



The only
impossible
journey is the
one you never
begin

-Tony Robbins

Reflecting on the purpose of this Dialogue

- To define the need for a VA to reach the goal of reducing food waste in South Africa
- To gain insights that can assist in answering key questions that were identified in the gap analysis report (Parfitt & Jenkin, 2019)

1. Initiation and set-up

1.1 Can you identify a trusted and neutral organisation to lead the Agreement?

1.2 Do you have support from regional or national Government? If so, who?

2. Ambition (targets and programmes)

2.1 Is there a national target (e.g. for food waste prevention)?

2.2 Is the target aligned with wider goals, such as UN SDG 12.3?

3. Governance and funding

3.1 Do you have access to funding to manage and administer the VA?

3.2 Have you agreed a governance structure which will represent all actors involved?

5. Monitoring and evaluation

5.1 Do you have a baseline?

5.2 Do you have agreement to collect and analyse required data from signatories?

5.3 Are you aligned with a global standard, such as the Food Loss & Waste Protocol?

We have agreed in principle that

We will follow a Voluntary Agreement (VA) approach to meeting the goal of reducing food waste in South Africa by half by 2030

We have achieved the following so far

- Connected with others that share a common goal
- Gained insights from other stakeholders
- Shared ideas
- Started mapping out potential solutions



Mapping the way forward



Based on best practices shared

- Having a clear plan or roadmap is a critical factor for a successful VA
- Dialogues and working groups need to engage with stakeholders and key actions need to be agreed to progress towards VA targets
- Detailed stages are required for implementing a VA



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**Phase 1:
Initiation and
Set-up**

**Phase 2: 'Pre-
Hard Launch',
dialogues/
working groups**

**Phase 3:
Preparation and
Hard Launch of VA
and Roadmap**

Phase 4: Post-launch delivery towards SDG 12.3

- 1) Refine **VA Steering Group** (fill in any gaps)
- 2) Establish/confirm a **VA Secretariat**
- 3) **1st VA Steering Group meeting** (to inform workshops)

- 4) Wider VA stakeholder workshop (to define the foundations for a voluntary agreement roadmap and business plan, collect commitments)
- 5) Secretariat develops VA roadmap

- 6) Draft business plan & roadmap presented back to wider VA stakeholder group
- 7) Secretariat co-ordinates sign-off of the business plan & roadmap
- 8) Acquire 1st tranche of signatories

- 10) Steering Group agrees priority working groups [dialogues] & people identified
- 11) Secretariat organises 1st wave of working groups

- 12) VA Steering Group meets quarterly
- 13) Working groups agree as & when to meet (minimum quarterly)
- 14) VA signatory data collected and analysed Q2/Q3

**SOUTH AFRICA
ACHIEVES:
UN SDG 12.3**
target to halve per capita global food waste at retail and consumer stage and reduce food losses along the production and supply chains

9) Launch of **VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT**

15) Annual VA Summit = Oct 2020

2019 Q2

2019 Q3

2019 Q4

2020

2020 Q2/Q3

2023

2026

2030

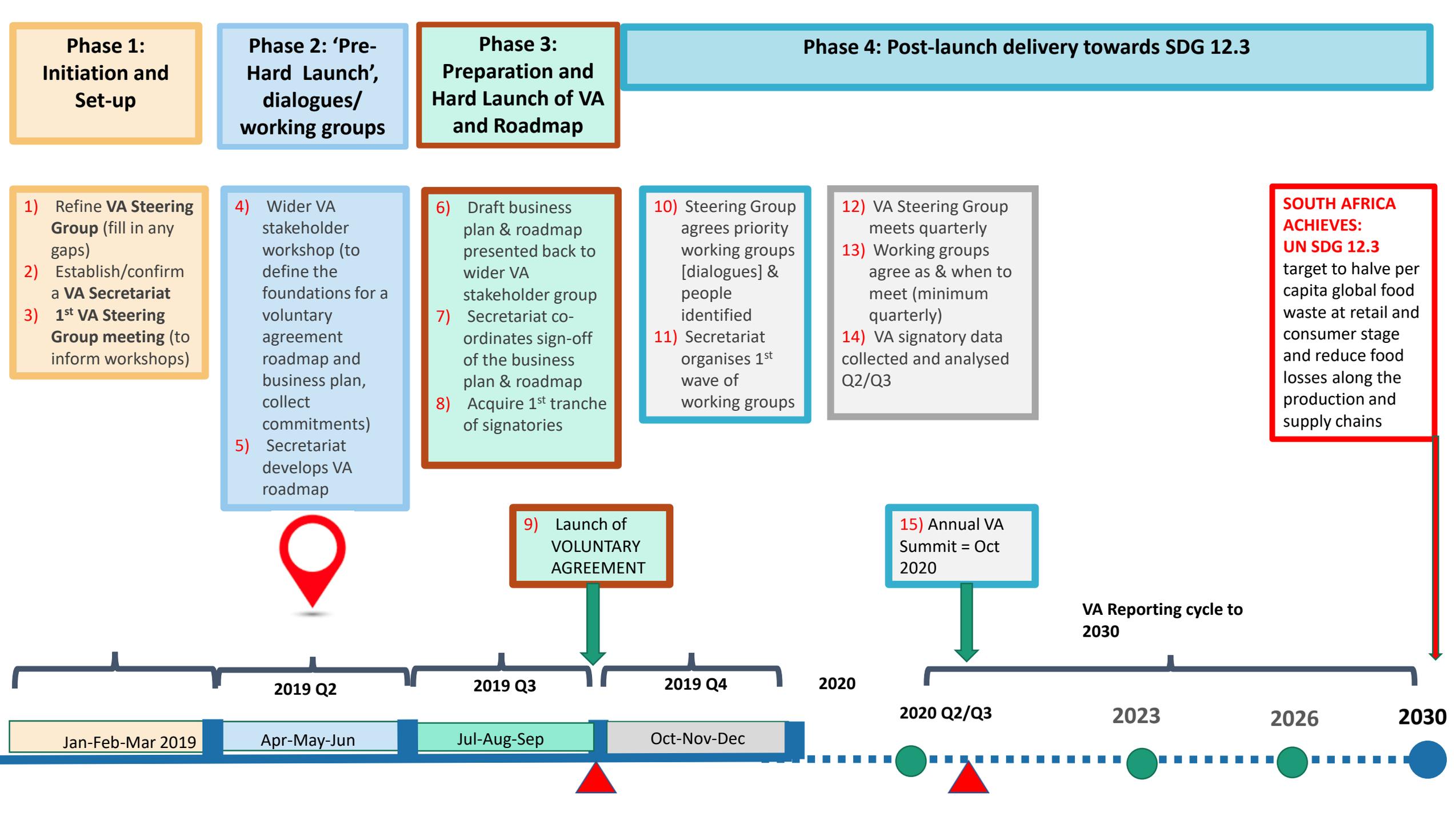
Jan-Feb-Mar 2019

Apr-May-Jun

Jul-Aug-Sep

Oct-Nov-Dec

VA Reporting cycle to 2030



Moving to Phase 3: Prep and Launch of VA

- Steering Committee to take insights from Dialogue and use these as foundation for developing draft business plan and roadmap in consultation with experts and stakeholders
- Drafts to be shared with stakeholders for inputs before finalisation
- Sign off of VA, business plan and roadmap to be coordinated by CGCSA
- Announcement of VA and signatories and start of work



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Preliminary thinking – Measure, Target, Act

Year 1 - Measure and target

- Signatories to measure their food waste / surplus and identify ‘hot spots’ to develop a baseline
- Signatories to be supported with methodology and training on how to measure and report
- Support delivery of Project Phakisa
- Identify and connect with other key stakeholders e.g. farmers

Year 2- 4 – Act and measure

- Signatories to work towards achieving agreed upon percentage reduction in food waste / surplus
- Signatories to set annual targets based on evidence gathered



Let's keep the
conversation going

Please share any additional ideas or
contacts with us

