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# Annex 2: Abstract submission template – Sory Ibrahima Monekata, Ph.D.

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION TEMPLATE**

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| **Including Civil Society Contributions to Sustainable Development Goals in Statistical Data at Municipal and National levels**  Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) are uniquely positioned to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They address grassroots issues, advocate for marginalized communities, and foster innovative solutions to development challenges in remote regions and conflict zones. However, the significant contributions of CSOs are often underrepresented in national and municipal statistical data, leading to an incomplete picture of a country's progress toward the SDGs. This abstract suggests including CSO contributions in national and municipal statistical systems as a critical initiative. This inclusion would provide a more comprehensive view of a country's progress and enhance the tracking of achievements and progress towards the SDGs at the regional and global levels.  **Cases of critical contributions of CSOs to include in municipal and national statistical data**   * **Education and Literacy Programs:** In rural areas with limited government resources or access, CSOs provide educational opportunities and literacy programs. This contribution to SDG 4: Quality Education has increased female and youth literacy rates. * **Health services**: CSOs fill critical gaps in health services in underserved regions, contributing to SDG 3: good health and well-being (reducing maternal and child mortality rates, increasing nutrition rates). * **Environmental conservation:** CSOs contribute to SDG 13: Climate Action (reforestation or restoration of hectares of degraded land, improving biodiversity and regional climate resilience).   Examples of data from CSOs include the number of individuals receiving educational support, health outcomes of beneficiaries, and employment rates post-skills training. Other examples are environmental conservation efforts, gender-based violence interventions, and outcomes of legal aid for marginalized communities. Additional metrics cover the impact of agricultural support on food security, success rates of microfinance programs, access to clean water and sanitation, and community engagement initiatives.  **Enhancing National and Municipal Evaluation Systems: Five Steps to Include CSO Data**  ***1. Establish Partnerships:*** Develop collaborative relationships between governments and CSOs, emphasizing transparency, participation, and equity. This partnership fosters shared responsibility for data sharing and evaluation, enhancing collective impact on pursuing the SDGs.  ***2. Standardize Data Collection:*** Create standardized tools and methodologies for CSOs to ensure compatibility with national systems. This standardization guarantees that CSO data is consistent and can be effectively integrated into national statistics.  ***3. Build Capacity:*** Provide comprehensive training for CSO staff on data collection, analysis, and reporting. This capacity building improves the quality and reliability of the data provided by CSOs, ensuring its usefulness in national evaluations.  ***4. Ensure Data Integrity:*** Implement robust verification mechanisms to ensure the accuracy and authenticity of data collected from CSOs. These mechanisms help maintain data quality and build trust in CSO contributions to national statistics.  ***5. Integrate Data Systems:*** Develop integrated data systems that consolidate and analyze information from multiple sources, including CSOs. These systems provide a comprehensive view of SDG progress, enabling more informed decision-making and policy development.  Incorporating CSO data into municipal and national evaluation systems is a strategic approach to the SDGs. |