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# Regional Support to Voluntary National Reviews (VNR)



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## Objectives of the Associated Event are three-fold:

- Provide a status update on the SDG localization, planning and implementation in the countries
- Discuss possible ways of providing country-to-country support in preparing VNRs
- Discuss what kind of regional support would be most pertinent and effective for the countries in preparing and using of VNRs and in implementing the 2030 agenda implementation in general



## Guiding principles for VNR: Substance

- People-centered, gender-sensitive, respectful of human rights and leave no one behind
- Integrate three dimensions of sustainable development
- Can be inspired by HLPF’s thematic focus: e.g. [2016 Ensuring that no one is left behind](#)
- Rigorous and evidence-based– baselines & statistics



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## Guiding principles for VNR: Process

- Voluntary and country-led
- Open, inclusive, participatory and transparent
- Build on existing platforms and processes
- Track progress in implementing **global goals and targets** including **Means of Implementation**
- Longer-term perspective including mobilizing partnerships and resources for implementation



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## Guiding principles for VNR: Capacity Building

- Strengthen national data systems and evaluation programmes
- Focus on LDCs, SIDS, LLDCs and middle-income countries



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## Regional Commissions & VNRs

- Support preparation of voluntary national reviews (up to 2 VNRs per country 2016-2030)
  - Peer learning, measurement of progress
- Regional forums can help to keep track of how the conclusions of the HLPF are being followed up
  - Knowledge exchange
  - Strengthening partnerships



## VNRs and regional support: Statistics

- How can VNRs effectively generate demand for and use development data?
- Can regional forums enable exchanges between sustainable development data users and producers?
- How can regional cooperation ensure adequate and appropriate financing and capacity building for national statistical systems?



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