

Localization of the SDGs

An initiative to strengthen the achievement of the SDGs in Morocco

Assessment of the first stage

Perspective of stage II and III

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** Presentation of Innovative Development Initiatives (IDI):

Innovative Development Initiatives (IDI) is an Institution, of a social nature, intended to provide support for public policies in the Kingdom of Morocco in terms of political, economic, social, cultural development as well as the empowerment of territorial governance. To do this, IDI carries out various activities and concrete initiatives aimed at enhancing the expertise, strategy, achievements and practices completed by the Kingdom of Morocco, under the strategic directions of His Majesty King Mohammed VI. In this regard, Innovative Development Initiatives (IDI) has implemented innovative initiatives aimed at strengthening the development strategy in Morocco and Africa through the following initiatives:

- * Strengthening the development of territorial governance
- * Strengthening the capacity of young people
- * Strengthening the implementation of SDGs
- * Strengthening migration governance
- * Development of diplomatic relations

What added value?

IDI Mission is to contribute to the strengthening of Morocco's development policy and the evolution of its achievements in accordance with the guidelines of the 2030 United Nations Agenda. In this respect, the dynamic of Innovative Development Initiatives allows training and practical exercise to be combined by giving voice to the various International, national and local players, to amplify their concrete commitments, to create a space for new partnerships and to offer a platform promoting innovation and experimentation in order to ensure better development results.

Beyond traditional approaches and events, Innovative Development Initiatives (IDI) is distinguished by the implementation of applicable initiatives in accordance with the indicators relating to the implementation of Moroccan public policies at local and national level. These projects can also be set up on the African and international level within the framework of sharing the development model of Morocco recommended by the South-South cooperation which constitutes a major axis of the foreign policy of the Kingdom of Morocco and a priority in the Agenda 2030.

IDI: Which initiatives for which innovation?

To contribute to establishing a better development strategy in Morocco, the action of Innovative Development Initiatives (IDI) is based on an innovative framework bringing together academic training and practical exercise. In this regard, four major initiatives, linked to the priorities of Agenda 2030, have already started to be implemented in Morocco:

2-Youth Leadership Initiative to strengthen the professional inclusion of youth

3-Sustainable Development Empowerment to a better implementation of SDGs

4-Migration Governance Initiative to improve the Governance of Migration

¹⁻Citizen Office Initiative to enforce the participatory democracy

****** Concept Note of the SDGs Project:

Innovative Development Initiatives (IDI) aims to support Moroccan policy in achieving sustainable development goals. Given that the United Nations 2030 Agenda on the SDGs is a very important challenge and commitment for Morocco, the IDI strives to collaborate with Moroccan institutions and associative actors to meet this very important challenge. . Projects such as the Local Agenda for Sustainable Development, the inclusion of the SDGs in the school system ..., so many challenges that allow the IDI to be at the heart of the action.

Through its initiative, Innovative Development Initiatives (IDI) is developing a strategy to support the Moroccan policy of achieving the 2030 Agenda on the SDGs. Indeed, the IDI project to strengthen sustainable development is very ambitious, we combine education, training and decentralization. The strengthening of sustainable development in Morocco requires, in fact, an effort to mobilize all the living forces of the Nation, from students to associations, including national, regional and local political leaders.

To do this, a very important program has been set up by the IDI which is based on innovative activities. The program is based on two very important pillars. This involves the development and creation of a Local Sustainable Development Agenda (I) and then the implementation of this type of Sustainable Development Goals Agenda at the local level (II).

The IDI has started, with its local partners, the implementation of the Project in the Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima Region, while having the ambition to generalize this initiative, from the year 2021, at the national level and share the experience in Africa, the Arab world and the Mediterranean.

I/Step One: Creation of the Local Agenda for the Sustainable Development Goals:



"The development agenda must build on the experiences, stories, ideas and solutions offered by men and women at the local level."

Based on this observation, the completion of this step was based on the completion of two very important factors:

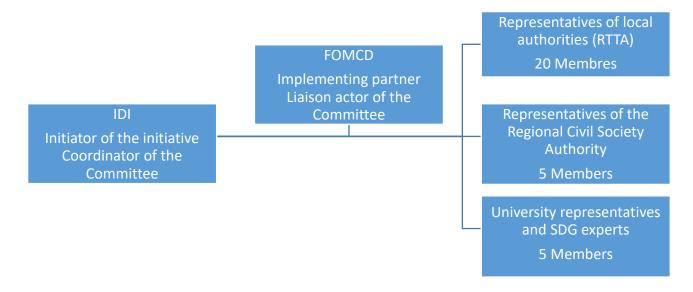
Step I / Phase I: Development of the SDG monitoring committee at the local level (completed in November 2020)



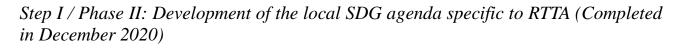
The development of a local sustainable development agenda requires the creation of an institutional and political architecture composed of executives capable of ensuring the development and monitoring of this objective. In this regard, the project set up by the IDI is based on the creation and strengthening of thematic steering committees for the Sustainable Development Goals at the level of Moroccan local communities. They would be responsible for setting up a local sustainable development agenda according to their own needs and priorities, then proposing it to the sessions to adopt it and integrate it into regional and municipal development plans.

The Local Agenda will then appear as the essential roadmap specific to each community whose ultimate goal remains the achievement of the SDGs on its territory. Morocco will therefore have a national SDG strategy and 12 regional SDG agendas and several municipal SDG agendas.

In the Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima Region, IDI has succeeded, in collaboration with the Municipalities of the Region, in accelerating the creation of the Local SDG Agenda specific to the Northern Region of Morocco through the creation of the Regional Monitoring Committee of the implementation of the SDGs. For this, 3 Workshops were organized between October 2020 and December 2020) where we mobilized the driving forces of the Region through training and advocacy which led to the emergence of the first Regional Committee relating to the implementation of the SDGs itself. in the Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima Region, structured as follows:



However, the creation of the local SDG committee in the Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima Region hardly means the establishment or the realization of a local sustainable development agenda. First, there is a need to build the capacity of these committees and related frameworks. In other words, it is imperative to develop a training framework that will allow those in charge to soak up the mechanisms for creating and carrying out this type of agenda, hence the realization of phase II of the first stage. of the project.





Phase II of the First step of the project developed by Innovative Development Initiatives (IDI) aims to effectively train members of SDG committees at the local level in order to support Municipalities and Regions to honor their commitments in terms of SDG implementation to the horizon 2030. It is a question of ensuring a series of very meticulous trainings on the general aspect of the SDGs and the measures necessary for their realization, then to set up the digital and technical ingenuity to allow the members of the Committee SDG monitoring and managers of each local authority to ensure the identification of their specific priorities and the needs of the region as a whole. Therefore, 3 training and exchange sessions were organized for the benefit of the members of the Monitoring Committee with the participation of the presidents of Communes and directors of the Territorial Collectivities of the Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima Region. In addition to training, parallel meetings between the Monitoring Committee, representatives of Civil Society and local officials were organized, resulting in a Local Agenda for SDG Implementation specific to the Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima Region.



In doing so, Innovative Development Initiatives (IDI) and its partners, in this case, the Mediterranean Foundation for Cooperation and Development (FOMCD) and the Regional Authority with Civil Society have succeeded in completing the first stage of the Project. in December 2020. The year 2021 will be devoted to the implementation of Stage II of this increasingly ambitious project.

(Starts on January 2021)

Step II: Implementation of the Local Agenda for the Sustainable Development Goals

Step II / Phase I: Training of members of the local SDG monitoring committee:



As part of this step, members of the Regional SDG Monitoring Committee for the Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima Region will undergo in-depth training on techniques for implementing the local SDG Agenda. At this level, it is no longer a question of defining the SDGs, their sources or their effects, it is rather necessary to provide significant added value to the members of the local Monitoring Committees, the heads of local communities and those responsible for the file. sustainable development at regional and municipal level, but these training courses remain open to the various municipal services and to civil society.



During these trainings, it is not simply a question of retracing the academic definitions or of presenting the Moroccan national strategy in the matter, on the contrary, the main objective of these activities remains the strengthening of the knowledge and skills of the participants allowing them to set up a decentralized roadmap for the achievement of the SDG Local Agendas. This configuration makes it possible to achieve:



* Better knowledge of the SDG classification, planning and implementation process at local level

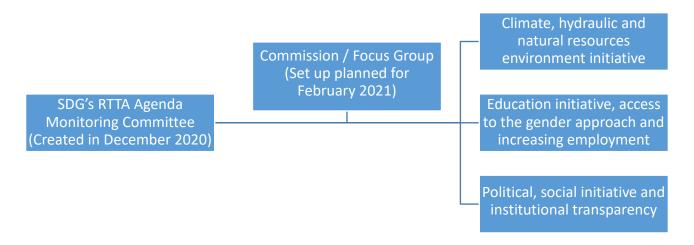
* Improving the implementation of development strategies and local performance with regard to the SDGs

* Control of the process of preparing reports on the progress of the achievement of the SDGs at the local level

* Awareness and involvement of the population in achieving the SDGs in their daily lives

These trainings planned in phase I of step II will be provided throughout 2021 for target groups in the Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima region. In parallel, IDI and its partners will launch phase II of step II of the Project.

Step II / Phase II: Effective implementation of initiatives specific to the RTTA Agenda:



* Concrete initiatives will be discussed and adopted in February-March 2021.

NB: The process of generalizing this initiative to Moroccan regions will begin during the year 2021. Next target region: Souss-Massa region