

MGOS RESPONSE AND QUESTIONS FROM THE CSOs IN UKRAINE TO THE VNR OF THE GOVERNMENT OF UKRAINE

Very weak environmental pillar is our most critical remark to Ukrainian VNR. As it is estimated in VNR tree from five of the Environmental SDGs have very low growth rate (less than 20 %) and are unachievable by 2020. SDG7 needs substantial acceleration (low achievement likelihood). Only SDG6 has high achievement likelihood. The qualitative analysis of the environmental SDGs Targets demonstrated that Ukraine unacceptably neglected almost all Targets focused on environmental protection and biodiversity & ecosystem preservation. From the twenty-eight of the Environmental area SDGs Targets Ukraine approved only sixteen Targets, focusing more on the economic, social and technical aspects of progress.

Our second critical remark was that Ukrainian VNR does not contain gender segregated data and segregated data for vulnerable groups, such as people with disabilities.

Our recommendations:

Revise the environmental SDGs Targets and Indicators adapted to the national context, shifting a focus in their formulation from a purely technical approach to human rights based approaches; improve the list of national Targets and Indicators of the environmental SDGs by supplementing them with Targets aimed and protecting environment and preserving biodiversity and ecosystems.

To strengthen the gender component in all SDGs, by providing gender segregated data.

Provide segregated data on locations, age and vulnerable groups in all relevant targets and indicators.

Revise and update the national SDGs baseline report (expand and amend target formulations, and refine the SDG indicators (to bring them closer to the global SDG indicators system).

These and many other more detailed critical remarks and recommendations were submitted to Ukrainian government and they reflect our input in Ukrainian VNR with official promise to integrate our recommendations in the next periods.

Our questions:

1. When government plan to make revision of targets and indicators formulations?
2. How do you plan to involve in this process environmental NGOs?