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**Amplifying Voices for Sustainability in Africa: Civil Society's
Role in Advancing the 2030 and 2063 Agendas**

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Civil Society's Impact on Agenda Implementation

Civil society organisations (CSOs) play a crucial role in supporting the implementation of 2030 and 2063 Agendas in Africa.

Actively participating in specific actions and initiatives that civil society groups can undertake, such as:

- **Advocacy and awareness campaigns** to hold governments accountable for their commitments and to enhance SDGs and Agendas' awareness.
- **Community engagement and empowerment** to ensure that local voices are heard and integrated into policymaking.
- **Collaboration** with governments, international organizations, and other stakeholders to contribute to policy development and implementation.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation**, data collection, monitoring, and reporting on progress, bridging gaps in official statistics.

Navigating Obstacles: Challenges Faced by CSOs

It's important to note that the specific challenges may vary from one country/region to another and depending on the nature and focus of the CSO

- **Limited resources:** financial and human resources, making it difficult to engage in comprehensive advocacy and implementation efforts.
- **Capacity constraints:** Some CSOs may lack the necessary expertise and capacity in areas such as policy analysis, data collection, and advocacy, which are essential for effectively supporting the agendas
- **Political obstacles:** CSOs often face political pressure, including restrictions on their activities, limited freedom of expression, and threats to their members, which can hinder their ability to engage in policy discussions
- **Data and Information Gaps:** Inadequate access to quality data and information can hinder CSOs' ability to monitor progress effectively and advocate for evidence-based policies.

Pathways to Overcoming Challenges: Recommendations for CSOs

- Alignment and key messaging (strengthening SDG awareness)
- Collaboration among CSOs
- Strategic partnerships with key stakeholders (including government, state owned enterprises, and most importantly with AU organs – APRM, ECOSOCC – capacity building on CEPA Principles)
- Promoting accountability and transparency of localisation and domestication of Agendas 2030 and 2063

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