

## "Unleashing the Power of Collaboration: Boosting Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships and Engagement for the 2030 Agenda"

*VNR Lab on Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships and Engagement for the 2023 United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF)*

Monday 17 July 2-3 PM EDT

Organized by UNDESA (Division for Sustainable Development Goals, DSDG)

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### **Background**

The United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development will be held from 10 - 19 July 2023, under the theme "*Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels*". For the sixth year, a series of **Voluntary National Review (VNR) Labs** are being convened on the margins of the HLPF. The VNR Labs will provide an informal platform for experience sharing and reflection on the VNR process under the overarching theme of "*Recovery, Transformation, Acceleration and Implementation*".

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs cannot be achieved without the active engagement of all sectors of society. As we reach the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda and approach major SDGs related events such as the SDG Summit (September 2023) and the Summit of the Future (2024), a proactive and collaborative approach that engages all relevant stakeholders is required to move towards a new phase of accelerated progress. This involves ensuring that Voluntary National Reviews facilitate for stakeholders to have a voice in the decision-making process, empowering them to actively contribute to the implementation of the SDGs, and encouraging durable partnerships and collaborations between stakeholders at different levels.

The VNR Lab will assess the support available to stakeholders to facilitate meaningful and effective multi-stakeholder partnerships and engagement and make recommendations in this regard. It will also provide a space for dialogue and exchange between VNR countries, stakeholders and partners on the next steps for stakeholder engagement to reach the 2030 Agenda, including the preparation and follow-up of VNRs.

In addition, The VNR Lab will address the need to secure finance to implement and support activities related to meaningful multi-stakeholder partnerships and engagement.

This VNR Lab is organized by UNDESA, through its Division for Sustainable Development Goals (UNDESA/DSDG).

### **Objectives**

The focused VNR Lab will provide a timely opportunity to discuss challenges, share lessons learned and good practices as well as report on innovative tools to strengthen and facilitate meaningful multi-stakeholder partnerships and engagement more systematically throughout the VNR process and beyond. In addition, the VNR Lab will identify what additional (financial) support is required and explore how such support could be scaled up to ensure an accelerated recovery from COVID-19 and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda at all levels.

### **Format and outcomes**

This event will be held in-person inside the United Nations Headquarters (Conference Room 11) and will be open to all registered HLPF participants. There is no separate online registration for this VNR Lab. The event will consist of a panel followed by an interactive discussion. The event will be webcasted on UN Web TV (TBD) and recorded, and the recording will be shared on the official 2023 HLPF VNR Labs website.

A summary of the event will be prepared and posted online.

02:00 - 02:05	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Lotta Tahtinen</b>, Chief, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UN DESA</li> </ul>
02:05 - 02:35	<b>Panel: What is Next for Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships and Engagement in VNRs?</b> <p><i>Moderator – Mr. Pablo Fernández Marmissolle-Daguerre, Office of the Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)</i></p> <p><b>Speakers (4-minutes):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. André Moz Caldas</b>, Secretary of State for the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Portugal</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Aman Khaleel</b>, Senior Planning Analyst, Maldives</li> </ul> <p><b>Lead Discussants (4-minutes):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Martina Kabisama</b>, SAHRiNGON Tanzania Chapter – member of Tanzania Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (TANGO)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Sandeep Chauhan</b>, Fiji Commerce &amp; Employers Federation</li> </ul> <p>Speakers and lead discussants will make interventions focusing on the proposed guiding questions below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are some effective policies, strategies or innovative tools for engaging stakeholders and boosting multi-stakeholder partnerships in a collaborative decision-making process reflected in the VNRs?</li> <li>• What do you see as the next steps to strengthen and facilitate multi-stakeholder partnerships and engagement driving sustainable development?</li> <li>• How can financial resources and investments be mobilized to support activities related to impactful multi-stakeholder partnerships and engagement?</li> </ul>
02:35 - 02:45	<b>Interactive Discussion</b>
02:45 - 02:55	<b>Tools and good practices to support stakeholder engagement and partnerships</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DSDG/UN DESA</li> </ul>
02:55 - 03:00	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Lotta Tahtinen</b>, Chief, OPB, DSDG, UN DESA</li> </ul>