



# HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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## VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW LABS 2019

The [VNR Labs](#) will provide an informal platform to share best practices and to reflect on the experience thus far with the Voluntary National Reviews, focusing on cross-cutting themes and country experiences. All Labs are organized by UN DESA and partners, and will be held in the Secretariat Building, UNHQ.

### TUESDAY, 9 JULY

#### **LAB 1: Achieving policy integration**

1:15-2:45pm, CR 11

The interactive discussions will reflect on practical approaches to strengthening coherence and coordination among fiscal, monetary, trade and development policies and optimizing sustainable development outcomes.

### WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY

#### **LAB 2: Making progress visible - SDG data visualization platforms**

8:00-9:00 am, S-1522/23

Presentation of different data platforms to visualize progress on the SDGs.

#### **LAB 3: "Leaving no one behind" – Inclusive implementation and reporting**

1:15 - 2:45 pm, CR 11

The Lab will focus on how public and civic institutions can create/strengthen mechanisms to ensure inclusive processes, including decision-making in the implementation of SDGs, and in specific VNR preparatory and reporting processes at the national and local levels.

### THURSDAY, 11 JULY

#### **LAB 4: From presentation to implementation: Regional support to the follow-up on the VNR process**

8:00 - 9:00 am, S-1522/23

The Lab will focus on exchanging experiences and identifying good practices and recommendations emerging from the regions to support the follow-up on the VNRs, address gaps and accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

#### **LAB 5: How can science, technology and innovation advance national implementation?**

1:15 - 2:45 pm, CR 11

This Lab will highlight the experiences and lessons learned from feeding scientific input into policy processes.

### FRIDAY, 12 JULY

#### **LAB 6: Follow-up to the VNRs: Accelerating Implementation**

8:00 – 9:00 am, S-2726/27

This Lab will share experiences from countries regarding follow-up to the reviews. It will share good practices, lessons learned and recommendations for accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

#### **LAB 7: Peacebuilding and sustaining peace through the 2030 Agenda**

1:15 - 2:45 pm, CR 11

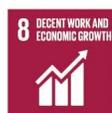
This Lab will offer participating countries the opportunity to share good practices on peacebuilding and sustaining peace, including through creating economic opportunities, strengthening institutions, as well as promoting justice and inclusive societies.

### MONDAY, 15 JULY

#### **LAB 8: Strengthening the thematic reviews during the next cycle**

8:00 – 9:00 am, CR 11

This Lab will examine good practices for strengthening national contributions for the next cycle of thematic reviews, drawing on examples from a range of stakeholders.





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## MONDAY, 15 JULY (CONTINUED)

**LAB 9: Mobilizing resources and empowering people through inclusive finance** 1:15 - 2:45 pm, CR 11  
This Lab will provide an informal platform for countries and development partners to share innovations, experiences, and best practices for developing and implementing policies and tools to promote inclusive finance in support of the SDGs.

**LAB 10: Engaging all parts and levels of government in the VNR process** 6:15 - 7:45 pm, S-2726/27  
This Lab will focus on engaging all parts and levels of government, including parliaments, in SDG implementation at the national and subnational levels with a focus on illustrating how ministries, agencies and other public institutions collaborate across organizational boundaries through interlinked policies and initiatives.

## TUESDAY, 16 JULY

**LAB 11: Innovative formats to review national implementation** 1:15 - 2:45 pm, S-2726/27  
The VNR Lab will focus on innovative formats to review national implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

**LAB 12: Storytelling and communication strategies for the SDGs** 6:30 - 8:00 pm, S-2726/27  
This Lab will bring together communicators, advocates, Member States, experts, and other stakeholders to kick start a conversation about what effective, evidence-informed, inclusive storytelling on the SDGs and/or the issues behind them looks and could look like.

## WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY

**LAB 13: United Kingdom – national experience of the VNR process** 8:00 – 9:00 am, S-2726/27  
The UK will share its challenges and lessons in preparing its VNR. Other countries and stakeholders will have the opportunity to share advice, propose support or ask questions.

**LAB 14: Bridging the policy-statistics gap: strengthening the use of data for VNRs** 1:15 - 2:45 pm, S-2726/27  
This VNR Lab will bring statisticians and policy makers together to discuss how the use of data could be strengthened for robust, evidence-driven VNRs.

**LAB 15: Localizing the SDGs and VNRs: reporting on progress, challenges and opportunities** 6:30-8:00 pm, S-2726/27  
This VNR Lab will discuss how VNRs can be a tool in supporting localization of SDG implementation as well as on how to capture localization efforts in VNR reports.

## THURSDAY, 18 JULY

**LAB 16: Catalyzing partnerships for SDG implementation** 8:00 – 9:00 am, CR 11  
This VNR Lab proposes to bring together diverse actors to discuss how multi-stakeholder partnerships can help drive implementation of the SDGs and which enabling measures would need to be put in place at the country level to foster such multi-stakeholder partnerships.

**LAB 17: Mauritius – national experience of the VNR process** 1:15 – 2:45 pm, S-2726/27  
Mauritius will share its challenges and lessons in preparing its VNR. Other countries and stakeholders will have the opportunity to share advice, propose support or ask questions.

