

# SDG DOMESTICATION IN KENYA

## Overview and Resources



## SDG POLICY FRAMEWORK

### *SDG Domestication and Coordination*

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Agenda 2030) is integrated in Kenya's core policy framework alongside **African Union's Agenda 2063** and **East African Community's Vision 2050**.

Kenya’s guiding priorities are spelled out in the **Kenya Vision 2030**, which is supported by the **Big 4 Agenda**, focusing in on (i) affordable housing, (ii) affordable healthcare, (iii) food security, and (iv) manufacturing.

These areas are reflected in Kenya’s **third Medium-Term Plan 2018-2022** as well as its more specific **sector strategies** and **County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs)**.

In 2012, Kenya proceeded with its devolvement strategy by introducing the Intergovernmental Relations Act (IGRA) establishing the **Council of County Governors (COG)**. This non-partisan institution gathers governors from Kenya’s 47 counties and ensures cohesion and coordination around national processes, including Agenda 2030.

In 2017, COG has formed an SDG secretariat and set up a network of SDG focal points across all counties and act as a liaison between the State Department of Planning and county governments.

### KENYA SDG POLICY FRAMEWORK

#### *Key reports*

- Final Millennium Development Goals Report for Kenya (2015)
- Voluntary National Review (2017)
- Voluntary National Review Civil Society Report (2017)
- The Roadmap to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Kenya’s Transition Strategy 2016–2018
- Second civil society report on the Implementation of SDGs in Kenya (2019)
- Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action + 25 (2019)
- Women and Men in Kenya (2017)
- 2019 Population and Housing Census
- Report SDGs Implementation in Africa Reflections on a Three-Year Journey (2019)





## GENDER EQUALITY IN KENYA

### *Core gender policies*

Gender equality is guaranteed by the **2010 Constitution**. Kenya has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (the Maputo Protocol) and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Kenyan civil society has also played a crucial role in the elaboration and later strengthening of the Beijing Platform for Action (BPA).

The Gender Policy dating back to 2000 has been updated in the form of the National Policy on Gender and Development. The 2/3 gender principle of the Constitution, which would guarantee a minimum of 30% of female representation in all elected offices, however, has yet to be approved by the Parliament.



### *Gender machinery*

**Kenya's State Department for Gender Affairs (SDGA)**, formed in 2015, manages gender policies, programmes aiming at the empowerment of women and girls, gender mainstreaming across government institutions, community mobilization, implementation of national and international gender frameworks.

**The National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC)** assumed an oversight role and examines gender mainstreaming across government and non-government sectors on national level and across Kenya's 47 counties.

**Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS)** supports gender equality efforts by integrating gender considerations in the production of official statistics and by coordinating a multi-stakeholder working group on gender data.

### KEY GENDER AND SDG STAKEHOLDERS

#### UNITED NATIONS

Resident Coordinator Office  
The ONE UN Gender Team  
UNFPA, UN WOMEN,  
FAO, UNDP, UNICEF, UNHCR, WFP.

#### CIVIL SOCIETY

The SDGs Kenya Forum – boasts the membership of 60 civil society organizations and a specific SDG 5 Working group.  
Regional gender equality and women's rights organizations, such as FEMNET and Equality Now further strengthen civil society efforts in this area.

#### PRIVATE SECTOR

The Kenya Private Sector Alliance counts over 500,000 direct and indirect members and its secretariat has a designed SDG specialist.

#### MEDIA

Media Council of Kenya  
Kenya Correspondents Association  
Association of Media Women in Kenya

#### ACADEMIA

University of Nairobi's African Women's Studies Centre, Institute of Anthropology, Gender and African Studies, Institute for Development Studies  
Egerton University's Institute of Women, Gender and Development Studies