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The following activities are a small sample of what UNA Tanzania has been conducting between September and November this year.

Tanzania Civil Society week 2018

Dodoma

In October, the annual Tanzanian Civil Society Week brought together over 300 CSOs from Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar, and was a great opportunity for UNA Tanzania to communicate its work while networking and finding new partners.

UNA Tanzania Secretary General, Reynald Maeda, also participated in a panel together with Rebbeca Gyumi, the Executive Director of Msichana Initiative. Maeda highlighted the importance of youth inclusion in Tanzania's industrialization drive. He expressed his views on young people as equal partners in order to properly promote sustainable development and making Tanzania an industrial economy by 2025.



Mr. Reynald Maeda, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Association (UNA) in Tanzania, and Ms. Rebbeca Gyumi, the Executive Director of Msichana Initiative share their contributions during the "Youth and Children a unique opportunity for sustainable development in Tanzania" dialogue yesterday.

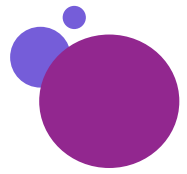
"This generation is the most educated, the most informed and the most connected. That is our biggest advantage," – UNA Tanzania Secretary-General Reynald Maeda

Youth and children have a significant role in sustainable development



The Right(s) Way Forward

Pemba Island, Zanzibar



As UNA is commencing the mid-term evaluation of the Right(s) Way Forward project on Pemba, the impact is already seen in some of targeted districts. The project is developed to be a community based participatory tool that aims at empowering community members to analyze the community's environmental degradations, gender inequalities, their use of natural resources.

Chake-Chake district – Since the RWF is a community-based approach and community members participation is crucial. Therefore, the training of community facilitators has been of great importance to guarantee the process is moving forward. The facilitators have been trained on the concepts of sustainability, human rights and gender equality.

The community facilitators have been equipped with knowledge on how to actively engage in dialogues for with their respective community leaders to foster the implementation of the community action plan.

Local, regional, national and international stakeholders were identified with the purpose of understanding how each one can contribute to the implementation of the action plan. A decision-making table was created to see which stakeholder should be approached depending on the issue on the table.

Mkoani district – The workshop for members of Mkoani City Council included awareness raising on the SDGs, human rights and gender equality, but it also identified linkages between the SDGs and Zanzibar's own national plans for development.

The training recognized stricter supervision of human rights policies, including better monitoring and evaluation frameworks for Pemba.

Kengeja district – During a three-day training session, thirty women underwent entrepreneurial and leaderships skills training where they learnt about self-awareness and financial literacy to conduct sustainable businesses.

Through field trips to local farms and businesses and various training sessions, the women gained inspiration and strengthened their skills on how to conduct small businesses. These involve; bee keeping, soap manufacturing, tailoring, making sitting mates, vegetables plantation, oil and nuts producing and porridge selling

As one outcome of the CAP was to open environmental school clubs in the district of Kengeja, UNA went there to advocate for environmental conservation and how it indirectly affects people's livelihoods and health. To students, staff, community- and religious leaders UNA talked about how deforestation contribute to soil erosion and salt water intrusion – the movement of salt water into freshwater aquifers which lead to contamination of drinking water sources and worsen conditions for agriculture activities



Class president Ismail is sharing his views on the environmental school club in Kengeja

The Right(s) Way Forward process has three main parts consisting of **Community Mobilization**, **Dialogue for Change** and **Implementation of Joint Agreement**. These three parts build on each other as the overall process moves forward. There is also a part in the process representing implementation of activities in the community action plan that the community can do independently to assure sustainability

Councilors Training

Kilwa district, Lindi region



In September UNA Tanzania held a training session for the Kilwa district ward-councils on SDG literacy, their linkages to Local Government Authorities (LGA), human rights and public servants ethics.

The 33 participants discussed the meaning of accountability and the importance of completing responsibilities for the greater good of the community. The workshop further explained the linkages between international agreements- such as the Agenda 2030- with the Five-Year Development Plan II. Much focus was put on LGAs role in promoting inclusive sustainable development and understanding how vital the abovementioned strategies are for their respective communities.

The participants were taught how to prepare and implement development plans within their areas: These local plans are the reflections of the community needs and issues covering clean and safe water, education and agriculture were incorporated. Each of these local plans aim to guide community members to sustain decent livelihoods with access to basic services while not jeopardizing those of future generations.

To conclude the three-day workshop, a strategic action plan was created in order to meet the agreed development objectives of Kilwa district.

During this session, the councilors learnt about budgetary planning and relevant laws and rules according to the Local Government Authorities Act. In addition, the councilors were educated on resource distribution and expenditure management in line with the Finance Act.

Systematic hearings at neighborhood, village and ward level were established to further enhance citizen engagement in the implementation of the local action plan.



Kilwa is one of 6 districts in the Lindi region of Tanzania. The total population is 190 744 (2012 National census) and the average household size is 4.4 people



African Monitor – Citizen Report

Dar es Salaam



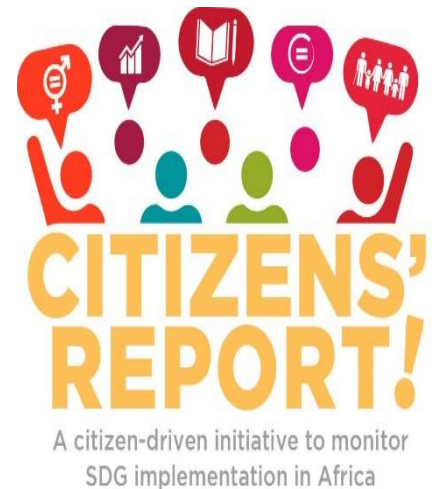
By design, the commitment made by UN Member States is that successful SDG implementation is directly dependent on the extent to which ordinary citizens can participate in the review process to give end-user feedback, and influence decisions that will lead to improved delivery. Despite this commitment, there is real concern that national review processes will not include citizens, neither will they prioritize the needs and aspirations of those most left behind.

In September 2017 African Monitor launched the Citizens Report initiative, a 10-country program designed to monitor the implementation of the SDGs in Africa through citizen generated data. The report leverages citizens voices through reliable data to strengthen national and regional review processes of the SDGs; and to facilitate policy change. The program also promotes citizen engagement, particularly focusing on youth and women, to ensure that SDG implementation is inclusive and leaves no one behind.

As the research in East Africa just started, UNA Tanzania was hosting the induction meeting for the targeted countries; Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. Prior to the 4-day introduction, each country decided upon four 'monitor agents' (research assistants) who will participate in the data collection from six wards in three districts around the respective countries. For Tanzania, the districts of Pemba, Kisarawe and Temeke are targeted for the monitoring.

The project's theory of change is that when citizens effectively hold their governments accountable for delivery, democracy is strengthened, development outcomes improve significantly for the poor, and citizens gain confidence to claim their rights and solve local problems.

The main outcome of this project is effective SDGs implementation in Africa, resulting in tangible improvements in the lives of the most vulnerable groups, particularly youth and women



UNAT intern and African monitor focal point, Lilian Mmbaga, participated in the workshops. Here with her fellows from Uganda and Kenya

The Citizens' Report has a selection of **youth-relevant** and **gender-specific** indicators chosen for monitoring, covering SDG 1, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 16. Both citizens hearings (community level focus groups) and survey's (600) will be held in Tanzania. An e-data platform is being developed to support the process of data analysis, and to make the findings easily accessible.

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