



Lessons Learned from Implementation at Local Levels and Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs)

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What does localizing the SDGs mean?

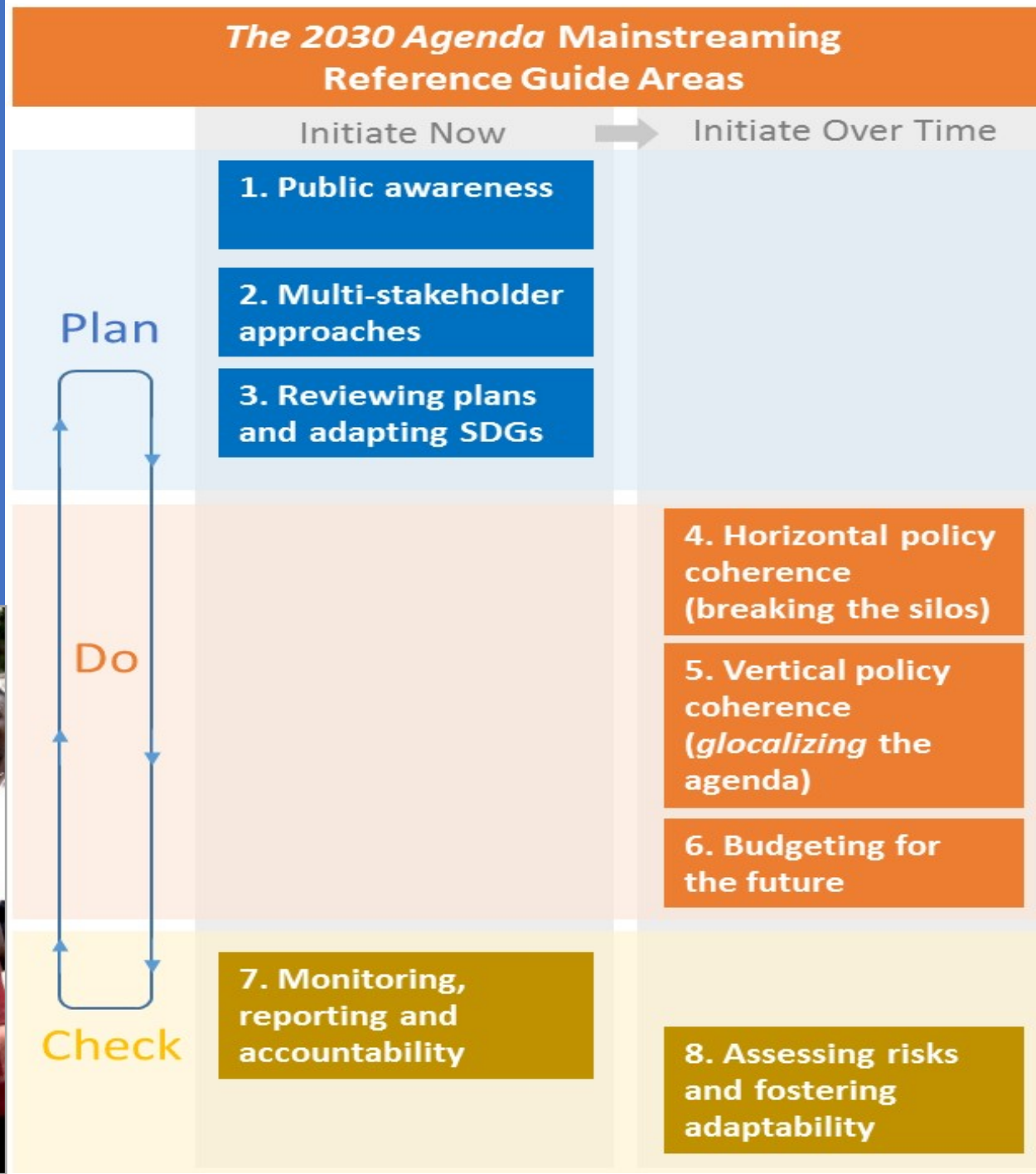
- Integrating the SDGs in the design, implementation and monitoring of sub-national plans and putting sub-national governments at the center of the SDGs



- Sub-national governments and other actors (international organizations, civil societies and academics) are crucial to ensure the process is inclusive and accountable



MAINSTREAMING the SDGs at COUNTRY- LEVEL



Why Voluntary Local Reviews? Opportunities Provided by VLRs



A VLR allows the local government to listen to the needs of its people and reflect them into local policymaking



A VLR invites self-reflection, by diagnosing the state and pointing to pathways for a better localization of the SDGs



A VLR provides for a process that is data-driven and can be used to plan for action to achieve the future we want



A VLR gives a local take on the global conversation on sustainable development

There is some SDG Goals and targets that involve subnational governments

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



All targets

16 PEACE AND JUSTICE



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16.2 16.5 16.9
16.3 16.6 16.10

1 NO POVERTY



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2 ZERO HUNGER



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2.c

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING




3.1 3.7
3.2 3.8
3.3 3.9
3.4 3.c
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4 QUALITY EDUCATION



4.1 4.a
4.2 4.b
4.3 4.c
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4.6

5 GENDER EQUALITY



5.1 5.a
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6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION




6.1 6.b
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7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



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8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH




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8.2 8.9
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9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



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10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



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10.3

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



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13 CLIMATE ACTION



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14 LIFE BELOW WATER



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15 LIFE ON LAND



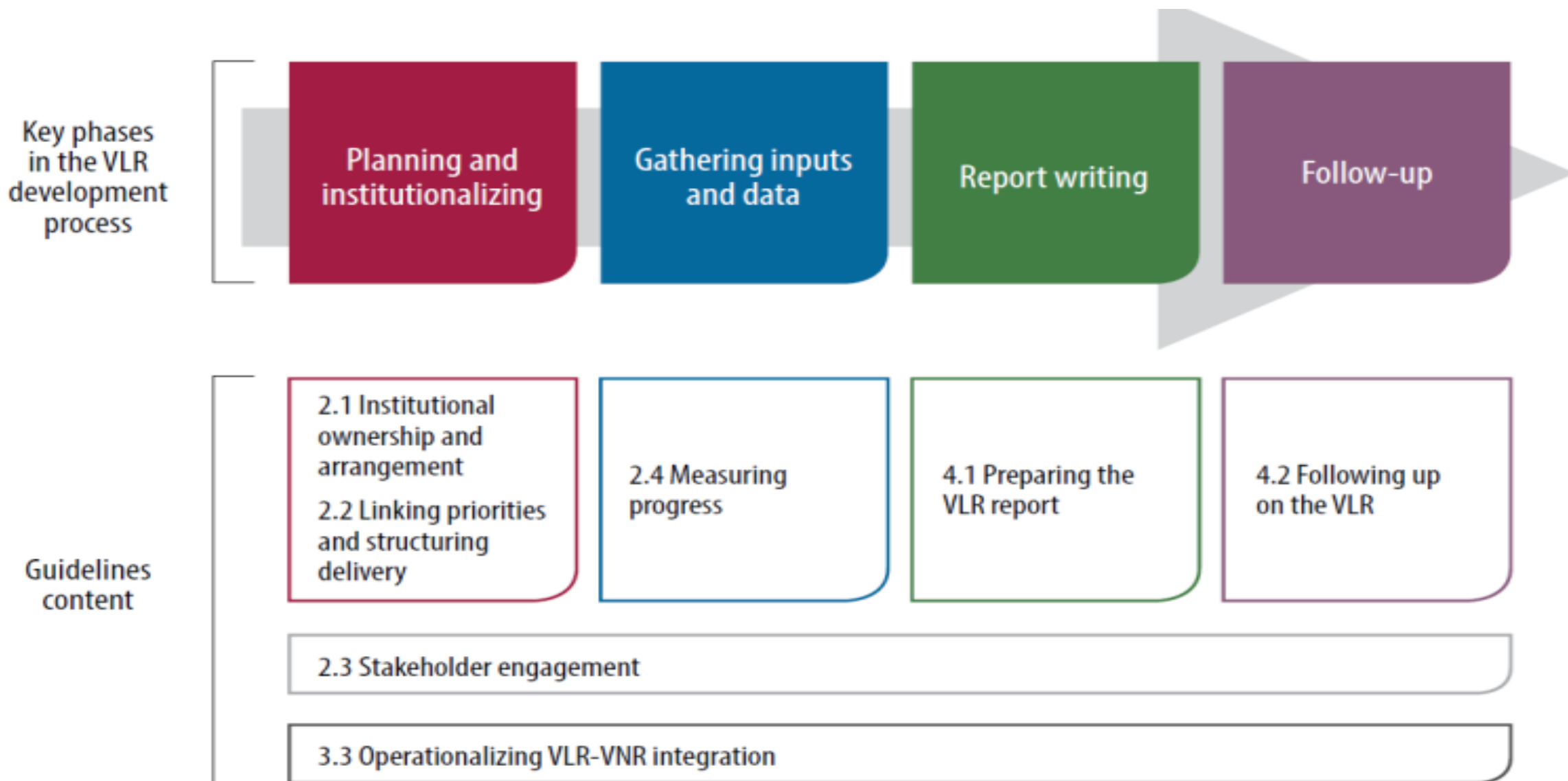
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17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

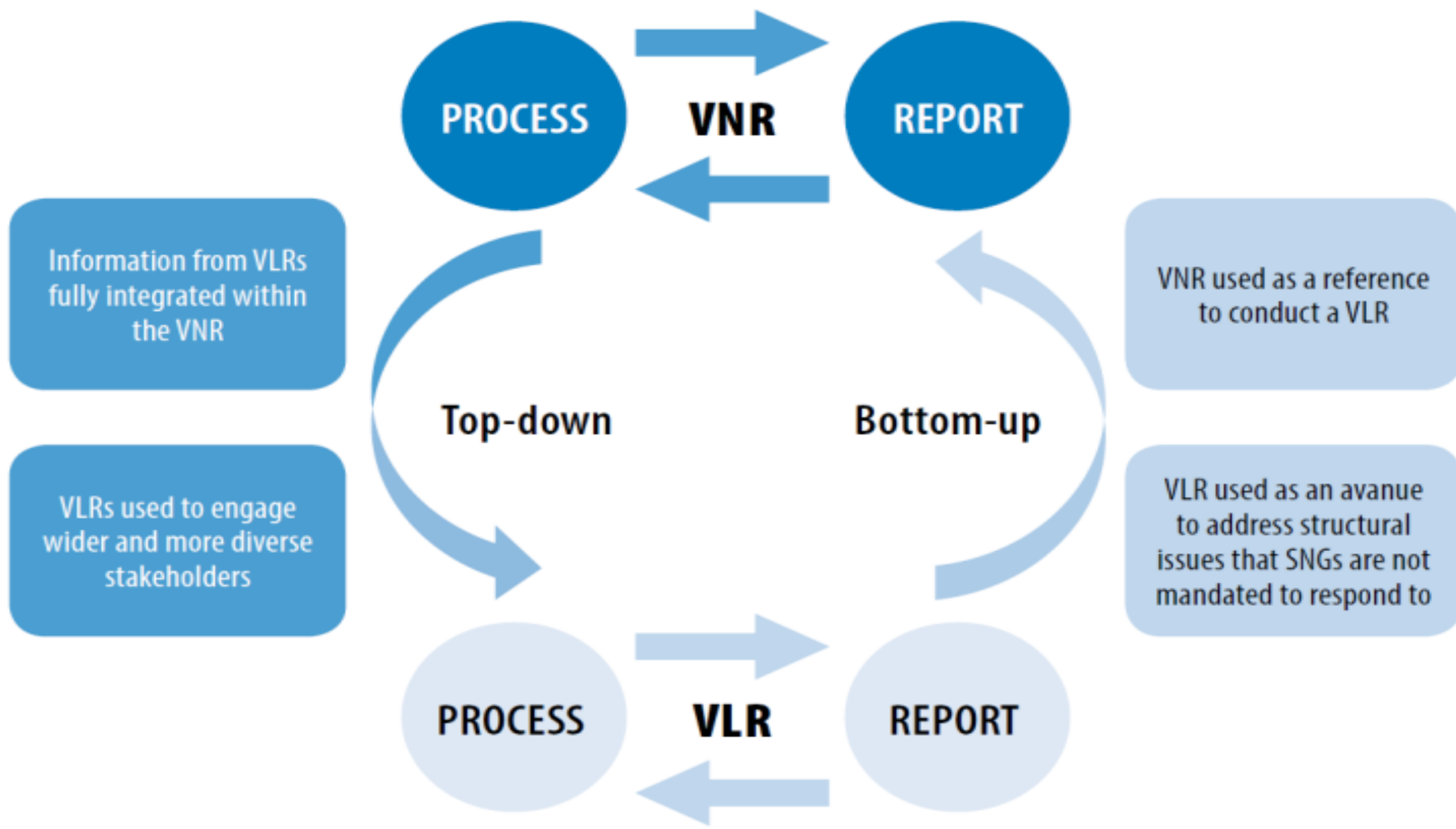


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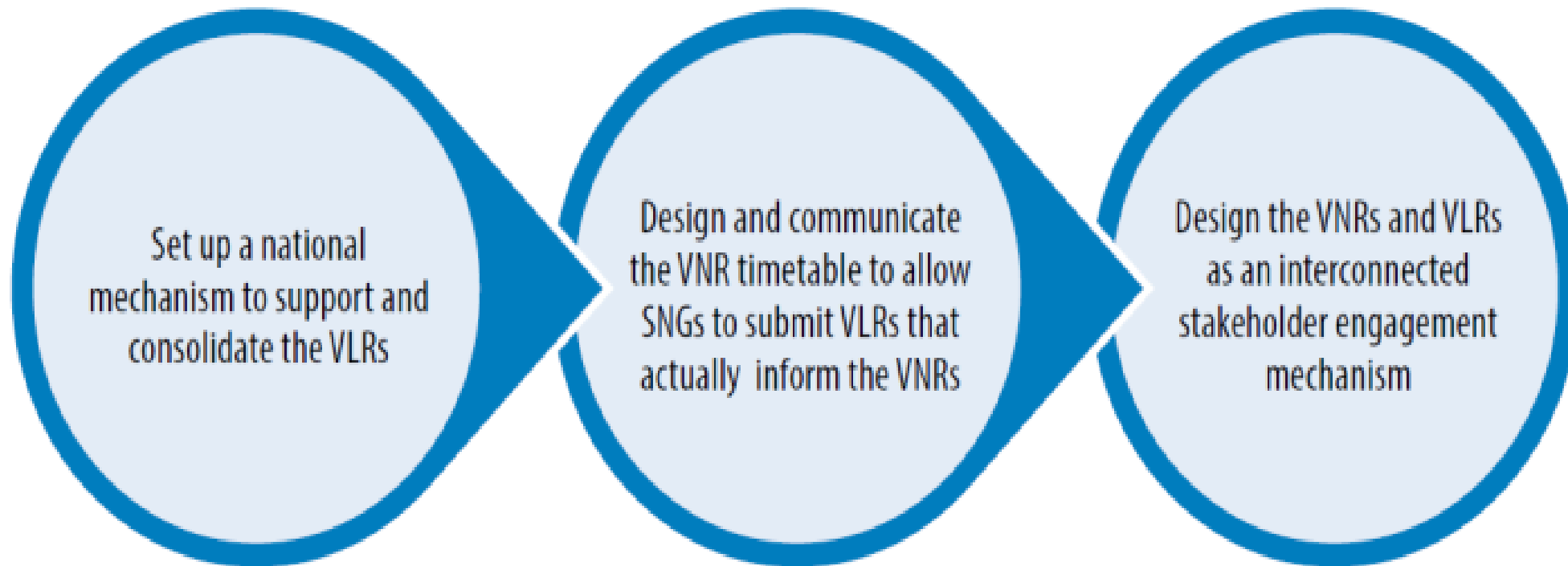
Conducting a Voluntary Local Review



Operationalizing VLR-VNR integration



Actions to consider when integrating VLRs and VNRs



The SDGs Localization Experience in Kenya

The Kenya VLR Process Experience

VI. Roadmap is to roll-out VLRs to all 47 counties (to have a bottom up VNR process –where VLRs contribute to the national VNR)

V. Private sector (Kenya Private Sector Alliance/KEPSA) and CSOs (Kenya SDGs Forum) produced complementarity VNRs which were annexes to the Kenya VNR 2020 (this was also the case in 2017)

IV. Five VLRs were an input in the 2020 Kenya VNR – best practices at SDGs reporting at sub-national levels

III. Five Counties (Busia, Kisumu, Kwale, Marsabit and Taita Taveta) piloted VLRs in 2019 (supported by the UN)

II. Training of SDGs Champions from all 47 counties in 2019 (supported by the UN)

I. SDGs were mainstreamed in County Intergated Development Plans (CIDPs) in 2018 (supported by the UN)

Some Lessons Learned

- Linkage between planning and budgeting is weak – there is need to cascade an integrated financing framework to the sub-national level to strengthen the link between planning and budgeting. Ghana is a very interesting case study in this regard.
- Need to align sub-national COVID-19 response plans to the SDGs to build forward better.
- Need to invest in data at the sub-national level to track progress on the SDGs and Agenda 2063.
- Capacity building is still needed at sub-national level on SDGs mainstreaming, implementation and reporting.
- Need to strengthen the link between the VLR and VNR processes.

