VNR Lab 17 - National experiences on the VNR process: Finland
16 July 2020, 8.00 – 9.00 am NYT

This VNR lab will focus on the concrete involvement of a wide range of Finnish stakeholders in the actual process of writing the VNR report. You will learn how different stakeholders as well as Statistics Finland were engaged, how the stakeholders themselves experienced the process, and how the Peer Dialogue contributed to the report. The VNR lab will also discuss the linkages between VNR and Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs). You will hear how two Finnish cities, Espoo and Turku, prepared their VLRs for this year, and what kind of synergies exist between local and national reporting. The lab consists of short presentations/talks that also leaves time for questions and discussion.

Chair: Annika Lindblom, Secretary General of the National Commission for Sustainable Development

8.00 – 8.05 Opening remarks
UN DESA (speaker TBC) 2 min
Seppo Määttä, Director General, Strategy Department, PMO (TBC) 3 min

8.05 – 8.07 Guidance to lab’s programme
Annika Lindblom Secretary General of the NCSD

8.07 – 8.10 Preparation of the Finnish VNR
Video presentation

8.10 – 8.30 Experiences from the preparation of the VNR
Finnish NGO Platform FINGO (Rilli Lappalainen, Director, TBC) 5 min
(ref. VNR Chapter 6.2: Progress on SDGs – Assessment by the Government and civil society actors)
Sámi Parliament (Speaker TBC) 5 min
(Ref. Chapter on indigenous peoples by Sámi Parliament, pages 86-89 of the VNR)
Statistics Finland (Speaker TBC) 5 min
(Ref. Statistical Annex to the VNR)
Peer country assessment: Government of Switzerland (Speaker TBC) 5 min

8.30 – 8.43 Synergies between the VNR and Voluntary Local Reviews
Preparation of the VLR of Espoo (speaker TBC) 5 min
Preparation of the VLR of Turku (speaker TBC) 5 min
Commentary remark: local action and the private sector (speaker from private sector, TBC) 3 min

8.43 – 8.58 Questions and discussion, 15 minutes

8.58 – 9.00 Closing remarks