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## VNR LABS

### HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

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## VNR Lab 10: Showcasing multi-stakeholder participation in a VNR - Country examples and a checklist for multi-stakeholder participation

**Organizers:** Global Forum for National SDG Advisory Bodies and the German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE)

**Date and time:** Tuesday 16 July, 9-10 am New York

**Venue:** UN-building Conference room S-1522/23 (15<sup>th</sup> floor), with possibility to join online (hybrid)

**In person and virtual registration:** <https://forms.office.com/e/1t2BMEQ3GZ>

### Description:

The [Global Forum for National SDG Advisory Bodies](#) is a network of organisations working towards the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It connects the knowledge and experience of SDG councils, commissions and similar multi-stakeholder advisory bodies around the globe that have an advisory function to their governments. These bodies contribute to the national institutional architectures for the implementation of the SDGs by, e.g., advising the government on sustainability policies, carrying out projects at the local or national level, or engaging in the VNR process. Through their engagement, they form a bridge between non-state stakeholders and governments.

The Global Forum [Pieces of a Puzzle reports](#) have mapped the positive trajectory of multi-stakeholder involvement in preparing VNRs. In this VNR Lab, members of the Global Forum will give an account of their experiences supporting governments in drafting their VNRs. In addition, a checklist will be shared that the Global Forum uses to assess the environment for multi-stakeholder engagement which contributes to a systematic assessment of a government's openness to engaging non-state actors in the VNR process. The Lab will then discuss how this checklist could help to showcase and celebrate good examples of multi-stakeholder participation in VNRs in the future.

### Tentative agenda:

- '00 **Welcoming and introductory remarks by Kai Niebert, member of the German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE)/Zurich University**  
Facilitator: Marc-Oliver Pahl, RNE
- '05 **Country update: Kenya observations from the 2024 VNR process**  
Florence Syevuo, Executive Director, SDGs Kenya Forum
- '10 **Regional update: Latin America and Caribbean observations from the 2024 VNR process and lessons learnt from previous VNRs**  
Danielle Jean Pierre, Director, Global Forum, LAC Regional Hub  
Gabriela Suárez Buitrón, Executive Director, Grupo FARO Ecuador  
Carlos Applewhaite, Sustainable Development Goals Secretariat, Planning Institute of Jamaica
- '30 **Introducing a checklist for multi-stakeholder participation in VNRs**  
Tom Harrison, Secretariat, Global Forum for National SDG Advisory Bodies
- '40 **Feedback and discussion**
- '55 **Concluding remarks**  
Kai Niebert, RNE

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