

## **VNR Lab 9: SDG advisory bodies and their role in national sustainable development policy cycles**

Hosted by the German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE) and UN DESA

*Monday, 12. July: 1-2:30 pm EDT (19-20:30 pm CEST)*

**In English | En Français | En Español**

**Abstract:** This VNR Lab will debate the importance and various forms of national sustainable development policies, including national strategies, policy cycle, prioritization processes and the use of indicators. It will also discuss Voluntary National Reviews and peer review processes and how they can relate to the policy cycles at national level. The discussions will examine the impact of inputs from reviews at the international level on national policies and strategies. A number of national multi-stakeholder advisory bodies will outline how they work together with their governments to deliver on the 2030 Agenda. The event will shed light on the variety of existing multi-stakeholder platforms and their concrete role in the local implementation of the SDGs and in facilitating consensus and inclusive advice on policies to realize the 2030 Agenda.

### **Guiding questions:**

- 1) How is your VNR drafting process anchored in national policy processes and frameworks?
- 2) What kind of policy-cycles (steps related to drafting and updating policies and to ensuring that policies inform each other) are in place at national and local level to ensure policy coherence?
- 3) What mechanisms are in place to ensure a two-way relationship between the SDG Advisory Body and the Government?

**Format:** VNR Labs at the United Nations HLPF in New York are a lively space for open debates and interaction on issues related to VNR preparations. Despite the virtual format, this lab will aim to ensure a dynamic dialogue. Four countries will share their insights through a dialogue between the governments and their multi-stakeholder advisory body. Each country will have roughly 15 minutes to share their insights. This will be followed by a debate among all four countries and with the audience.

**Moderation:** The VNR Lab will be moderated by Stephen Chacha (Tanzania Sustainable Development Platform) and Hannah Janetschek (German Council for Sustainable Development, RNE).

**Registration:** [RSVP here](#)

## Agenda

Time (CEST)	Content and Speaker
19:00	<b>Welcome</b> by the <i>moderation team</i>
19:05	<b>Introductory remarks from the hosts of the event:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Ms. Barthélemy, Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Support, UN DESA</i></li> <li>- <i>Mr. Pahl, Secretary General, German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE)</i></li> </ul>
19:15	<b>Dialogue on anchoring the VNR drafting process in national and local policy-cycles in Benin, Namibia and Germany:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Mr. Aguessy, SDG-Unit, Government of Benin</i></li> <li>- <i>Mr. Sibeya, Program Director, National Planning Commission, Government of Namibia</i></li> <li>- <i>Mr. Bauernfeind, Head of Division Sustainable Development, German Federal Chancellery</i></li> </ul>
19:40	<b>Adding the perspective on the role of institutionalized multi-stakeholder engagement in these national and international policy cycles:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Mr. Vignon, Maison de la Société Civile, Benin</i></li> <li>- <i>Member of the Multi-Stakeholder Committee in Namibia (tbc)</i></li> <li>- <i>Ms. Wieczorek-Zeul, Council Member, German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE)</i></li> </ul>
20:05	<b>Dialogue on mechanisms and functions of SDG advisory bodies, councils and emerging institutions to ensure a two-way relationship with government:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Ms. Jean-Pierre Figueroa, Senior Researcher, The Partnering Initiative (TPI)</i></li> <li>- <i>Ms. De-Sas Kropiwnicki-Gruber, Senior Researcher, British Columbia Council for International Cooperation (BCCIC)</i></li> <li>- <i>Mr. Neve, The Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment</i></li> <li>- <i>Mr. Strandenaes, Senior Advisor on Governance and Sustainable Development, Stakeholder Forum</i></li> </ul>
20:30	<b>Farewell</b> by the <i>moderation team</i>