

Online Pre-meeting on sub-national reviews of SDG implementation
29 June 2020
 Programme

9:00 – 09:10	<p>Opening and main purpose of the workshop</p> <p>Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, DESA</p>
9:10 – 9:40	<p>Local and regional implementation of SDGs and benefits of sub-national reviews</p> <p><i>Introduction and lessons learned from the Voluntary National Reviews – Ms. Riina Jussila, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (5 min.)</i></p> <p><i>Mini-panel: Brief interventions (5 min each)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Sanna-Mari Jäntti, Director of Strategic Initiatives, City of Helsinki - Ms. Aissata Camara, Deputy Commissioner for Operations and Strategic Partnerships, City of New York - Mr. Francisco Resnicoff, Undersecretary of International and Institutional Relations, Buenos Aires, Argentina <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the role of local and regional governments in SDG implementation? 2. What are the benefits of conducting a VLR? 3. What gaps in SDG implementation did the VLRs highlight? 4. Did the VLR process lead to changes in strategies, plans, coordination mechanisms or other areas of SDG implementation? 5. How is the VLR being utilized after the report has been published? 6. How can the SDGs be utilized in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic?
9:40 – 10:15	<p>The VLR preparatory process: overview of approaches, milestones and deliverables</p> <p>Breakout groups (Each group will have a chair that has already prepared a VLR)</p> <p>Chairs of the breakout groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christian Hübel, Mannheim, Germany - Patricia Menezes, State of Pará, Brazil - Allan Macleod, Bristol, United Kingdom - Edgar Pacheco, La Paz, Bolivia - Oneika Pryce, New York City, USA - Laura Uttu-Deschryvere, Helsinki, Finland

	<p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to begin a VLR process? 2. What are the key elements and milestones in the process? 3. Who leads the process and who is engaged? What works and why? 4. What are the lessons learned from the process and how has it contributed to the local implementation of the 2030 Agenda?
10:15– 10:30	Report back
10:30 – 10:50	<p>Utilizing guidance materials, peer learning and research</p> <p>Lightning presentations (4 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Edgardo Bilsky, United Cities and Local Governments - Mr. Tony Pipa, Brookings Institution - Ms. Alice Siragusa, European Commission Joint Research Center - Mr. Junichi Fujino, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) - Mr. Samiuddin Ahmed, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
10:50 – 11:20	<p>Linkages with the Voluntary National Reviews and the High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF)</p> <p><i>Mini-panel:</i> Brief interventions (3 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Gabriel Ferrero y de Loma-Osorio, Director General, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Spain - Ms. Leyre Madariaga, Director for Foreign Affairs of the Basque Government, Spain - Mr. Benard Eumu, District chairperson, Ngora District, Uganda (TBC) <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can VLRs best support coherent national SDG implementation? 2. What is the role of local and regional governments in VNR processes? 3. What types of arrangements support participation of local and regional governments in national SDG coordination bodies and mechanisms and how are synergies ensured between national and sub-national implementation?
11:20– 11:30	Next Steps and Closing