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***Launch of the Local Voluntary Review for the city of
Ennour, Kasserine - Tunisia
April 18th , 2024***

Context:

Adopted in 2016, the new program for cities (or NUA): a common vision for a better and sustainable world aims to:

- Introduce a new approach to city management,
- Connect development to proper urbanization,
- Generate employment through harmonious urbanization.

"It sets a number of standards and principles in the service of planning, construction, development, management, and improvement of urban spaces, relying primarily on five pillars: national urban policies, urban legislation and regulation, urban planning and design, ...".

In order to succeed in its strategic plan for 2020-2023 across its four areas of change, UN-Habitat proposes policy and legislation as one of the main factors in the theory of change.

In Tunisia, UN-Habitat, in partnership with the Ministry of Equipment and Housing, launched the National Urban Policy (NUP) project for Tunisia in March 2020.

This project is part of a regional program initiated by UN-Habitat to enhance Tunisia's decision-making capacities. It aims to develop a National Urban Policy that promotes an integrated, participatory, and inclusive approach to urbanization.

Using a mechanism to review the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and a set of global indicators, Tunisia has developed two Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), in 2019 and 2021, with the support of UN agencies and in close collaboration with public, private and third sector organizations, which were presented at high-level political forums. The VNRs aim to facilitate sharing experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, with a view to accelerating the implementation of the agenda. In 2016, at Habitat III in Quito, Ecuador, the New Urban Agenda (NUA) was adopted by all member states. The NUA emphasizes that it is essential to respond to the acceleration of urbanization on a global scale by guaranteeing social, economic, environmental and spatial sustainability. It underlines the central role of SDG 11, which aims to make cities and



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human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable, as a framework for achieving sustainable urban development.

Sustainable urban development cannot be achieved without the commitment of all relevant stakeholders, including local authorities. In fact, according to the 2030 Agenda SDGs and the NUA, 65% of the 169 SDG targets cannot be achieved without the involvement of local and regional authorities. Therefore, the implementation of the SDGs at national level is a direct reflection of countries' commitment to the 2030 Agenda. However, it is only by localizing the SDGs and strengthening national local policy dialogue that the goals of the 2030 Agenda can be achieved.

Since 2018, local authorities around the world have begun to develop Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) to highlight the importance of localizing the SDGs and to monitor progress on implementation at a local level. The review is a way of highlighting local development priorities in relation to the SDGs. Using evidence, this local review analyses the city's strengths, challenges and opportunities for achieving the sustainable development agenda. By 2022, more than 140 VLRs had been published on the status of localization of the SDGs in cities in different regions of the world, with the exception of the Arab region.

In line with its commitment to advancing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the NUA, the Municipality of Ennour, has made significant efforts to develop the VLR of the city of Ennour. These efforts have been made with the support and in close collaboration with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UNHabitat).

The consultative process involved several stakeholders from the public sector, academia, civil society, the private sector and international organizations, among others. It examined the city's progress in implementing some of the SDGs and addressing key local development priorities, with a focus on: SDG 1 on ending poverty, SDG 2 on ending hunger, SDG 3 on ensuring healthy lives, SDG 4 on quality education, SDG 5 on gender equality, SDG 6 on water, SDG 8 on work, SDG 9 on industry, innovation and infrastructure, SDG 11 on sustainable cities and communities, SDG 13 on climate change, SDG 15 on life on land and SDG 17 on partnership.

In fact, the VLR of the city of Ennour is a mean of promoting international dialogue with other cities at national, regional, and global levels and of effectively articulating a long-term strategy for localizing and achieving the SDGs, while ensuring consistency with national policies and strategies.

Language: Presentations and discussions will be in French and Arabic. Interpretation in English will be provided.

Location: Sufeitula Hotel, Kasserine



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Agenda:

9am – 9.30am

Opening session:

- Welcoming words by: **Secretary General of Ennour municipality**
- Welcoming words by: **Representative of the Ministry of Interior (TBC)**
- Welcoming words by: **Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (TBC)**
- Welcoming words: **Sukaina Al-Nasrawi**, Director of the Sustainable Urban Development Portfolio, UNESCWA
- Welcoming words by: **Claudia Garcia**, Partnerships and Project Officer, Global Solutions Division, UNH HQ
- Welcoming words by : **Aida Robbana**, Head of Office, UN-Habitat Tunisia
- Opening Words by **Mr Ridha Rakbani, Governor of Kasserine**

Moderator: **Nagwa Lachine/ Belgacem AYED**

9.30 – 10.30

Opening session:

- Localization of the SDGs: National commitment to localize the SDGs at regional and local levels: **M. Ahmed Naddari General director of the West Central Development Office**
- Presentation of the VLR of Ennour: process and impact: **Mr Walid Bel Hadj Ali, consultant**

Moderator: **Aida Robbana**, Head of Office, UN-Habitat Tunisia
Q&A

10.30 – 11.00

Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00

Panel 1:

Evidence-based policies and monitoring of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) with the National Urban Policy (NUP) and the New Urban Agenda (NUA)

- VLR as a platform for local initiatives and voices: **local associations / NGOs / business owners TBD**
- Multilevel governance through SDG reporting: VNR-VLR: **Belgacem Ayed, regional economic planning expert**
- Connecting local action with regional and global processes, **Sukaina Abdul Ilah Al-Nasrawi**, Lead of Sustainable Urban Development Portfolio, UNESCWA

Moderator: **Nagwa Lachine**



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12.00 – 13.00

Panel 2:

VLR's next steps and the possibilities of financing the suggested projects.

-From evidence to action: action-oriented recommendations and national scale-up, **Nagwa Lachine** and **Claudia Garcia**

-Main opportunities and challenges at the local level, **Municipal staff**

-Tunisia's priorities and possible solutions for funding local projects, **M Samir Lazaar General Director, National Focal Point SDG Ministry of Economy and Planning**

Moderator: **Majdi Frihi**

12.45 – 13.00

Closing session: Project results and future prospects

Lunch

(Departure to Tataouine, South of Tunisia)