Developing a 2\textsuperscript{nd} Generation Voluntary National Review (VNR) for the 2021 HLPF

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Today’s presentation….Developing a 2nd VNR

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Revisiting what a VNR aims to achieve

Build momentum among all parts of society for a national conversation about how to accelerate progress on the SDGs

Track progress on the SDGs and understand what is driving the setbacks and successes

Identifying concrete actions, next steps and partnerships to accelerate progress
The purpose of a 2nd VNR...

How is it different to a 1st VNR?

- Use the 1st VNR as a starting point and directly link the two reports.
- Identifies steps to address findings and next steps from the previous report.
- More in-depth analysis of the causes of implementation challenges.
- Engages more stakeholders in a comprehensive way throughout the entire VNR process.
What a 2\textsuperscript{nd} VNR should try to avoid

- It should not be a stand-alone report. It should build on the analysis of the first VNR.
- It should not repeat what has already been presented in the previous VNR.
- It should try to avoid simply summarising strategies in place.
What worked well, and what didn’t, in your 1st VNR?

- How the process for the 1st VNR went
- SDG Progress since 1st VNR
- Implementation Challenges

Taking stock of the 1st VNR
### 2nd VNR Process: What would you do differently this time around?

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Assessing *Progress* since the 1st VNR

- **Update** on next steps from 1st VNR
- **Assess** Implementation challenges
- **Conduct** comprehensive reporting on SDGs
Reviewing institutional mechanisms of the 1st VNR

Temporary VNR taskforce/forum/working group/secretariat

Lead drafting, consultation and coordination of VNR

Permanent SDG monitoring institution (already in place before the 2nd VNR)

VNR Consultation, data collection and coordination led by existing permanent institution
Reviewing institutional mechanisms of the 1st VNR

- **Coordination** between parts of government, NSO, SDG Monitoring body, and VNR team
- **Communication** with the public and key stakeholders and government about the VNR process, opportunities to engage and Agenda 2030
- **Consultation** with key stakeholders, vulnerable groups and within government
- **Compilation** of data and evidence on SDG progress
Stakeholder engagement in the 1st VNR: Problem solving key challenges

- Managing civil society’s expectations for consultation
- Not enough time to organise comprehensive engagement activities
- Engaging sufficiently at sub-national level and marginalised groups
- Planning adequately for translating documents into local languages
- Balancing formal and informal engagement with different levels of government
What to do next...

How to kick start the 2nd VNR: **Time management tips from 1st VNRs**

### Start Early!

**Planning process:** Build in flexibility and time for unexpected events and delays

**Stakeholder engagement:** Develop a budgeted stakeholder engagement and communication and get feedback on this

**Data collection:** Build good relations and communication channels with the National Statistics Office (NSO) and data officials in ministries. Have representatives of the NSOs join the VNR task team.

**Setting up a VNR Team/ institutional arrangements:** Set up the team early on, and engage stakeholders in evaluating institutional arrangements for the 1st VNR

**Post-VNR:** Plan and budget for events and initiatives for sharing the VNR in the immediate post-VNR period (August-December) from the beginning.