Timeline for the VNR process

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Timeline for 2020 Voluntary National Reviews

GLOBAL PREP I
19-20 Nov 2019 | Oslo

GLOBAL PREP II WEBINARS
March 2020

GLOBAL PREP. III
12 July 2020 | New York

Second-time Presenters:
13 Jul 2020
First-time Presenters:
14-18 Jul 2020
New York
Ministerial Segment
HLPF

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DEADLINE I
1 May 2020
Submission of Main Messages

DEADLINE II
12 June 2020
Submission of Final Reports

2020 VNR PRESENTATIONS
Deadlines – Main Message

01 May: Submit the main messages of the VNR report \(\text{(strict deadline)}\)

- Maximum 700 words
- Include key lessons, challenges and gaps: messages allow countries and stakeholders to prepare for the HLPF
- Not a conclusive summary
- Present main conclusions of the VNR report
- A few words on the process and relations; can contain 1-2 graphs \(\text{(in editable format)}\)
- Can be submitted in any of the six UN languages
- Published online: undocs.org/E/HLPF/2019/5
Deadlines – Final Report

12 June: Submit the final VNR report *(strict deadline)*

- No word limit
- Follow the structure suggested in the guidelines
- Should be in UN language
- No translation made by the Secretariat
- Also added to the VNR Database [sustainabledevelopment.un.org/vnrs/](http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/vnrs/)
Presentation at the HLPF – Checklist

15 minutes presentation + 15 minutes discussion

• Choose format – Individual or panel
• Submit any audio-visual material by 19 June
• Finalize the person/persons to be seated at the podium
• Consider national stakeholders to speak as part of the VNR presentation
• Make contact with other reporting countries
Presentation at the HLPF – Format

UN DESA has already sent a questionnaire to all first-time countries to express their preference on the format and composition of delegation

• Panel:
  • Countries present in a group (2-4 countries) in one session. Once all countries have presented, questions will be posed by the audience.
  • For first-timers: 15 minutes for presentations; 15 minutes for discussion.
  • For second-timers: 10 minutes for presentations; 10 minutes for discussion.
    • Second-timers have panels only.

• Individual:
  • Each country makes its own presentation, followed by questions from the audience. 15 minutes for presentations; 15 minutes for discussion.
Presentation at the HLPF – Who

• Who will present?
  • Most senior official; various government departments, representatives from any Major Group or other Stakeholders (including youth or private sector)
    • Have a clear role for each of the speakers

• Individual presentations:
  • Maximum of 7 representatives on the podium; not all need to speak
  • Main presenter can speak from podium or roster

• Panel discussions:
  • Only main presenter on the podium; one assistant will sit behind
  • Panel will be moderated by ECOSOC President or Vice-President
Presentation at the HLPF – What

• What to present?
  • Key messages of the VNR process; how the review has aligned with national development priorities; opportunities for partnerships moving forward.
  • Audiovisuals are welcome! But refrain from external issues not related to the VNR.
  • Go beyond describing policies, but detail how SDGs are integrated into national planning.
  • Highlight successes, challenges, lessons learnt; Be clear, simple, brief.
Secretariat Support at the HLPF

- Permanent Missions to the UN in New York will assist in the timing
- The ECOSOC Bureau will provide guidance to the Q&A after the presentation
- One UN Staff member will be assigned as focal point to help with any question
After the HLPF – Follow-Up

• Ensure wide dissemination of the VNRs
• Debrief the VNR project team on the outcomes of the HLPF presentation
• Promote concrete action on priorities contained in the VNR.
• Develop an action plan/road map
• Disseminate widely the report
• Institutionalize the collection of the material for the VNRs
• Use lessons from the VNR process to enhance institutional arrangements
• Engage UNCT and ESCAP for follow-up actions
Further Learning Opportunities

• VNR Labs
• Side and Special Events
• SDG Knowledge Exchange
• Exhibitions
• Online tools
  • VNR Database sustainabledevelopment.un.org/vnrs/
  • SDG Help Desk thematic area on Follow Up & Review sdghelpdesk.unescap.org/knowledge-hub/thematic-area/Follow-up-and-Review
  • SDG Community of Practice sdg-cop.unescap.org/
  • E-learning on Follow-Up and Review and the Voluntary National Reviews https://sdghelpdesk-elearning.unescap.org/thematicarea/detail?id=16
Thank you!