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**TRAINING OF 46 TRAINERS  
FROM CAMEROON, GHANA, NIGERIA, SIERRA  
LEONE, TOGO AND UGANDA  
ON LOCALIZING THE SDGS AND  
TERRITORIAL PLANNING**

**Accra, Ghana, from April 24 – 26, 2019  
Venue: Executive Conference Center of GIMPA**



In the framework of the partnership between the African Local Government Academy (ALGA) of UCLG-Africa, UCLG Learning and the Municipal Institute of Learning (MILE) of the Ethekewini Municipality in Durban, South Africa, several activities were completed, namely:

- Design and Piloting of SDG Training Modules
- Training of Trainers
- Awareness raising targeting the National Associations of Local Authorities
- Organization of joint activities on the localization of SDGs.

As a continuation of this partnership and as part of ALGA's short-term continuous training offer to colleges, ALGA, with the support and mobilization of its partners, namely the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), the National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana (NALAG), United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) - UCLG Learning, The Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) and MILE, as anchoring institutes of ALGA, organized a training of trainers workshop on **Localizing the SDGs and Territorial Planning - April 24-26 in Accra, Ghana**, dedicated to enable and capacitate African participants.

The main objective was to train a third cohort of trainers from Ghana and the other African Regions on localizing the SDGs and territorial planning and the purpose of the mission was to disseminate this training offer in Africa.

The Training of Trainers program on localizing SDGs and territorial planning aimed to:

- ✓ Provide a space for learning, sharing and exchanging experiences and best practices in order to raise the level of awareness and advocacy for local actors in the SDG ownership, localization process and territorial planning.
- ✓ Propose strategies and tools that facilitate the effective participation of local and regional governments in the process of implementing policies, plans and strategies for achieving SDGs;
- ✓ Develop the methodology for determining targets and indicators to measure the impact of actions at the local level;
- ✓ Provide tools and didactic materials to disseminate the dynamic of localizing the SDGs.

The session took place over three days of residential training. The training of trainers' curriculum alternated the theoretical input phases with practical exercises, group work and simulation.



Different aspects of the process of localization such as awareness raising, linking strategies with the national level, alignment of strategic plans at the local level, supervision and monitoring of the localization processes and communication of archived results.

Officials engaged in defining the roles and responsibilities of the municipality in terms of localizing and implementing sustainable development goals. Emphasis was placed on SDGs in the context of territorial planning, which deals with plans and tools for strategic or integrated planning.

The workshop brought together **46 participants** from **Cameroon, Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Togo and Uganda.**

The official opening of the workshop was marked by the speech of the President of NALAG, Hon. Mr. Felix Mensah Nii Anang-La, the Vice-Rector of GIMPA, Prof. Philip Osei, as well as the Representative of ALGA of UCLG Africa. They each emphasized the importance and the relevance of this theme and welcomed the partnership with UCLG Africa and its Academy.

A field visit to the **Tema Metropolitan Assembly (TMA)** was organized during which participants were received by the Mayor of Tema, Hon. Mr. Felix Mensah Nii Anang-La, the Coordinator Director Mr Alhaji Shehu and his team.



Each made a presentation of the strategic plan, program and the ongoing projects of TMA in connection with the SGDS, an overview of the resources allocated for the realization of these projects and strategic plans. They also delivered an overview of the strategies that the TMA had put in place towards the realization of the 17 Goals of the SDGs.



Participants then visited the port of Tema, the leading container hub in West Africa, where they could see on-site integrated projects that are underway. Following this, participants visited the Tema International Maritime Hospital (G.P.H.A).



Participants were fully engaged during the 3-day workshop where fruitful discussions took place. The objectives of the workshop were achieved and participants departed to their respective territories as actors for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with the different tools of implementation that were presented.

The closing ceremony was chaired by the NALAG President who raised the importance of awareness and advocacy of local actors in the ownership and process of the localization of SDGs.

The representative of the Director of ALGA thanked participants for their attendance throughout the workshop. She also expressed warm gratitude to all the partners of UCLG Africa and ALGA who facilitated the organization and conduct of the training, with special reference to NALAG and GIMPA.

Certificates were given to participants at the end of the session.

