

VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS



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**HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

2018 High-Level Political Forum

- The 2018 session will take place **9-18 July at UN Headquarters in New York**
- The theme is **“Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies”**
- 47 countries will present their **voluntary national reviews**
- **Set of goals** for the in-depth review of progress:



- Draft programme:

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2018>

HLPF Voluntary National Reviews

- **VNRs are state-led:**
country driven reviews of progress at national and sub-national levels,
- **Learning experience:**
facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, part of a process
- **National circumstances:**
reviews in accordance with national circumstances, policies and priorities, together with relevant partners

BENEFITS OF THE VNRS

- **CATALYZER** – the preparatory process provides a great chance for including all relevant stakeholders in the SDG implementation
- **STOCKTAKING** – for many countries the VNR has been a kick-starter for mapping existing policies and their compatibility with the SDGs, implementation gaps and data availability
- **COORDINATION** – VNR preparation requires a coordinated effort and for many countries the institutional arrangements made have proved useful also for SDG implementation
- **“WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT” APPROACH** – VNR provides a chance for obtaining buy-in in from civil servants and creating incentives for integrated policy-making and service delivery
- **AREAS FOR SUPPORT** – tool for identifying and communicating the areas in which the country requires additional support for implementation
- **COMMUNICATION TOOL** of the agenda to citizens, civil society, academia, sub-national and local governments etc.

UN Secretary-General's voluntary common reporting guidelines

- **Help** countries structure VNR reports HLPF
- **Promote** comparability and consistency
- **Voluntary** nature of process - each country free to decide on scope of its review and format for presentation of findings
- **Updated** for 2018: analysis/explanation of policies, addressing “leaving no one behind” (LNOB), cover all SDGs

LESSONS LEARNED


- Designate **coordinator(s)** and the “**penholder(s)**”
- Engage a broad range of **stakeholders** early on
- Focus on **quality, not quantity**
- Include **analysis, explanations, lessons learned & examples** (minimize **listing** of strategies, etc.)
- Cover **strengths and weaknesses**
- Include a **statistical annex**, if suitable
- Identify areas where **additional support** is needed
- Spell out the **next steps** in implementation

VNR Handbook/Manuel/دليل



HANDBOOK
FOR THE PREPARATION OF
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