OVERVIEW OF VNR 2022 PROCESS

27 APRIL 2022
Overview

• Introduction and overview of the Voluntary National Reviews

• VNR process for 2022 HLPF

• Best practices, tools and resources
Voluntary National Reviews

• The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted by all Member States of the United Nations in September 2015.

• The 2030 Agenda provides a visionary roadmap for all countries and stakeholders to strive for a world of sustainable prosperity, social inclusion and equality while at the same time preserving our planet and leaving no one behind.

• Voluntary national reviews (VNRs) are part of the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The VNRs are presented during the High-Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development (HLPF). (Paragraphs 74 and 84 of the 2030 Agenda)

• One of the founding principles of the 2030 Agenda is the requirement for all implementation and follow-up processes to be participatory and inclusive, including all levels and sectors of government, civil society and the private sector, amongst other stakeholders
Principles of Voluntary National Reviews

**Voluntary**
- encourage reporting and include developed and developing countries

**State-led**
- country driven reviews of progress at national and sub-national levels

**Platform for partnerships**
- including through the participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders

**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
Main benefits of conducting a VNR

- Sharing lessons learned & experiences with other countries
- Measure SDG implementation and facilitate alignment with other frameworks
- Advance the national implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- Mobilize partnerships
- Strengthen SDG awareness
The VNRs: Some Numbers

247 VNRs have been conducted to date


176 countries have presented VNRs with 59 countries having conducted more than one VNR.

8 countries have not yet presented or expressed interest to present a VNR

45 countries will present their VNRs in 2022.
Countries having conducted a VNR – 2016-2022
## 45 VNR Countries in 2022

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<th>Number of Times Presenting/Region</th>
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<td><strong>Africa (21)</strong></td>
<td>Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, São Tomé and Príncipe, Somalia</td>
<td>Botswana, Cameroon, Côte d’Ivoire, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Senegal, Sudan</td>
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<td>Jordan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates</td>
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<td>Andorra, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands</td>
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Timeline for 2022 Voluntary National Reviews

GLOBAL PREP I
25-29 OCT 2021
VIRTUAL

GLOBAL PREP II WEBINAR
April 2022

GLOBAL PREP III
JUNE/JULY 2022 | NEW YORK

12-15 July 2022
NEW YORK
MINISTERIAL SEGMENT
HLPF

COUNTRY LEVEL ACTIVITIES

DEADLINE I
3 MAY 2022
SUBMISSION OF MAIN MESSAGES

DEADLINE II
10 JUNE 2022
SUBMISSION OF FINAL REPORTS

DEADLINE III
17 JUNE 2022
SUBMISSION OF AUDIOVISUALS

2022 VNR PRESENTATIONS
1. Opening statement, highlights, introduction
2. Methodology and process for preparing the report
3. Policy and enabling environment
   a. Ensuring ownership of SDGs
   b. Integrating SDGs in national frameworks
   c. Integration of 3 dimensions of SD
   d. Leave no one behind
   e. Institutional mechanisms
   f. Systemic issues and transformative actions
4. Progress on goals and targets and evaluation of policies and measures
5. New and emerging challenges
6. Means of implementation
7. Conclusion and next steps
8. Annexes

New elements from 2020 in italics underlined
Resources

- VNR database
- VNR Handbook
- 2021 VNR Synthesis Report
- Voluntary Common Reporting Guidelines for VNRs
- Stakeholder Engagement and the 2030 Agenda: A Practical Guide