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Coordinating Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships: Lessons from the 2019 SDG Reports for South Africa

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Coordinating Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships

- The department of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development has established several collaborations at the university of Pretoria and beyond.
- Consist of various units and centers:
 - The Center for Environmental Economics and Policy in Africa (CEEPA).
 - Bureau of Food and Agricultural Policy (BFAP)
 - Center of Collaboration (CoC)
 - Agri-business
 - Institute of Food Policy, nutrition and wellbeing
 - Extension
 - Rural Development
- Brings together multi-disciplinary skills and a lot of diversity in terms of capacity.



Coordinating Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships

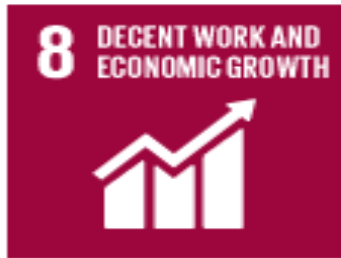
- The kind of partnership and collaboration:
 - The SA SDG Hub – based at UP.
 - Public sector – various departments
 - Industry – BFAP
 - Academic institutions – CoC
- International institutions:
 - CMAAE through the AERC
 - CIRAD
 - Other academic institutions globally
- This shows the capacity of the department, not only to delivery our academic core business of teaching and research, but also to coordinate multi-disciplinary and multi-stakeholder projects.



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT** **GOALS**
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



The SDGs and the 2030 Agenda

- The UN adopted the 17 SDGs in 2016, post- the MDG era.
- Global goals with indicators and targets for all countries to track progress.
- SA is a signatory to the UN 2030 agenda.
 - This requires tracking and reporting progress on the SDGs.
 - SA Presented the Voluntary National Report (VNR) to the UN in July 2019.
 - Among the first to report on the SDGs in 2019.
 - SA is the first country to prepare the SDG goal and thematic reports.
- Lessons for other countries and the continent and beyond.

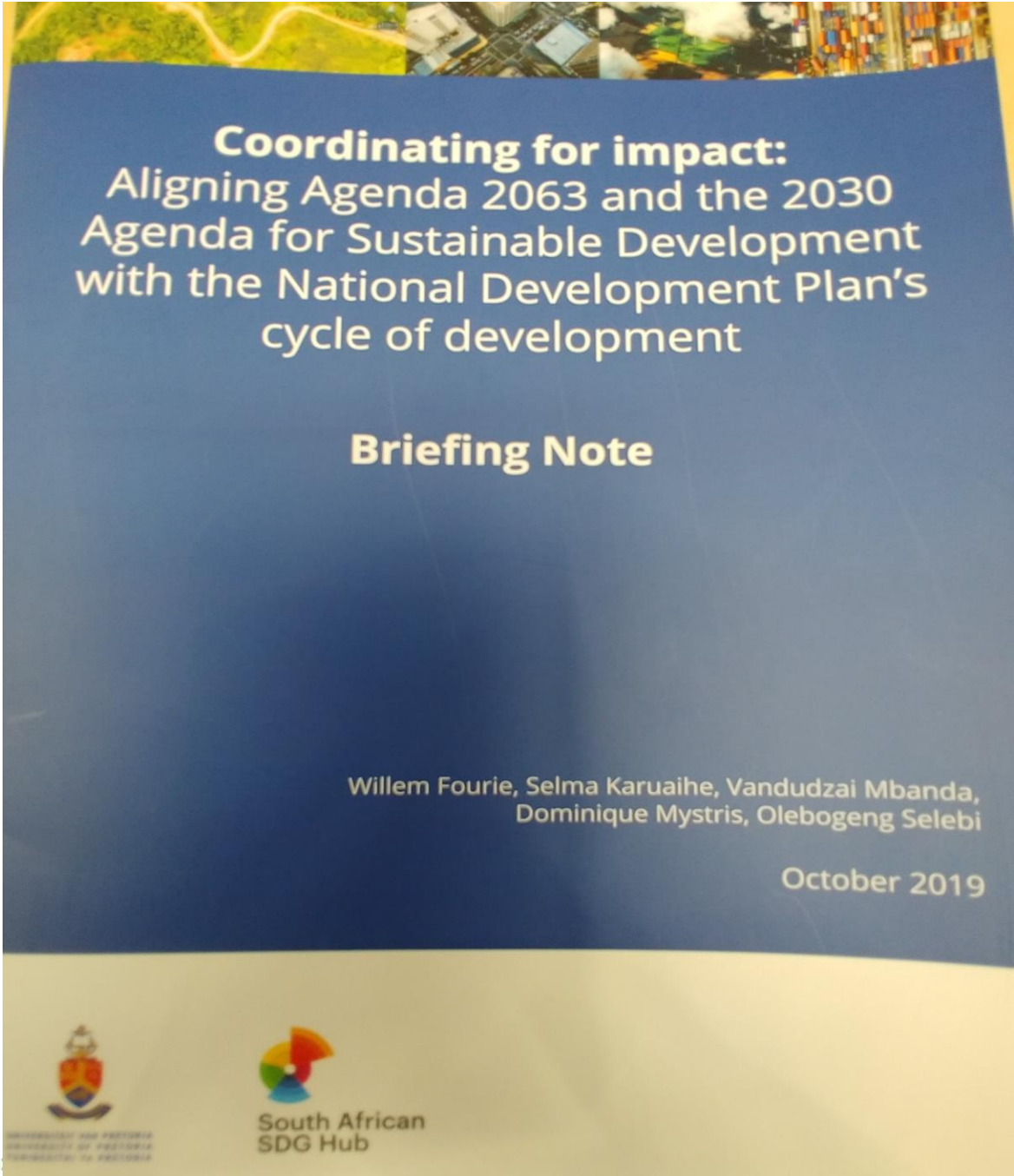


The Role of UP in the SDGs

- UP is taking the SDGs and the 2030 agenda serious and driving it thorough various initiatives.
- Incorporating it in its research agenda.
- Recently launched an audit of the SDG related publications.
 - The SDGs now becoming part of university ranking indicators.
 - By the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings.
 - UP has published a number of articles that touch on the SDGs.
- UP hosts the SA SDG Hub.
 - Bridging the gap between research and policy - connecting South African policy makers with the research and innovations they need to implement the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Incorporating in the curriculum as part where possible.
- Importance of UP playing a part in that global agenda, not only for policy based research, but also for curriculum transformation.



Linkages between the NDP, SDGs and Agenda 2063 - SA chair of the AU



Existing Collaboration

- Working with the SDG Hub.
- Currently funded by the DSI.
- Host SDG Seminars on various topics of interest.
- On 21 November 2019 – the role of academic institutions.
- Planning to have one with the private sector.
- Recent conference on SDG Investment by the JSE – 29 Oct 2019
 - Showcase the private sector contributions to the SDGs.



Lessons from coordinating and drafting the SA SDG Reports

- The department worked with the SA SDG Hub.
- Established a research collaboration with other teams at UP to assist StatsSA in drafting the 2019 SDG reports.
- UP was responsible for drafting:
 - Four goal reports (SDG1; SDG 3; SDG 8 and SDG 16 – involved 6 faculties and centers);
 - Four thematic reports (Environment, economic, social, and peace and justice)
 - One country report.
 - Overall coordination of all the 17 goals



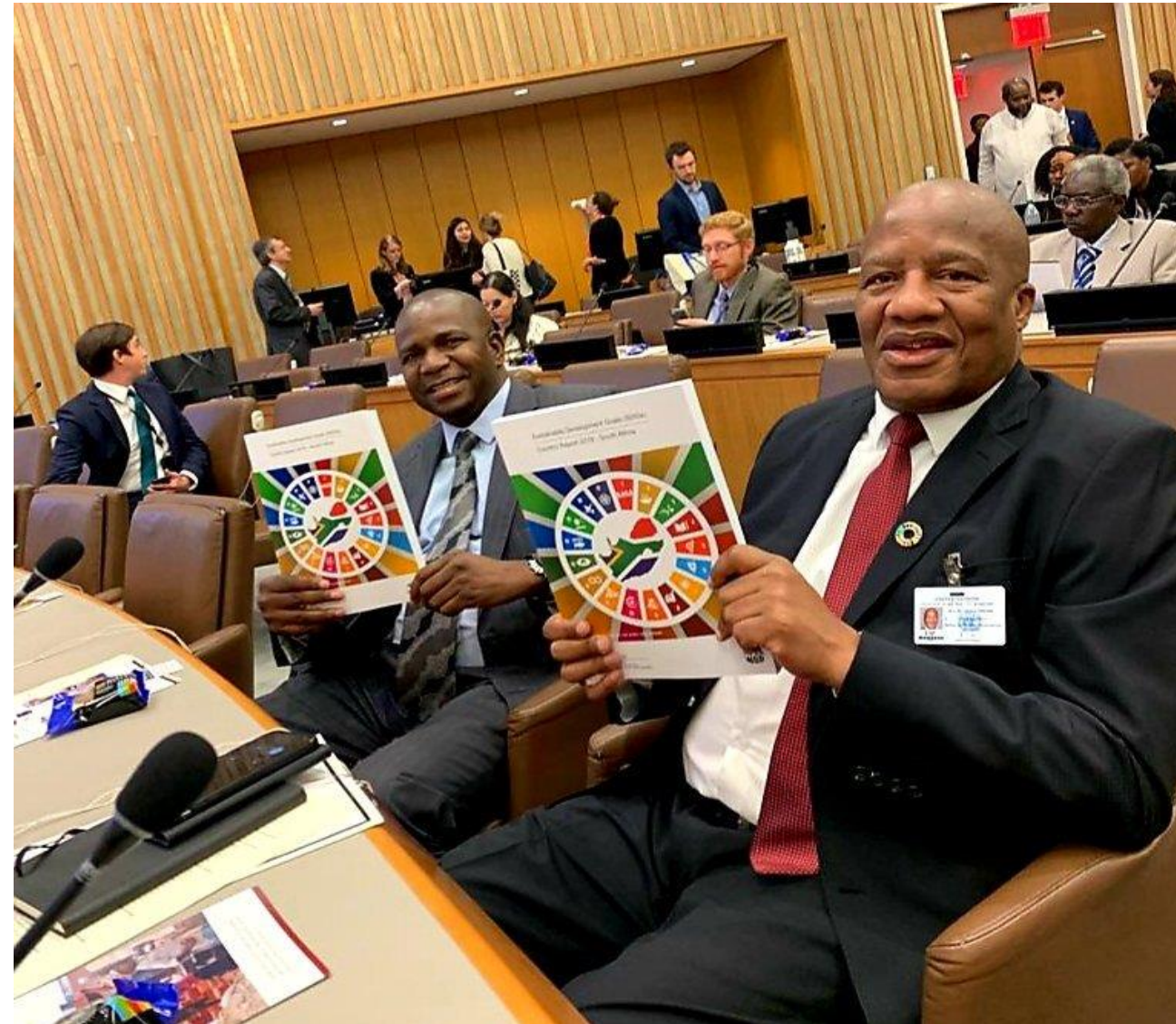
Lessons from coordinating and drafting the 2019 SA SDG Reports

- A high profile government project.
- Brought together different stakeholders:
 - Public, private, civil society and international institutions.
- Strengthened collaboration within the department, across UP and outside UP.
 - Dealing with multi-disciplinary stakeholders.
 - Project coordination and partnerships with stakeholders.



Report presented at the UNGA Site Event

- Report – 1st of its kind – presented at the UN General Assembly (UNGA) site event in September 2019
 - Lessons for other countries.
 - Available at: at:
http://www.statssa.gov.za/MDG/SDGs_Country_Report_2019_South_Africa.pdf
- The work can be replicated in other countries or related multi-disciplinary topics in SA.



Key Messages from the 2019 SA SDG Report

Social Themes: Challenges

Poverty, high levels of inequality, high unemployment social exclusion, high burden of disease

Social Theme: Priorities:
Improve social protection
Improve access to basic services



Primary targets impacted

1.1: By 2030, eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, currently measured as people living on less than \$1.25 a day

1.3: Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable

10.1: By 2030, progressively achieve and sustain income growth of the bottom 40% of the population at a rate higher than the national average

3.8 Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all

2.1: By 2030, end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round

2.2: By 2030, end all forms of malnutrition, including achieving, by 2025, the internationally agreed targets on stunting and wasting in children under 5 years of age, and address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women and older persons

Economic Themes: Challenge

Institutional weakness, declining trust in government, perceived lack of leadership

Economic Themes: Priority:
Promote effective governance, robust leadership and participative citizenry



Primary targets impacted

8.1: Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services

16.6: Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels

16.7: Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels



Key Messages from the 2019 SA SDG Report

Environmental Theme: Challenges
Transitioning to a low-carbon economy, honouring international climate change commitments

Environmental Theme: Priority
Continue to strengthen the national climate change response environment

Primary targets impacted
 13.1: Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries
 13.2: Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning
 13.B: Promote mechanisms for raising capacity for effective climate change-related planning and management in least developed countries and small island developing States, including focusing on women, youth and local and marginalized communities



Peace and Security Theme: Challenges
Persistence of high levels of crime

Peace and Security Theme: Priority
Focus on the developmental aspects of the White Paper on Safety and Security

Primary targets impacted
 16.1: Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere
 16.2: Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all
 5.2: Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation



Our Capacity

- The department has the capacity to coordinate multi-disciplinary teams, within UP and beyond.
- Coordinating and facilitating across institution and across disciplines.
- Strengthening collaboration and partnerships.



Our Capacity

- Leverage existing relationships with government departments.
- Working closely with the SA SDG Hub to drive the 2030 agenda through research.
- The department has the potential to drive the university's strategic goals on research for high impacts.
- Working with graduate students in need of funding to drive the multi-disciplinary studies and the 2030 sustainability agenda.



Thank You

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Country Report 2019 - South Africa



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