



VNR LABS

HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

Beyond the Voluntary National Reviews: mobilizing support and building national partnerships

14 July 2020, 08.00 – 09.00 AM (New York time), held virtually through MS Teams

The meeting of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in 2020 will be held from Tuesday, 7 July, to Thursday, 16 July 2020, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council. The theme will be *"Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development"*.

As part of its follow-up and review mechanisms, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development encourages member States to conduct regular and inclusive Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) of progress at the national and sub-national levels. The VNRs facilitate the sharing of experiences, strengthening policies and institutions of governments, mobilizing multi-stakeholder support and partnerships for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a view to accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. In 2020, 51 countries will be conducting their VNRs at HLPF.

The *VNR Labs* provide an informal platform to share best practices and to reflect on the experience thus far with the VNRs, focusing on cross-cutting themes and country experiences.

It is widely recognized that the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda requires a transformation in our societies that can only be achieved through engaging and leveraging the unique roles and resources of all sectors and stakeholders of society.

The VNR Lab on *"Beyond the VNRs: mobilizing support and building national partnerships"* will explore and showcase practices on how countries can systematically catalyze national multi-stakeholder partnerships for mobilizing and sharing knowledge, expertise, technologies and financial resources to support implementation of the SDGs, including through their VNR process. The Lab will also explore how countries can help creating an enabling environment that may encourage and foster collaboration across stakeholders.

Registration

- Registration is now open:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2zWeD09UYE-9zF6kFubccKTGcnvniKtJsvj-e_A23x1UNjMzRE9BSTBVTEyYN0cwV0VLTkpaUDNOVy4u

Guiding questions

- What can governments do to ensure an enabling environment for mobilizing support and fostering national partnerships? What examples are there of policy / legislation that actively supports partnerships for sustainable development?
- What are some examples of national partnerships for SDG collaboration? What are the challenges, and what are the key success factors?
- What does it take to run effective national partnership platforms which convene societal sectors around SDG priorities, and catalyze implementation of innovative initiatives?
- What can donors do to better support effective national partnerships?

Moderator:

- Mr. Siddharth Chatterjee, UN Resident Coordinator, Kenya

Panelists:

- Ms. Francella Strickland, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Government of Samoa
- Mr. Alen John, SDG Officer, NITI Aayog, Government of India
- Ms. Riina Pursiainen, Partnership Adviser, Prime Minister's Office, Government of Finland

Presentation:

- *2030 Agenda Partnership Accelerator – An enabling ecosystem for systematically building national partnerships* (Dr. Darian Stibbe, Executive Director, The Partnering Initiative)

Time zones

| Location | Local Time | Time Zone | UTC Offset |
|---|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| <u>New York</u> (USA - New York) | Tuesday, 14 July 2020, 08:00:00 | <u>EDT</u> | UTC-4 hours |
| <u>Apia</u> (Samoa) | Wednesday, 15 July 2020, 01:00:00 | <u>WST</u> | UTC+13 hours |
| <u>Nairobi</u> (Kenya) | Tuesday, 14 July 2020, 15:00:00 | <u>EAT</u> | UTC+3 hours |
| <u>New Delhi</u> (India) | Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 5:30:00 pm | <u>IST</u> | UTC+5:30 hours |
| <u>Helsinki</u> (Finland) | Tuesday, 14 July 2020, 15:00:00 | <u>EEST</u> | UTC+3 hours |
| <u>London</u> (United Kingdom) | Tuesday, 14 July 2020, 13:00:00 | <u>BST</u> | UTC+1 hour |
| <u>Seoul</u> (Republic of Korea) | Tuesday, 14 July 2020, 21:00:00 | <u>KST</u> | UTC+9 hours |

