

GLOBAL GUIDING ELEMENTS FOR VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEWS

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VLRS AND THE GLOBAL MONITORING FRAMEWORK

- VLRS are not officially a part of the HLPF
- VLRS have been discussed in the negotiations on the HLPF review
- Mentioned in the President's Summary of the 2020 HLPF as a useful tool for increasing local commitment to the SDGs
- Cities and regions are represented at the annual Local and Regional Governments Forum, DESA's special event at the HLPF
- Several UN Regional Commissions incorporating findings from the VLRS in the Regional Forums for Sustainable Development

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GLOBAL GUIDING
ELEMENTS
FOR VLRS***

- Draw from the Secretary-General's common voluntary guidelines for the VNRs
- Provide a proposed shared structure for the reports, and at minimum, give a checklist of issues that could be reflected in the process
- Fully compatible with other, more detailed guidance documents
- Aim at fostering a dialogue between the Voluntary National Reviews and the VLRS, where applicable

CONNECTING VNRS WITH VLRS

VLRS can enrich VNRS

- A valuable source of feedback, information and data for VNR processes
- Foster policy coherence and coordination among national and local efforts
- Enhance stakeholder engagement and awareness of the SDGs at the subnational level
- Amplify the voices of the poor and people living in vulnerable situations and help in ensuring no one is left behind
- Can highlight innovative local resource mobilizing solutions

CONNECTING VNRS WITH VLRS, cont'd

VLRS can enrich VNRS

- Cities and local governments are providers of basic services –housing, health, education, water and sanitation, etc.
- Hence, VLRS provide a fuller picture of SDG implementation and challenges
- Showcase and bring forward unique but scalable solutions
- Help in assessing and addressing vertical and horizontal inequalities within a country

DESA CAPACITY BUILDING

- Global peer learning workshops for cities and regions
- Voluntary Local Review Series:
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - Integrating the SDGs into strategies, plans and budgets
 - Monitoring, data and indicators
- SDGs as a shared language for peer learning
- Targeted support to individual Governments and cities
- DESA capacity building support is demand driven

THANK YOU!

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