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The VLR preparatory process: overview of approaches, milestones and deliverables

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THE AGENDA 2030 AND VOLUNTARY REVIEWS

The 2030 Agenda creates a system for regular monitoring and review of progress made

"We commit to fully engage in regular and inclusive reviews of progress at subnational, national, regional and global levels"(2030 Agenda, para. 77).

VLRS in the World

GLOBAL GUIDING ELEMENTS FOR VLRS

- Draw from the Secretary-General's common voluntary guidelines for the VNRs
- Provide a proposed shared structure for the reports, and at minimum, give a checklist of issues that could be reflected in the process
- Fully compatible with other, more detailed guidance documents
- Aim at fostering a dialogue between the Voluntary National Reviews and the VLRs, where applicable

Guiding Principles for a VLR

VLRs should guided by key principles from 2030 Agenda (para. 74) applying to all reviews, i.e.:

- Longer-term orientation, identifying achievements, challenges, gaps and will help mobilize necessary means of implementation and partnerships;
- Open, inclusive, participatory and transparent;
- People-centered, gender-sensitive, respect human rights and have a particular focus on the poorest, most vulnerable and those furthest behind;
- Rigorous and based on evidence

Possible VLR structure

Methodology and process for preparation of the review

Report on the full methodology for the VLR, including:

- Who was in charge of VLR preparation?
- How were stakeholders engaged?
- How was data collected and used?
- How were priority SDGs identified?

Policy and enabling environment

- Describe the relationship between the subnational and national levels
- What activities were undertaken to raise awareness on the SDGs?
- How are SDGs included in local plans
- Leaving no one behind
- Institutional mechanisms/governance
- Barriers faced

Progress on goals and targets

- Analysis of the progress of all/selected SDGs
- Are reference data available? How is progress monitored?
- Means of implementation (financial, capacity building)

Conclusions and next steps

- What next?
- What lessons learned?
- How will progress be monitored

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Visit UN DESA online at: https://sdgs.un.org/topics/voluntary-local-reviews to find its:

- Online VLR repository;
- Global Guiding Elements for VLRs, as well as guidance materials prepared by other entities;
- Documentation and videos of capacity building workshops and events focused on VLRs and SDG Localization

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