



The Banjul Declaration
Localizing the 2030 Agenda: Building on What Works
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Welcoming the participation of Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Liberia, Senegal, and Sierra Leone at the Localizing the 2030 Agenda: Building on What Works,

Recognizing the Government of The Gambia for hosting the first sub-regional Forum on Localizing the 2030 Agenda.

Recognizing international organizations such as Senegalo-Gambia Secretariat, the UN Country Teams, UN Human Security Trust Fund, the International Peace Institute and other partners for their efforts and support leading up to a successful first 2030 Agenda Exchange Forum in Banjul.

Also recognizing that some of these lessons can be shared and applied in the region and globally to help accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

Acknowledging that the implementation of the 2030 Agenda is a multilevel and multi-stakeholder process that requires a new institutional approach, with inclusive dialogue and a strong complementarity and cooperation among the different spheres of government – local, subnational, national, regional and global – and with the communities they serve and represent;

Underscoring that localization of the SDGs is essential to enhance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through a bottom-up process, where ownership at the subnational and community level is needed, as well as transparent and open governments and mutual accountability, and that the SDGs can offer an integrated framework for local and territorial development;

Recognizing the commitment of the international community in the localization of the 2030 Agenda and their support to these bottom-up approaches in coordination with government and regional organizations within the context of the Paris Declaration of Aid Effectiveness;

Noting that 2020 starts the decade of delivery and that we only have 10 years to achieve the goals and targets;

We, the eight countries that met in Banjul, have decided to commit to the following actions:

1. Commit to the localization of the 2030 Agenda by strengthening local institutions, building capacities of communities;
2. Commit to accelerating community development through innovative, inclusive and participatory approaches;
3. Commit to an annual Exchange Forum to take stock of progress and lessons learned;
4. Commit to leading the support mechanism that would localize the 2030 Agenda and align international aid with domestic resources to scale-up in a sustainable and lasting way for greater impact.