



VNR LABS

HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

VNR Lab 8

15 July 2019, 8:00-9:00, CR-11

Strengthening national contributions from VNRs and other sources towards the thematic reviews during the next cycle

Objective

The United Nations High Level Political Forum is mandated to carry out thematic reviews of progress on the SDGs, including crosscutting issues. Additionally, the review of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is a key element of Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), also presented at the HLPF.

At the global level, preparatory efforts, including the organization of Expert Group Meetings and Conferences, have been undertaken in order to collect and support Member States with substantive inputs for the thematic reviews at the HLPF. These thematic preparations have, among other things, taken stock of global progress towards achieving specific SDGs, identified particular areas of concern and main challenges, and suggested ways forward in terms of policies, partnerships and coordinated actions at all levels.

Additionally, at national level, Member States have been mobilizing multi-sectorial collaboration for the thematic analysis within the VNRs.

This VNR Lab will examine good practices in coordinating national contributions to thematic reviews of SDG implementation in VNRs as well as discuss recommendations on how to strengthen the interlinkages between the global thematic review undertaken at the HLPF, including its preparatory work, and SDG review undertaken within VNRs.

Background

Until 2019, at the global level, thematic reviews have been focusing on a set of SDGs identified by Member States.

Expert Group Meeting and thematic conferences, along with published reports and outcomes from other related events have also been contributing inputs to the thematic discussions.

At national level, Member States also engage on thematic reviews on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, including through the mobilization of stakeholders from different sectors of the society.

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Speakers could address, among other things, how thematic reviews undertaken in the context of VNRs have helped in:

- Identifying examples of successful policies and partnerships at national and local levels that could be replicated or scaled up;
- Identifying examples of innovative uses of data/technology/knowledge to accelerate progress;
- Addressed challenges and identified solutions to help reach the objective of leaving no one behind;
- Supported in strengthening institutional arrangements for exploiting synergies, managing trade-offs.

The session will be organized in an interactive format, with a set of brief initial interventions serving to set the stage for a more extensive discussion.

Moderator

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Speakers

- **Naiara Garcia Da Costa Chaves**, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, DSDG, DESA
- **Sunita Caminha**, Timor-Leste UNWomen
- **Mr. Jose Viera**, Stakeholders Group for Persons with Disabilities
- **Prof. Kazuhiko Takeuchi**, President, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies