Voluntary Local Review Series: Integrating the SDGs into strategies, plans and budgets

19 November 2020

9:00-10:30 EST (New York time)

Programme

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<td>Introduction and lessons learned from the Voluntary National Reviews (5 min.)</td>
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Mini-panel: Brief interventions (4 min each)

- **Ms. Gyrid Mangersnes**, Program Manager, Asker, Norway
- **Mr. Pedro Miranda**, Director of Monitoring and Territorial Management of the Technical Secretariat Planifica, Ecuador
- **Ms. Yolanda Martinez López**, Secretary of Social and Human Development, Government of Oaxaca, Mexico
- **Mr. Christian W. Hübel**, Head of the Department of Strategic Governance, Mannheim, Germany

Guiding questions:

1. What has been the experience with integrating the SDGs into local and regional development plans, strategies and other policy frameworks?

2. How can the alignment between national planning and regional/local plans be improved? How can regional and local priorities be reflected in national planning?

3. How could the VLRs contribute to alignment and coherence between
4. How have the SDGs been linked with budgets and financing frameworks?

### 9:30 – 10:00

**Integration: overview of approaches, strategies and activities**

**Breakout groups chaired by:**

- Ms Natasha Primo, Cape Town, South Africa
- Mr. Sebastián Chinestra, National Council for the Coordination of Social Policies of Argentina
- Mr. Chris Castro, Orlando, United States of America
- Ms. Patricia Miranda Menezes, State of Pará, Brazil
- Ms. Mia Malin, Helsinki, Finland
- Ms. Oneika Pryce, New York City, United States of America

**Guiding questions:**

1. Has your city/region integrated the SDGs into your plans and strategies? What have been the main benefits and challenges?

2. Has the processes of integration differed with sectoral plans from overall strategies?

3. Have you collaborated with the national government on SDG integration? How have you advanced the alignment of SDG work at different levels of government? What are the main challenges for this work?

4. Has your city/region linked the SDGs with your budget or overall financing framework? What have been the steps taken in this process?

### 10:00 – 10:05

**Managing infrastructure assets for sustainable development - DESA tools and capacity development support for local governments**

Ms. Caroline Lombardo, Chief, International Tax and Development Cooperation Branch, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN DESA

### 10:05 – 10:20

**Report back**

### 10:20 – 10:30

**Closing**

Mr. Amson Sibanda, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, DESA