

Voluntary Local Review Series: Institutional arrangements for SDG implementation

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8:00-9:30 EST (New York time)

Draft Programme

8:00 – 08:05	<p>Opening and main purpose of the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, National Strategies and Capacity building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, DESA
8:05 – 8:30	<p>Leveraging effective institutional arrangements at all levels</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Riina Jussila, Sustainable Development Officer, National Strategies and Capacity building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, DESA</p> <p><i>Introduction and lessons learned from the Voluntary National Reviews and the World Public Sector Report 2021 (5 min.)</i></p> <p>Representative of the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government, DESA</p> <p><i>Mini-panel: Brief interventions (4 min each)</i></p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How are local, regional and national institutions being mobilized and organized to implement the SDGs through Voluntary Local Reviews? 2. How can coordination be ensured among various parts of the local government as well as with actors outside the government, such as civil society and private sector? How can these arrangements contribute to integrated approaches to SDG implementation? 3. What types of institutional arrangements have worked for effective multilevel coordination? What are examples of effective participation of local and regional governments in national-level mechanisms?
8:30 – 9:10	<p>Setting up coordination and drafting mechanisms for the VLR: overview of approaches</p> <p>Breakout groups (Each group will have a chair that has already prepared a VLR)</p>

	<p>Guiding questions:</p> <p>1. What kind of a coordination mechanism was used for the VLR process? Were existing arrangements utilized or new ones established? How did you ensure the participation of all key actors?</p> <p>3. How were non-governmental stakeholders included in the process? How did you define the right mechanism for engaging them and what were the main challenges and benefits from this work? How were the participating entities identified and organized?</p> <p>4. If new mechanisms or arrangements were established, were they utilized after the VLR process?</p> <p>5. Does your local or regional government participate in national SDG processes through an established engagement mechanism? What types of mechanisms can enhance the exchange of information and knowledge from the VLR processes into national decision-making and review processes?</p> <p>Chairs of the breakout groups: (to be chosen among the participants)</p>
9:10– 9:25	Report back
9:25 – 9:30	Closing
	Representative of the Division for Sustainable Development Goals, DESA