



VNR LABS

HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

VNR Lab 7. “Getting it Right: Key Elements of VNR Preparation and Reporting”

*Friday, 9 July 2021
1:00 PM – 2:15 PM EST
(Virtual Event on Microsoft Teams)*

The Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) are an essential aspect of implementing the 2030 Agenda. The voluntary and country-led nature of reporting has characterized how progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is tracked across the globe. This process often incorporates factors such as national consultation processes, regional meetings, participation of stakeholders, coverage of data, national and sub-national strategies, and the presentation of the VNR report at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

From the first VNR presentations at the 2016 HLPF until today, some good practices of how to prepare a VNR and how to present it at the HLPF have emerged. It could be stated that a “successful” VNR is a result of a comprehensive approach towards collecting, analyzing and presenting information, and subsequently converting those to national action through engagement of the-whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach. In other words, experience has shown that “successful” VNRs tend to encompass evidence-based, analytical, and practical elements in this respect and provide a useful source of experiences and lessons learned to be shared at all levels.

This VNR lab session aims to provide insight into what makes a “successful” VNR process based on experience with VNRs so far. It will include an overview of the analysis of the VNR process by the Committee for Development Policy. The Lab will also feature an overview of archived videos of VNR presentations at earlier sessions of the HLPF that provide examples of successful VNRs. From these elements, the key components of the VNR process, both nationally and in the HLPF, will be assessed in the context of what a good analysis and presentation could each contain.

Registration for this event is available here: <https://forms.office.com/r/ULCmBMcUC9>

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PROGRAMME OF SPEAKERS

Time	
1:00 – 1:05 pm	Opening and welcome Ms. Marion Barthelemy, Director, Office for Intergovernmental Support and Coordination, DESA
1:05 – 1:20 pm	Overview of CDP analysis of the VNRs Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Development Economist and Panelist, United Nations Committee on Development Policy
1:20 – 1:30 pm	VNR Presentations at the HLPF: A Video Synopsis Ms. Maame Agyeben, Associate Sustainable Development Officer, Office for Intergovernmental Support and Coordination, DESA
1:30 – 1:50 pm	VNR Reporting: Good practices from the field <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Costa Rica• Iceland• Kyrgyz Republic tbc• Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
1:50 – 2:15 pm	Discussion Moderated by Mr. Joop Theunissen, Office for Intergovernmental Support and Coordination, DESA