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# Linkages with Voluntary National Reviews & High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF)

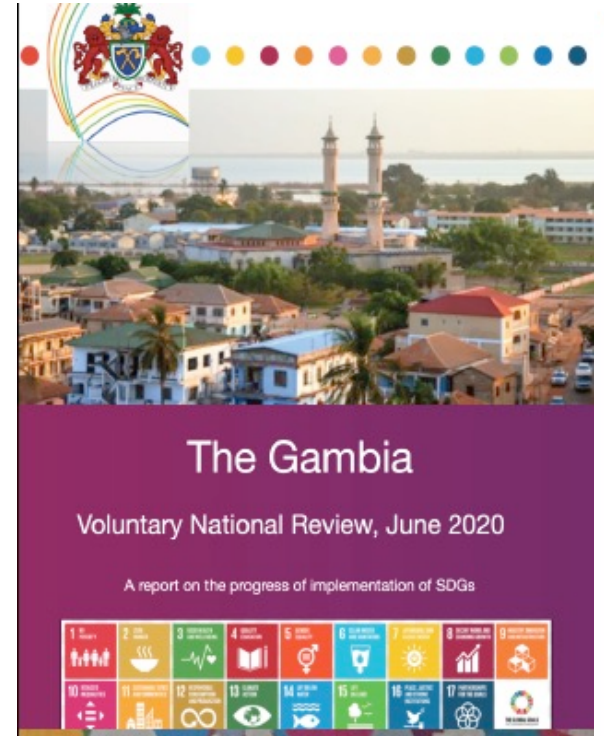
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# VNRs at the HLPF

- ❑ “A robust, voluntary, effective, participatory, transparent and integrated follow-up and review framework...” para 72
- ❑ VNRs nearing universal coverage:
  - (a) 176 countries conducted reviews
  - (b) 205 reviews carried out (59 countries more than one VNR)
  - (c) 46 VNRs at 2022 HLPF
- ❑ SG’s Voluntary Guidelines for VNRs refer to reflecting local action and encourage showcasing VLRs



## Recognition of VLRs at intergovernmental level

**“In recognition of efforts by local authorities to conduct local reviews,** the high-level political forum should continue to strengthen the attention given to efforts to bolster local action to accelerate implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, in accordance with national circumstances, policies and priorities, and the regional forums are encouraged to discuss trends and findings from voluntary local reviews.”

UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/75/290B, annex, para. 30

## Connecting VLRs and VNRs

- ❑ Overall, VNRs demonstrate increased awareness of local and regional implementation of SDGs
- ❑ 2021 VNR countries referring to voluntary local/voluntary subnational reviews (VLRs/VSRs), among them Indonesia, Mexico, Zimbabwe
- ❑ VNRs incorporating lessons learned/material from VLRs, among them Germany, Norway, Sweden
- ❑ Scope to integrate findings from VLRs in national reviews – illustrate key challenges, local specificity of SDG implementation, vertical (local-national) governance

# VLRs reflected in VNRS - Sweden

Sweden's 2021 VNR included a section titled "Regional and local level".

Sweden officially **submitted 4 VLRs from Stockholm, Uppsala, Helsingborg and Malmö together with the VNR.**

The VNR contains reflects on the role of local governments, main messages from VLRs and case studies

In addition, the Association of municipalities has conducted a subnational review



# VLRs contributing to national SDG reporting

- ❑ Additional source of feedback, information and data for VNR processes
- ❑ Foster policy coherence and coordination between national and local implementation
- ❑ Integrate results from subnational stakeholder engagement
- ❑ Highlight voices of the poor and people living in vulnerable situations and help in ensuring no one is left behind
- ❑ Awareness-raising and whole-of-society approach to SDGs
- ❑ Highlight innovative local resource mobilization solutions



# Timeline for the 2022 Voluntary National Reviews



**Global Prep Webinar II**  
March 2022



**Global Prep III**  
June/July 2022

23-15 July 2022  
NEW YORK  
MINISTERIAL SEGMENT  
HLPF



Country



level

activities



**2022 VNR  
PRESENTATIONS**

**DEADLINE 1**

Submission of Main messages  
**3 May 2022**

**DEADLINE 2**

Submission of Report  
**10 June 2022**

**DEADLINE 3**

Submission of Audiovisuals  
**17 June 2022**





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