Community of Practice on Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) for Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries
Virtual meeting, 14 September 2022
Programme
*(Trinidad and Tobago time)*

14:00 Welcome and introduction
- Romain Zivy, Chief of Staff, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC
- Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Advisor on Implementation and Review of SDGs, DESA

*Moderation* by Mareike Eberz, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC

Setting the stage: the localization of the SDGs and the Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs)

14:10 The localization of the SDGs in the LAC region
Valeria Torres, Governance Affairs Officer, The Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), ECLAC

14:20 The VLRs: global perspective and benefits
Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Advisor on Implementation and Review of SDGs, DESA

14:30 The Network of Cantons for the Promotion of the SDGs - Promoting the SDGs at the local level
- Victoria Cruz, Strategic Planning Officer and Head of Office, Office of the Resident Coordinator in Costa Rica
- Jorge Ocampo, Executive President of the Institute of Development and Municipal Advisory (IFAM) in Costa Rica

14:40 Interactive peer-to-peer learning dialogue between LAC countries

*Moderation* by Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Coordinator of the Statistics and Social Development Unit, Subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, ECLAC
### VLR experiences from the LAC region

**14.55**  
*The experience of Argentina: local governments as central actors in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda - the case of the city of San Justo, Santa Fe*  
- Nicolás Cuesta, Architect, Mayor of San Justo, Argentina  
- Mónica Astore, Coordinator of Education of the Government of the City of San Justo

**15.05**  
*The experience of Mexico: stakeholder engagement in the VLR process*  
Jorge Luis Aviles Lizama, Technical Secretary, Technical Secretary for Planning and Monitoring, Government of the State of Yucatan, Mexico

**15.15**  
*The experience of Costa Rica: the process of conducting a VLR in a rural area*  
Miguel Mata, Vice Mayor of Municipal Puriscal, Province of San José, Costa Rica

**15.25**  
*Interactive peer-to-peer learning dialogue between LAC countries*  
*Moderation* by Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Coordinator of the Statistics and Social Development Unit, Subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, ECLAC

**15:40**  
*Past and upcoming regional and global milestones of the 2030 Agenda*  
Mareike Eberz, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC

**15:50**  
*Concluding remarks*  
Humberto Soto, Social Affairs Officer, Social Affairs Officer, Subregional Headquarters in Mexico, ECLAC

**16.00**  
*Closing*