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# VNR LABS

## HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

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VNR Lab 9

### **Integrating the 2030 Agenda into national development plans and strategies: Emerging lessons learned**

**10 July, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. (EST)**

The challenge of integrating the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs into national policy frameworks is leading to renewed interest in national development planning. The 2019 SDG Summit called on countries to “mainstream the 2030 Agenda into our national planning instruments, policies, strategies and financial frameworks”. The voluntary national reviews (VNRs) and other sources provide examples of approaches taken by countries to integrate the 2030 agenda into national plans and strategies. Countries are also integrating regional and continental agendas into their plans, for instance the 2063 Agenda of the African Union.

The comprehensive integration of the 2030 Agenda into the national planning frameworks entails mainstreaming the SDGs in light of national circumstances. In many instances, the SDG targets and indicators are being addressed through (or have a link with) various policies, projects, and programmes that government is implementing. This can be termed an alignment approach, where the objectives of national policy are consistent with the SDGs. Mainstreaming of the 2030 Agenda entails a structured process of incorporating SDG targets, as well as key guiding principles, into national development planning.

The integrated and interlinked nature of the SDGs needs to inform and guide their mainstreaming into national planning frameworks. The transformational vision of the Agenda depends on such an integrated approach, which involves identifying possible synergies and trade-offs between SDGs and their associated targets.

This lab will share experiences and lessons learned by countries with the integration and mainstreaming of the 2030 Agenda, including approaches that account for the interlinkages between the SDGs. It will explore approaches to integration that go beyond alignment and the application of tools and models to facilitate the understanding of interlinkages.

#### **Moderator**

- Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, DESA

#### **Presenters**

Three speakers will explore progress made and challenges encountered with the integration into national plans of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

*Overview of national development planning* - Mr. Lauchlan Munro, Associate Professor, International Development & Global Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ottawa

*Country experience - development of "Estonia 2035"* – Ms. Eili Lepik, Deputy Strategy Director, Strategy Unit, Government Office of Estonia

*Country experience – development planning in SIDS context* - Ms. Sheena Saldanha, Senior Economist, Ministry of Finance, Trade, Investment and Economic Planning, Seychelles

#### **Q&A**

- The presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion with the participants.

#### **Guiding questions**

- What are good practices in moving beyond alignment of plans and the SDGs towards fundamental integration?
- What has been the experience with tools and engagement processes for assessing interlinkages between the SDGs?
- What institutional changes have helped contribute to the integration of the SDGs?
- How can plans and strategies help make countries more resilient to future shocks?

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