The SIDS Perspective

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Palau’s VNR outlook

- Challenges
- Improvements

2nd VNR Progress: SDG 1, 2, 13, 16 & 17

- Highlights
- Challenges
- Opportunities

Looking ahead

- Leveraging data and digitalization for sustainable decision-making in SIDS.
- Advancing SDGs in SIDS through technology and innovation partnerships.
- Enhancing global, regional, and national coordination for effective partnerships.
Experience: Palau’s VNRs 2019 -> 2024

- Embracing Inclusivity
- Improving data sources and ownership
- Forward-thinking framework
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Steering Committee

Executive Leadership
- President
- Ministers

Traditional & State Leadership
- Rubekul Belau
- Mechisil Belau
- Governors
- Speakers
- Local Communities

NGO and Private Sector
- BANGO
- PCOC

Partners Volunteers

SDG TAGs & WGs
1. Poverty
2. Food & Nutrition
3. Health
4. Education
5. Gender
6. H2O & Sanitation
7. Cities & Human Settlements
8. Econ Growth & Decent Work
9. Tourism
10. Peace & Justice
11. Climate Action
12. Sust Production & Consumption
13. Good Governance
14. Oceans
15. Land & Forests
16. Peace, Justice, Inclusive Societies
Highlights:
- Significant progress in social protection and access to basic services.
- Implementation of new programs to support vulnerable groups.

Challenges:
- Insufficient data for updated poverty profiles.

Opportunities:
- Continued expansion and improvement of social protection programs.
- Opportunity for comprehensive poverty data collection post-2025.
Palau aligns with SDG 2 targets on nutrition and sustainable food systems.
Progress in addressing undernutrition and initiatives to tackle overnutrition.
National priority to enhance food security and reduce food imports by 2030.

Highlights:
- High rates of overnutrition, especially among children.
- Heavy reliance (80%) on food imports poses health and economic risks.

Challenges:
- Ongoing efforts to combat overnutrition through various measures.
- Target to reduce food imports by 2030 offers a chance to bolster food security and economic resilience.
Integration of climate action into policies and plans, including adoption of a National Climate Change Policy. Programs underway for adaptation, with progress in renewable energy targets.

Vulnerability to climate change impacts affecting all residents and development sectors. Off-track progress in achieving renewable energy targets for transportation.

Ongoing efforts to build adaptation knowledge and implement climate action. Recognition of co-benefits in meeting UNFCCC targets. On-track progress to achieve renewable energy targets by 2025.
Ensure public access to information and promotes women's representation in parliament.

Persistent challenges in addressing assault convictions and domestic violence cases. Need for improved monitoring mechanisms to combat human trafficking.

Balanced gender composition in Palau's Supreme Court. Opportunities to increase women's representation in elected seats.
Strong domestic partnerships established for the 2030 agenda involving national and state governments, civil society, and businesses, especially for environmental goals.

Highlights:

- Sustainability and effectiveness of domestic partnerships.
- Addressing potential gaps in international partnerships.

Challenges:

- Strengthening domestic partnerships for enhanced goal achievement.
- Leveraging international partnerships for broader impact.

Opportunities:
Leveraging data and digitalization for evidence-based decision-making.

- Monitor progress using data.
- Make evidence-based decisions.
- Enhance transparency and efficiency.
- Target interventions effectively.

Advancing sustainable development goals through science, technology, innovation, and digitalization.

- Drive innovation and technology.
- Foster stakeholder collaboration.
- Address complex challenges effectively.
- Promote sustainable practices adoption.

Enhancing coordination at global, regional, and national levels to foster effective partnerships.

- Ensure international alignment.
- Facilitate regional collaboration.
- Optimize resource allocation.
- Streamline policy coherence.
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