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Preamble

- The SDGs Kenya Forum is a platform resulting from a transition process by Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) who came together in 2013 as the Kenya CSOs Reference Group on Post 2015. Members of the SDGs Kenya Forum comprise of diverse CSOs constituencies seeking to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development (SDGs).

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Key Drivers of SDGs Kenya Forum

• Fostering Local ownership and domestication of SDGs at a grassroots’ level

• Collaboration and Partnerships for effective development cooperation

• Address Data accountability needs
Background-LNB Dialogues

The pledge to Leave No-One Behind (LNB) is at the heart of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, with this in mind CIVICUS, Development Initiatives and Project Everyone worked together in 2016 on a initiative to effectively address this challenge.

• The project aimed at putting the last first to eradicate extreme poverty; to address the root causes of poverty, inequality and exclusion, including holding decision-makers to account; and to ensure fair opportunity for all. Strengthening the voices of marginalized and excluded people.

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SDGs KENYA FORUM: BACKGROUND

- The LNB national dialogues process was built around a series of face-to-face meetings; held in five counties namely Kakamega, Machakos, Meru, Kajiado and Nakuru, in Kenya.

- The aim was to draw a wide range of participants, mainly ordinary citizens, left behind into the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) conversation and interest them in the implementation.

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CSO partners under the SDGs Kenya Forum worked closely with target communities to ensure that the meeting environment was conducive for interactive participation and accessible to those left behind in the development agenda.
LNB National Dialogues – Target Group

- **Women**: Face gender discrimination, especially uneducated women
- **People living under extreme poverty**: are misused for political gain
- **People living with disabilities**: especially young children
- **Widows**: Abandoned and often denied property rights
- **Elderly people**: Burden of taking care of orphans
- **People living with HIV & AIDS**: Stigmatized
- **Street families**
- **Orphans**: Mistreated and denied basic needs
- **Illiterate people**: Disregarded in citizen participation
- **Pastoralists**: Neglected and often seen as a menace
- **People living in marginalised areas**: Lack access of basic amenities
- **Youth**: Unemployment results to desperation among young people
- **Children for instance The Boy children**: Many interventions focus on the girl child
- **Refugees**: Stateless hence no identification documents therefore no rights

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LNB National Dialogues – Key Achievements

- Communities have developed their own action plans for implementation to bring desired change in their livelihoods. The Work Plans included action by participants, local government and development partners. A good example was pushing for alignment of County Integrated development Plans (CIDPs) with SDGs.

- Formation of SDGs County Forums that bring together community representatives, County Governments, Private Sector and Media. During the meetings participants took this as an action point to ensure that they are not left behind in SDGs implementation at a local level.

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LNB Dialogues have helped foster a collaboration between CSOs and the national government SDGs Unit. Negotiations are ongoing on what joint interventions are critical to restore human dignity for our people.

The evidence and outcomes from the LNB Dialogues has greatly informed CSOs on what is critical for SDGs implementation in Kenya.
Recurring Challenges Gender Equality

- Poor and unequal representation in decision making process,
- Low access to income opportunities
- Gender based discrimination against women — rural communities still prefer men in positions of power
- Young women and girls remain vulnerable as a new trend is emerging — neglect of the boy child as many interventions target girl child

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Gender Equality and SDGs Implementation

- The SDGs can only be implemented successfully if women and girls are at the core of decision making, peace building and local lead sustainable initiatives that impact (economic, political and social) wellbeing.
- Women left behind even with limited external help continue to keep going and doing what they know best for survival. Our obligation is therefore to ensure SDGs are owned and championed by societies pivot-Women.
- Its our call to support gender equality for all leaving no one behind in the 2030 Agenda on sustainable Development

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