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Implementing & Localizing the SDG 8 at Local level in Africa: Realities, Challenges & Commitments

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### I- Why does SDG 8 matter to Local Government?

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<th>Local Authorities are first of all major employers themselves</th>
<th>They contribute to put in place and anchor an enabler environment for economic growth</th>
<th>They are a Key player and Facilitator of Local Economic Development</th>
<th>They work to attract investments and businesses on their territories through territorial marketing, partnerships and decentralized cooperation</th>
<th>It is on territories that small and medium-sized enterprises are created and progress</th>
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<td>The public procurement they launch annually represent an important part of the national GDP and of the Local budget</td>
<td>They are a Key player for job creation and for income generating activities targeting women, girls and youth</td>
<td>They can support Informal Sector and promote its formalization</td>
<td>They can promote a Sustainable Tourism based on their Potential, Local Heritage, Culture and products</td>
<td>They can identify children at risk of child labour and work to ensure they attend school</td>
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II- African Local Government Authorities on the front line to prevent and fight the Covid-19 pandemic

The commitment and mobilization of Locally Elected Officials

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Multi-dimensional role, responsibilities and commitment at the local level during the Pandemic

A central role in supporting and creating an enabling, supportive and facilitative environment and conditions to respect and implement decisions taken at national, central and territorial levels in the context of the health emergency.

- Informing, Sensitizing, Mobilizing and engaging population, Communities, Citizens, Civil Society and Private Sector.
- Mobilization, participation, assistance to the Health Sector with all its components.
- Preparing, organizing and adapting to ensure the continuity of a set of essential and critical public services.
Commitment and mobilization of Local agents and employees during the Covid-19 Pandemic
III. The main Challenges & needs

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<td>History and place of Decentralization in the political and institutional organization of the country.</td>
<td>The weaknesses of Local Public Administration.</td>
<td>Roles and responsibilities are not clear between central and subnational levels</td>
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<td>Effectiveness of the transfer of competences based on Subsidiarity.</td>
<td>The autonomy of Local Authorities in HRM</td>
<td>Existence of multiple actors and stakeholders and absence of integration, coordination and coherence</td>
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<td>Adequacy between transferred competences and resources</td>
<td>Human resources skills &amp; capacities</td>
<td>The lack of knowledge on “economic aspects” of Décentralization process</td>
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<td>Territorialization of Public Policies and Localization of SDGs.</td>
<td>Salaries and bonus (equal pay for equal work!)</td>
<td>The issue of infrastructures, equipments, services, lands</td>
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<td>Modalities of support by the State</td>
<td>Working conditions at the local level</td>
<td>The lack of sharped profiles at local level</td>
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<td>Respect of the Principles of Good Governance</td>
<td>Lockdown/Reopening ???</td>
<td>The lack of informations, statistics and data</td>
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- The impact of periodic crises like the Covid-19 pandemic on resources, local taxes, on the productivity, and on LED.
What about Workplace realities at the Local level within the pandemic and beyond??????

- Safety
  - Security
  - Well-Being
    - Comfort
      - Health

- Social Dialogue ???
  - Existence of diverse Risks
    - Social & emotional aspects
      - Mental health
IV- UCLG-Africa Comitments ....

- Lobbying & Advocacy
- Empowering Human Capital (ALGA Academy)
- Strengthening Local Institutions & Promoting Local Autonomy
- Knowledge Sharing
Some of our Flagship initiatives and events
Finally we commit to build on the 3 main Recommendations of UN Secretary General...

Leaving no one, no place behind: Ensuring that all phases and recovery plans/packages of the pandemic response tackle inequalities and long-term development deficits and safeguard social cohesion

Empowering and Strengthening the capacities of local governments through decisive and collective action, and deeper cooperation between Local and National Authorities

Engaging and Acting for a Green, Resilient and Inclusive economic recovery both in Urban and Rural territories
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