

## "National Experience of the VNR Process - Uruguay"

Virtual VNR Lab: Session 13

Wednesday, 14 July 2021, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM EST (Virtual Event on Microsoft Teams)

## **Background**

Uruguay presents its third Voluntary National Report 2021 following a shift in the country's leadership and national priorities. The strategic guidelines that Uruguay has undertaken to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is structured on economic innovation, institutional transformation, social development, and the principle of leaving no one behind.

The country has made notable progress in eliminating extreme poverty, implementing a strong social welfare system, increasing energy access, and closing the gender gap, among other initiatives taken in spite of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Capacity-building and strengthened partnerships have also been critical to SDG implementation in Uruguay.

The national vision for economic growth and sustainability incorporates caring for natural resources, protecting biodiversity, and mitigating the impacts of climate change. Centrality and peace are two strategic priorities highlighted to improve resource management and prosperity. Education reform and gender equality have additionally been stressed as cross-cutting issues in Uruguay's national plan as well as with the progress Uruguay has made in achieving the SDGs.

The VNR Lab will address multidimensional impacts of the pandemic on Uruguay's economy, environment, and society. The objective of the VNR Lab is to present Uruguay's national experience in unprecedented times and to examine the lessons learned in the country's progress toward implementing the 2030 Agenda. The lab consists of an expert-level presentation and an informational panel with time allocated for questions and discussion.



## **Programme of Speakers**

Time	
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Presentation Mr. Horacio Bafico, Economist and Advisor to the Director of OPP
1:30 – 2:00 pm	Q&A Discussion Moderated interactive discussion.

Registration for this event is available  $\underline{\text{here}}$ .