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LOCAL SPACES FOR DIALOGUE AND MULTISECTORAL PARTICIPATION FOR THE TERRITORIALIZATION OF THE SDGS

The location or territorialization is the process of taking into account the subnational contexts in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, from the definition of objectives and goals to the determination of means of application, and the use of indicators to measure and monitor the process of its incorporation into the local planning agendas.

It is also the linking of all the actors of the territory in the agendas, taking into account their priorities, potentialities and challenges. As one of the key principles to realize "leaving no one behind" has to be implemented.

The territorialization of the global agenda was the main lesson learned from the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Then the territories were not fully involved in its planning, implementation and monitoring. That is why now we are looking for a greater participation and multi-stakeholder and multi-sector involvement that generates a real impact on people's lives and on national and subnational planning instruments.

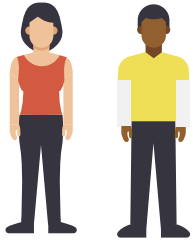
The ODS Territorio Ecuador Initiative, implemented by Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano (FFLA) and Grupo FARO and co-financed by the European Union, seeks to monitor compliance with the SDGs at the subnational level and its incorporation into public policies. This initiative is implemented in 5 provinces (Azuay, Galápagos, Napo, Manabí and Santo Domingo). For this, three components are contemplated: Multisectorial Spaces of Dialogue and Participation, Citizen Observatories and Capacity Development on SDGs.



HOW TO GENERATE THESE SPACES?

The first component represents a form of local governance, as it constitutes a possibility for groups representing different interests to exercise their right to participate and be convened to provide input to the process of decision making and implementation of the 2030 Agenda in their territories.

For the conformation and consolidation of these multisectorial spaces of dialogue and participation, the following activities have been carried out:



1. Identify a person or organization that knows the territory, the context and the actors relevant to the topic, so that it acts as a coordinator. This person must have the recognition and knowledge required to execute the dialogue process that is intended to be established.



2. Mapping the relevant actors in different sectors of society: public, private, organized civil society and academia. It is important to know the relationship flows that these have, both with the theme and with each other, determine their needs, potentials and weaknesses.



3. Hold one-on-one meetings with each relevant stakeholder identified, to present the initiative, its objectives, expected results, among other details related to the scope of action of each stakeholder to generate interest and commitment to participate.



4. Create an agenda that responds to the fulfillment of the objective to be achieved, without leaving aside the needs identified in the stakeholders and in the dynamics of each territory to maintain their interest and guarantee their participation.



5. Convene the identified actors, confirm their attendance in the week prior to the event and if possible, do it again two days before.



6. After the meeting, a report must be drawn up covering the most important points of the debate, highlighting the agreements and revealing the next steps.

HOW TO DEVELOP THE LOCAL PROCESS?

An approach is made with people from the provinces: A First Space of Dialogue is convened to which representatives of the public and private sectors are invited to begin a process of provincial dialogue. Once all the representatives have gathered, it begins with an explanation of the initiative and an exercise to identify the 4 prioritized SDGs within the province.

Recognizing that local contexts vary, this process is key to the following stages. Once the SDGs have been identified, they continue to be related to the remaining 13 SDGs; this creates the understanding that Sustainable Development consists of different edges related to each other (integral and interconnected).

Next, a provincial matrix is drawn up that establishes a relationship between the prioritized SDGs and the national and subnational planning instruments. Further on the indicators about the current situation of the province with respect to the SDGs are presented, with the aim of internalizing the information and committing the actors to take action.

Once the group of actors that make up the dialogue space has been consolidated, a provincial representative - who has actively participated in the entire process from its inception, who understands the juncture and situation of the group and who is participatory legitimated - is chosen. This representative will be the voice of the group in national spaces and other spaces related to the topic of ODS.

Continuing the participatory process and taking into account that gender is a priority issue in the world situation, we proceed to mainstream it in the prioritized SDGs and their goals.

In order to specify actions and generate a long-term impact, it is important that the group analyzes the local context and identifies the key actors, responsible and co-responsible for the implementation of actions that allow the achievement of the prioritized SDGs; these are agreed upon in a participatory way and they will be reflected in a roadmap. Additionally, own actions will be established so that the multisectoral dialogue groups have greater incidence in their territories. **The following graphs summarize what has been achieved in each of the spaces carried out.**



RESULTS OF THE PROCESS

FIRST SPACE

Prioritization of 4 SDGs according to provincial context



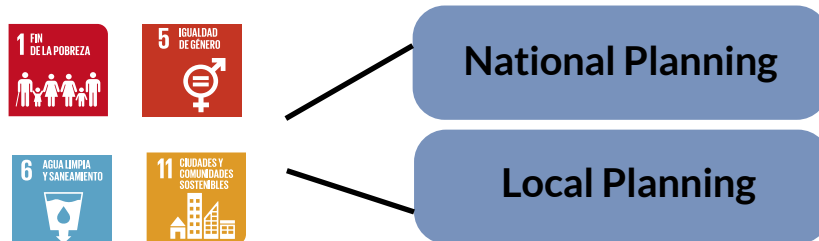
SECOND SPACE

Identification of the relationship between the prioritized SDGs and the remaining 13



THIRD SPACE

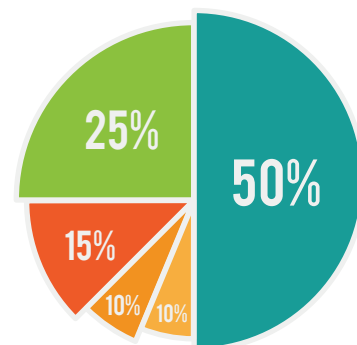
Link local and national planning with the prioritized SDGs



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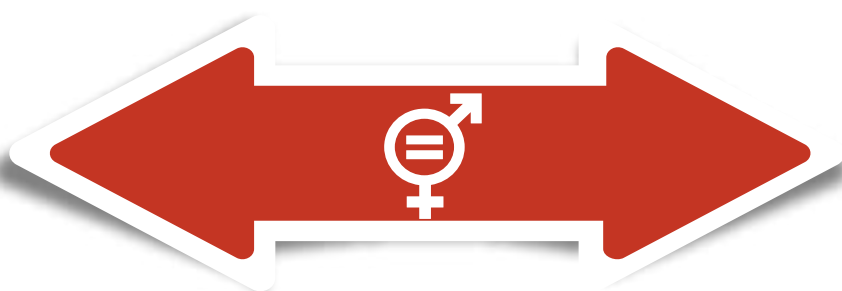
FOURTH SPACE

Review and analysis of indicators of the prioritized SDG based on the information generated by the observatories (national and local)



FIFTH SPACE

Gender mainstreaming in prioritized SDGs



SIXTH SPACE



Preparation of roadmap for the group in order to contribute with the implementation of the SDGs