

**High-level Political Forum 2020: VNR Lab 6**  
**VNR Town Halls – Building momentum for the VNRs by engaging all**  
9 July 2020, 8:00-9:00 EST

Five years into implementing the 2030 Agenda, with over one hundred Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) presented, there is a wealth of experience, innovation and engagement to be shared. The **VNR Town Hall** will bring together Member States, civil society representatives, UN officials, the private sector, youth and other stakeholders to reflect on the first four-year cycle of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF). The Town Hall will provide space for an interactive conversation around good practices, innovative tools, and models that have been used to implement the SDGs and strengthen reporting. The event will also spotlight examples of successful collaboration among Member States and stakeholders in support of measuring SDG implementation and progress through VNRs, as well as increasing awareness on the ground as we build back better in this the Decade of Action and Delivery.

The town hall will provide space for an interactive conversation among government officials and civil society organizations and networks, as well as a handful of UN officials, outside experts and previous VNR countries to help stimulate the discussion. The meeting will be off-the-record, and it will be structured to foster a dynamic and frank dialogue with only a few formal presentations. All participants are encouraged to actively contribute.

Register [here](#) to attend; dial-in details will be sent to registrants July 8.

**Agenda**

**Panel:**

- Kirsten Brosbøl, Founder and CEO 2030 Beyond, Former Minister of Environment of Denmark
- Gerardo Durand, Deputy Director General of Economic Administrative Records, Mexico's National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI)
- Kamuti Sitali, Child Rights Ambassador at Advocacy for Child Justice, Zambia
- Radhika Ralhan, Program Management Fellow, Collaborating for Resilience (CoRE), Impact Strategist

**Moderator:** Thure Krarup, Executive Director for Sustainable Development Initiatives, UN Foundation

**Objectives include:**

1. Discussion and knowledge sharing around the challenges, good practices and innovative tools for assessing and benchmarking the implementation of SDGs.
2. Support peer learning and elevate capacity building initiatives to support countries in their process of preparing their VNRs.
3. Learn lessons from previous VNR countries and discuss how outside partners and the UN can better support member states in this exercise; and
4. Provide the space for member states and stakeholders to pose questions about country preparations and share experiences and challenges.

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