UNDP and the Government of Kenya support sustainable livelihoods in the artisanal and small-scale gold mining sector by eliminating mercury

Supporting the development of alternative livelihoods for pastoralists communities in Turkana County

Gender Mainstreaming: Empowering Women in Vihiga County

Tea Tree Farming Mitigating Impact of Drought in central Kenya

UNVs join other peace monitors as part of UN support towards peaceful elections in Kenya

The Government of Kenya signs two key agreements that will help promote peace and development

UNDP teams up with Kenya's most popular musicians, Sauti Sol for the Global Goals

" People and planet are at the heart of the sustainable development agenda. We are the generation that can eradicate extreme poverty, and ensure that development works for everyone. We must keep raising awareness, and inspiring everyone to do their part in ensuring nobody is left behind. **Mohamed Yahya, UNDP Africa Regional Programme Coordinator.**

Sauti Sol band members Bien-Aimé Baraza, Willis Chimano, Savara Mudigi and Polycarp Otieno explain that African governments signed up to achieve the 17 Goals by 2030, and what the band members themselves would like to see happen by 2030. The Goals include making sure people have access to clean water, energy, education, health care and good jobs; achieving gender equality; reducing vulnerability to climate-change and disasters; reducing inequality; protecting our oceans and forests; preventing conflict and promoting peace and justice around the world.

Global Goals are at the heart of the UNDP's work in nearly 170 countries to end poverty and inequality. As the world's largest development agency, UNDP works with partners to strengthen governments and institutions, promote the rule of law, ensure security, revive basic social services and address climate change.
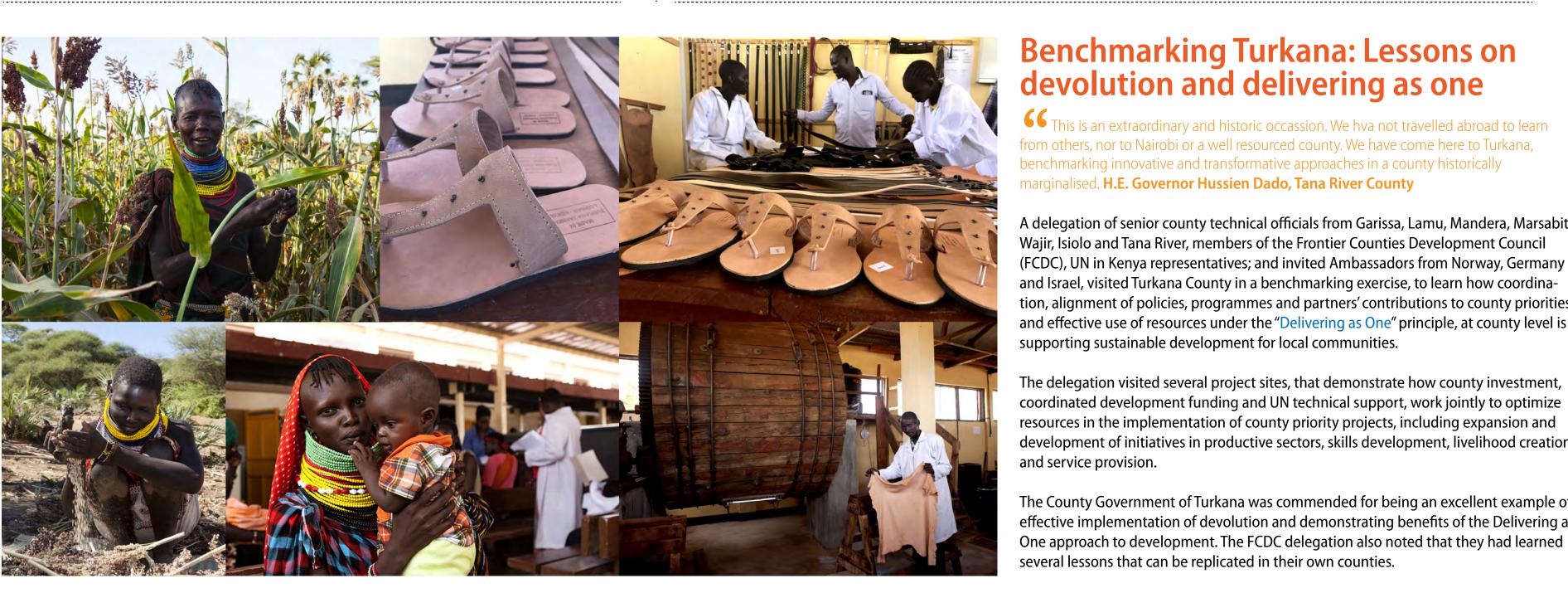

National Elections Conference: Working Together Towards a Credible and Peaceful General Election, 2017

IEBC in partnership with the Ethics and Anti-Corruption (EACC)and Kura Yangu Sauti Yangu,(KYSY); and in further collaboration with other Institutions and development partners hosted a three-day National Elections Conference with the purpose of critically evaluate the state of preparedness among Kenya's key electoral stakeholders conducting and supporting the 2017 general elections; synergize the efforts and of roles of stakeholders in ensuring credible and peaceful 2017General Elections; and rally Kenyans and key stakeholders to commit to credible and peaceful 2017 elections.

Some of the recommendations from the conference for IEBC and elections stakeholders include: need to build public trust and confidence in the electoral process for free, fair elections and credible elections; updating and cleaning up of the voter register; guidelines on how to manage PWDs and the elderly during elections; testing of the Integrated Election Management System to ensure accuracy, credibility and data reliability and transmission of results in temper proof manner; and development of mechanism for monitoring electoral violence and process of disqualifying leaders perpetuating hate speech and violence for elections.

Ahead of the conference, UNDP in collaboration with Africa policy Institute organised a Maendeleo Policy Forum themed; *Election Security 2017: Countering the Twin Challenges of Cyberterrorism and Violent Extremism.* The Forum brought together experts and practitioners to dialogue on democracy, governance and security in the context of the upcoming general elections on 8 August 2017. Participants at the forum interrogated lessons from past electoral processes and best practices in election management, focusing on integrity and effectiveness.

" Based on IEBC's experience and lessons from the 2013 General Elections, we are prepared to deal with the challenges or issues that may arise in managing technology during this electoral processes. Our staff have been trained and the level of security on the election equipment heightened. **Chris Msando, Acting ICT Director, the IEBC**

Benchmarking Turkana: Lessons on devolution and delivering as one

" This is an extraordinary and historic occasion. We hva not travelled abroad to learn from others, nor to Nairobi or a well resourced county. We have come here to Turkana, benchmarking innovative and transformative approaches in a county historically marginalised. **H.E. Governor Hussien Dado, Tana River County**

A delegation of senior county technical officials from Garissa, Lamu, Mandera, Marsabit, Wajir, Isiolo and Tana River, members of the Frontier Counties Development Council (FCDC), UN in Kenya representatives; and invited Ambassadors from Norway, Germany and Israel, visited Turkana County in a benchmarking exercise, to learn how coordination, alignment of policies, programmes and partners' contributions to county priorities and effective use of resources under the "Delivering as One" principle, at county level is supporting sustainable development for local communities.

The delegation visited several project sites, that demonstrate how county investment, coordinated development funding and UN technical support, work jointly to optimize resources in the implementation of county priority projects, including expansion and development of initiatives in productive sectors, skills development, livelihood creation and service provision.

The County Government of Turkana was commended for being an excellent example of effective implementation of devolution and demonstrating benefits of the Delivering as One approach to development. The FCDC delegation also noted that they had learned several lessons that can be replicated in their own counties.

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Step by step voting and EVID procedure

Assisted voters: voting process

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Announcement of results and clearance procedure: what is to be taken to the returning officer

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