age, gender, ethnic backgrounds, education attainment, income level and places of residence.

The following activities will be implemented under this component:

Activity 1.1: The project will organize an expert discussion on indicators of the SDGs 8, 9 and 12 as they are set in the National Baseline Report 'Sustainable Development Goals: Ukraine', as well as with reference to the global indicators. The discussion will be informed by the analytical report prepared by UNDP in October 2017: 'Mapping of SDGs indicators availability in Ukraine', which provides an overview of available indicators in the national statistical system and data gaps. The discussion will be focused on quality of available statistical data; data gaps; approaches to data collection, analysis and dissemination; roles and responsibilities of respective institutions at the national and regional levels.

Activity 1.2: Based on the results of the above-mentioned analytical report 'Mapping of SDGs indicators availability in Ukraine' and the abovementioned consultation, the project will support development of methodology for data collection, processing and dissemination for one or several indicators that are not yet collected/monitored. If the time and funds permit, piloting of the data collection for one indicator will be supported as well. This will be implemented in close partnership with the MEDT and the State Statistics Service of Ukraine with involvement of expert community and think tanks.

Budget for Component 1:

Consultancy fees:	
Expert in statistics to run consultations	19,000 euro
Expert in statistics to develop methodology	
Piloting data collection	
Conference service, local travel	3,000 euro

## **Component 2: Mainstreaming the SDGs into regional development frameworks in Volyn and Dnipro oblasts**

The project will support the Government of Ukraine, MEDT, line Ministries, regional and local authorities in effective SDGs-based policy-making and strategic planning to ensure the integration and implementation of the SDGs. Importantly, given the decentralization processes, the project will support the process of localization of the SDGs at the sub-national level. The localization of the SDGs offers opportunities for a region-to-region partnership and peer exchanges related to the SDGs, with a particular focus on the SDGs 8, 9 and 12.

The following activities will be implemented under this component:

**Activity 2.1:** The project will support Volyn and Dnipro oblasts to establish regional SDGs frameworks, define regional SDGs targets and indicators. The nationally agreed SDGs, targets and indicators, set in the in the National Baseline Report 'Sustainable Development Goals: Ukraine', will serve a basis for this activity. Prior to this, an approach to adaptation of the SDGs at the regional level will be defined and agreed by the Government of Ukraine, MEDT and regional administrations. As a result, two Baseline Reports – 'SDGs: Volyn' and 'SDGs: Dnipro' – will be prepared in a participatory manner and widely disseminated. In fact, these two oblasts will become pilot regions for the SDGs localization at the sub-national level in Ukraine.

**Activity 2.2:** The project will support two capacity development events (trainings) for local decision-makers in Volyn and Dnipro oblasts on integration and mainstreaming SDGs into the regional decision-making process. Respective local civil society organizations and think tanks will be invited to participate.

Budget for Component 2:

Consultancy fees: 2 local consultants on SDGs localization and preparation of regional reports 1 national trainer for capacity development	20,000 euro
Conference service, local travel	5,000 euro

## **Component 3: Promotion of the SDGs**

Promoting, advocating and raising awareness among various stakeholders, such as governmental, non-governmental and international institutions and society at large, on the SDGs is key to successful SDGs adaptation in Ukraine. Private sector will be a particular focus of this component. This component will be implemented in close collaboration with UNDP Project 'Strengthening SME Business Membership Organizations', and will utilize its partnerships and platforms.

The following activities will be implemented under this component:



Activity 3.1: Using the available business platforms, such as business associations, chambers, Global Compact, etc, the project will arrange a series of information sharing and communication activities and events to inform the business about the SDGs, its roles and responsibilities, as well as best practices from the world.

Activity 3.2: The project will support development, production and dissemination of various information and advocacy materials, guidelines, toolkits and updates targeting business community on the SDGs implementation in the world and in Ukraine.

Budget for Component 3:

Conference service	5,000 euro
Translation, publications	3,000 euro

5. **Geographic scope:** nationwide, with a particular focus on Volyn and Dnipro oblasts
6. **Project duration:** November 2017 – 31 April 2018
7. **Preliminary budget:** 70,000 euro
8. **Consolidated project budget:**

Consultancy fees	39,000 euro
Conference service, local travel	13,000 euro
Publications, translations	3,000 euro
Project management, including UNDP GMS	15,000 euro
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70,000 euro</b>

