



GOVERNMENT PREPAREDNESS TO IMPLEMENT THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

The Review Report



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Context of the Review of the Government's Preparedness to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In 2018, the Algerian Court of Accounts has reviewed the preparedness of the Algerian government to implement the SDGs, to determine whether the government has made the necessary arrangements to implement the 2030 Agenda.

The review was conducted in compliance with the legal and regulatory provisions applicable to the functioning of the Court of Accounts and in accordance with the methodology for reviewing the preparedness of governments to implement SDGs, consisting of seven steps. The operation involved 12 ministries including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Interior, Water Resources, Finance, in addition to some national bodies such as the National Economic and Social Council, the National Office of Statistics and the Algerian Space Agency.

Results obtained through the Review

The review found that sustainable development is rooted in the various national state strategies and programs. It has become established by issuing an arsenal of legal texts (laws) that aspire to achieve the SDGs. The achievements in the areas that 2030 Agenda covers, are also evident, especially in what concerns the participatory democracy, the free services in the field of health, education, housing and poverty fighting, reinforcement of national solidarity and gender equality, but further efforts are needed to reflect development goals at the national level.

However, the institutional mechanism established for monitoring the implementation of the SDGs, represented by the Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee, the focal points at the different ministries and the heads of groups in some ministries, does not allow the development of inter-sectoral harmony and coordination that enables them to determine the priorities of the government, conduct inter-sectoral correspondence and cohesion, identify roles, responsibilities and accountability duties of all parties of the 2030 Agenda.

A lack of coordination between existing information systems in ministries and agencies was also noted.

This situation affects the timely availability and quality of data and hampers the process of monitoring the SDGs.

Recommendations and Proposals of the Review Report on the Government's Preparedness to implement the SDGs

The Report prepared by the Court of Accounts in December 2018 on the government's preparedness to implement the SDGs came up with recommendations and proposals, the most important of which are:

- Strengthening the mechanism in place to develop a national road map to implement the SDGs;***
- Promoting national adoption of the SDGs through setting a program to sensitize all stakeholders and establish focal points for activities to adapt new policies frameworks to national contexts and consolidate them in public policies;***
- Harmonizing the approach taken by the various ministries and strengthening efforts to include it in a structured, coherent and inter-sectoral framework;***
- Benefiting from experiences, research community, good practices and cooperation to enhance awareness of the implementation of the SDGs; and***
- Building a data framework to follow up on the monitoring of progress throughout the life of the 2030 Agenda, through strengthening the capacities of the national statistical system and the use of information technology.***

Content of the Review Report on the Government's Preparedness to implement the SDGs

In addition to the Introduction and Methodology of conducting the review, the Review Report on the Government's Preparedness to implement the SDGs is divided into two parts, each containing several detailed headings as follows:

Part I: The institutional and political framework

- *Government commitment and national responsibility*
- *Awareness and dialogue with relevant parties*
- *Distribution of responsibilities and means*
- *Preparation of detailed plans to implement the SDGs*

Part II: The data framework

- *Measurement system and benchmarks for SDGs follow-up indicators*
- *Monitoring and reporting system*

*The report contains also **several annexes, recommendations and proposals of the Court of Accounts in this regard.***