

Advancing integrated SDG planning and implementation: the role of VNRs and VLRs – Perspectives from the five UN Regional Commissions



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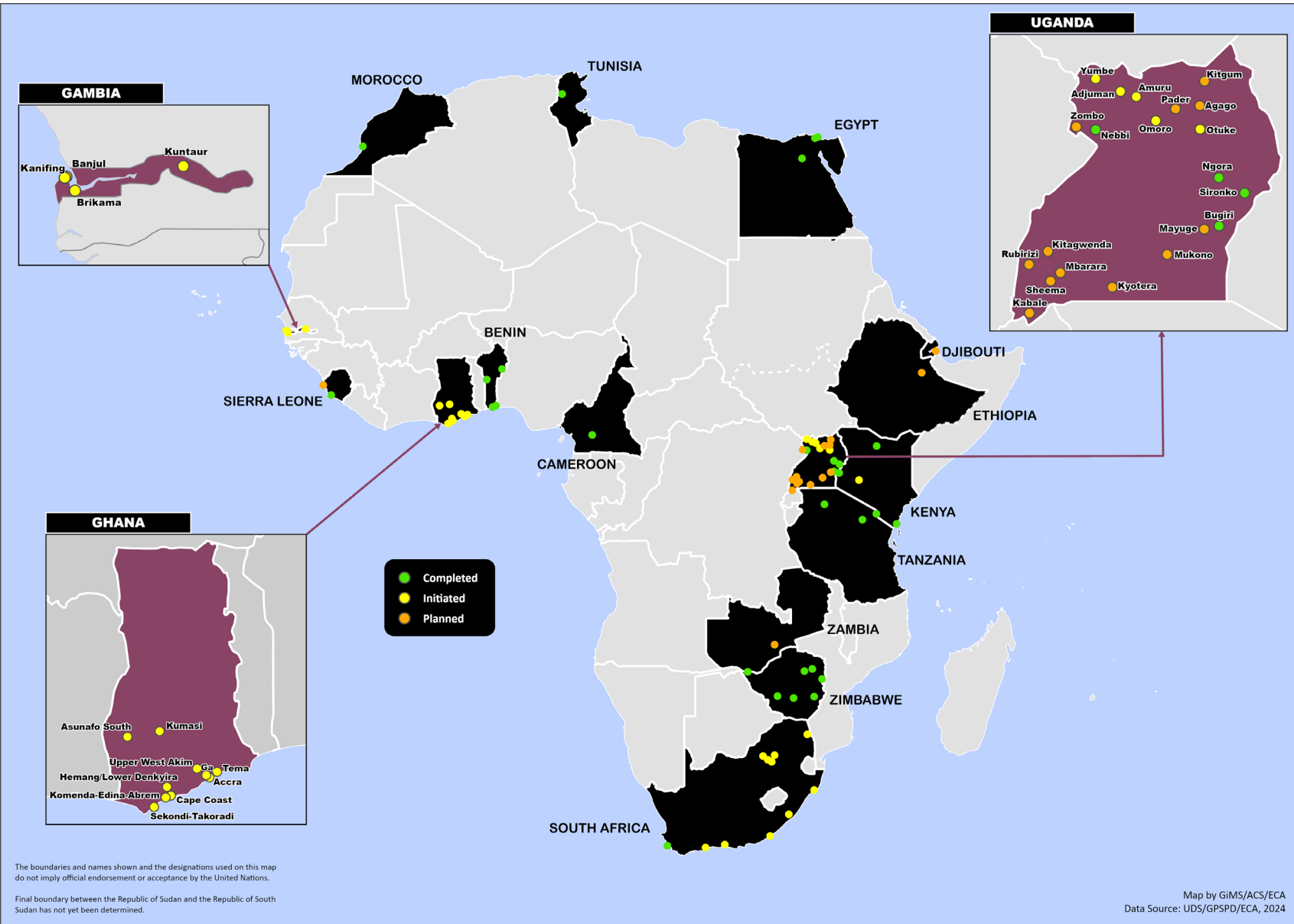


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VLR Momentum in Africa Region




- In the Africa region, VLR momentum is high. More than 20 completed, and more than 30 underway
- VLR contributed to 2024 VNRs for Uganda and Zimbabwe
- Ghana, Zimbabwe, and Uganda national SDG coordination mechanisms facilitate the conducting of VLRS across the countries
- National capacity building workshops on localization involve broad stakeholders, including representatives of vulnerable groups (youth, persons with disabilities, women)

VLRs & VNRs in Latin America and the Caribbean

- 85 VLRs in 67 locations in 11 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay

- Community of Practice and regional, (tri-)national and local capacity workshops to enhance vertical integration across different levels and launch of a regional VLR guide

- Regional Observatory on Planning for Development for analysis on planning for development for governments, academia, the private sector and civil society

 **Regional Observatory on Planning for Development**
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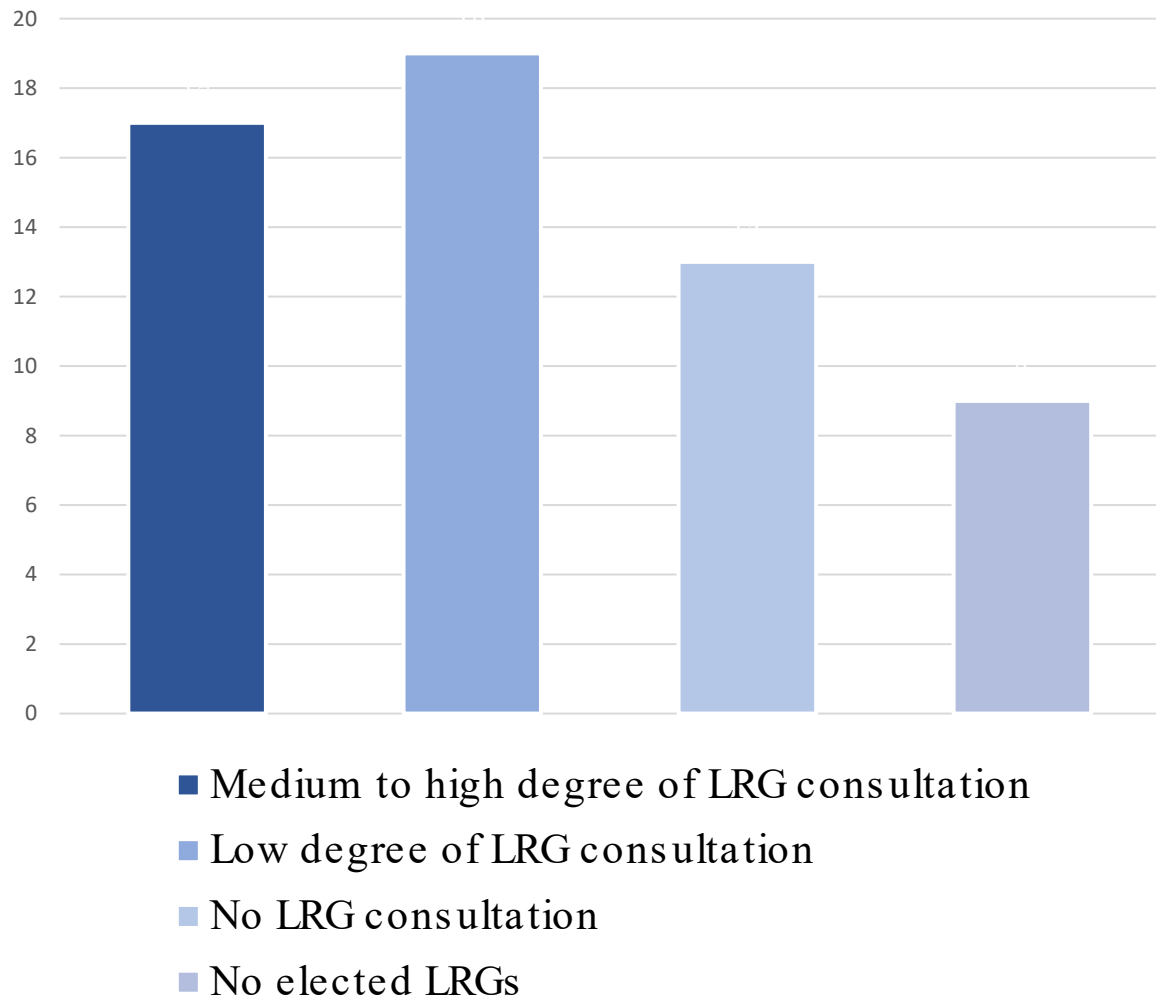
Guía para la elaboración de exámenes locales voluntarios a nivel subnacional



Regiones, 25 en total
Ciudades, 21 en total
Municipios, 21 en total



VNR-VLR integration in Asia and the Pacific 2016-2023



- Local governments are not sufficiently engaged in VNR processes in Asia and the Pacific
- Only 30% of VNR process in the region included the consultation of LRG with a medium to high degree
- Fiji VNR (2023) featured ‘localization’ not as an isolated example but as part of the ‘means of implementation’ and stating that Local SDG Action Begins with Voluntary Local Reviews

ESCWA's VLR experience



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- **VLRs supported to date:**

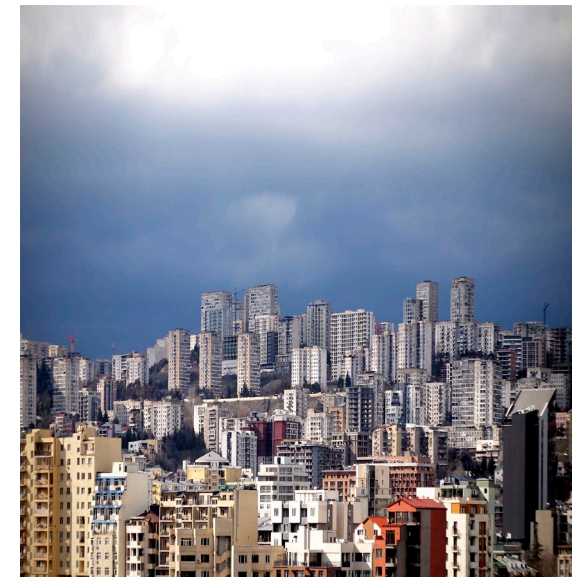
- Amman and Irbid (Jordan)
- Agadir (Morocco)
- Ramallah (Palestine)
- Ennour (Tunisia)

- **Good VLR practices leading to concrete impacts: selected examples**

- Enhanced policy coherence and coordination – Amman
- Improved local level data – Agadir

- **On-going efforts and next steps:**

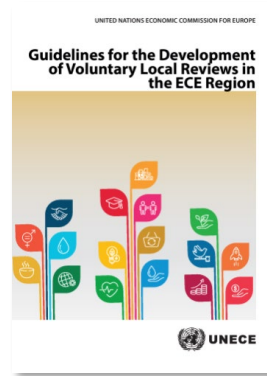
- Scale up to more cities
- Regional VLR guidelines
- Build local VLR capacities
- Robust data collection and monitoring frameworks at local level
- Multi-stakeholder coalitions around SDG localization



UNECE Work on VNRs and VLRs



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UN Forum of Mayors

Promotes:

- **Collaboration and learning** from best-practices
- **Multilevel governance**, coherence and complementarity between local, regional and global levels
- **Human-centred solutions for SDG implementation**

4th Forum of Mayors' meeting, "Cities Summit of the Future" (Geneva, 30 September – 1 October 2024)

- Statement supporting implementation of the "Pact of the Future"
- Session on Youth and Future Generations
- Side event on Woman and Mayor

VNR-VSR-VLR Studios and webinars

- **Best practices** from national, regional and local governments in **connecting VNRs, VSRs and VLRs**

Guidelines for the Development of VLR(s) in the ECE Region

- to **mobilize different stakeholders** for collective action
- to foster **stronger relationships between different levels of government** for effective SDG implementation and monitoring
- to **complement VNRs processes**

UNDA 14th tranche project on VLRs led by UN-Habitat, co-implemented by UNECE, UCLG, DESA

- **Community and stakeholders' engagement, consultations and multilevel cooperation in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), Dushanbe (Tajikistan), Tbilisi (Georgia), Niš (Serbia)**