Voluntary Local Reviews

SDG Localization and Local Governments Team
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The Action-oriented VLR approach uses the VLR process and its findings to generate strategic recommendations for future planning, financing, and policies.

This approach elevates VLRs from reports on existing conditions to powerful accelerators of sustainable development and the 2030 Agenda/Agenda 2063.
Where are we coming from?

VLR Guidelines

- Global
  - United Nations
  - Arab States
  - UN-Habitat

- Regional
  - Online tools: Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs)

Experiences

- 250 VLRs have been published since 2016
- 194 local and regional governments

Increased request for support

- Requests from national and local governments.
- Demands for better guidance on how to connect reporting with planning and action
- UN-Habitat has been mandated to strengthen support on VLRs as per the SDG Localization Resolution

UN-Habitat has supported 23 VLRs and is currently supporting 13 more
Overview of the Tracks

**Data track**

**Work steps:**
- Stocktaking
- Indicators Alignment
- Prioritization of indicators
- Data availability
- Gap analysis
- Data collection
- Data cleaning
- Data analysis

**List of selected indicators**

UMF Report

*UMF-VLR Data Tool*
**Stakeholder engagement track**

**Work steps:**
- Stakeholder Mapping
- Engagement opportunities:
  1. Prioritization and selection of indicators
  2. Review and collection of data
  3. Discussion of SDG discussion papers and action-oriented recommendations
  4. VLR validation

**Stakeholder engagement plan**
- At least one consultation forum
- Report of stakeholder engagement

**Strategic action track**

**Work steps:**
- Review of existing/upcoming policies, projects and action-plans that advance the SDGs
- Identify a vision towards 2030
- Identify action-oriented recommendations

**Identify action-oriented recommendations**

**Stakeholder mapping**

**Survey templates for data collection and visioning**
Where are we implementing?

With the support of implementing partners:

In collaboration with local and national governments.
For more information on UN-Habitat’s comprehensive SDG Localization approach visit

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Thank you!

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