

**SUPPORT TO PACIFIC VNR
REPORTING IN 2019
INDICATOR DEVELOPMENT & ITS
LINKS TO PLANNING/BUDGET
PROCESSES**

Introduction & Overview of SG's
voluntary guidelines & other resources
for the VNRs

SESSION OUTLINE

- Objective & Principles of VNR process
- Key milestones for VNR process
- Format & content of VNR report
- Additional considerations
- Presentation at HLPF

OBJECTIVE OF VNR PROCESS

- Voluntary National Reviews are the cornerstone of the follow-up & review of the 2030 Agenda
- Should not take precedent over existing national processes - should complement & identify strengths & weaknesses
- Global presentation is an opportunity to celebrate progress, share lessons learned while also learning from others
- Paragraph 74 of the 2030 Agenda sets out principles to be considered in the VNR process

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Voluntary, country-led & focus on national ownership
- Track progress respecting universality, integrated & interrelated nature of goals and targets & 3 dimensions of sustainable development
- Longer-term orientation focus on progress, challenges, resource mobilization & partnership potential
- Open, inclusive, participatory & transparent for all people
- Gender sensitive, respect human rights & addressing poorest, most vulnerable & those left behind

GUIDING PRINCIPLES (2)

- Build on existing planning processes – avoid duplication
- Evidence-based, using national disaggregated (income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migration status, disability & geographic location plus other relevant characteristics to national context)
- Recognized need for capacity-building & strengthened national data systems
- Active support of UN & other partners

KEY MILESTONES FOR VNR PROCESS

- Alignment with HLPF timelines:
 - 17 May 2019 – Delivery of Key Messages from VNR (700 words maximum)
 - 14 June 2019 – Delivery of VNR Report
 - 16-18 July 2019 – Presentation in NY at HLPF
- There is approximately **100 working days** now available before the Key Messages have to be delivered.

VNR REPORT FORMAT

- Decide on information gathering strategy
- Set a page limit for the report
- Prepare a list of possible sources of data (disaggregated where possible) and information
- Use existing reports & processes to write VNR
- Consider tools/approaches in presentation of the VNR in HLPF

VNR REPORT CONTENT

- Nationally driven and owned – or what is most useful and tells the national development story
- Countries are encouraged to report on progress against all 17 goals, but priority can be given to fewer goals
- Review where country is in national planning cycle & how it has been updated to align with SDGs
- Candid inclusion of successes, challenges & lessons learned in order to accelerate progress under 2030 Agenda

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Stakeholder engagement plan
- Involve all sectors and levels of government, civil society, private sector, trade unions, members of parliament and national human rights institutions
- Potential to seek case studies from stakeholders on what is being done to help country achieve the 2030 Agenda
- Allocate sufficient time for technical editing, high-level review of the VNR & its main messages, approval of Cabinet, Government & Parliament

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Ensure integration of contributions from within government & other stakeholders
- Consider concrete steps for follow-up, e.g.:
 - Debrief following HLPF presentation
 - Roadmap of actions required, covering who what & where
 - Refine planning & budget processes if required
 - Ensure review process becomes part of national monitoring & reporting process of National Plan/Strategy

PRESENTATION AT HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

- Never too early to start thinking about who will make the presentation – President, Prime Minister, Senior Minister
- Country presentations can be either as individual or part of panel
- Each presentation can be no longer than 15 minutes & can be a mixture of speech, video & involve civil society participant. A similar amount of time is then available for Q&A
- Opportunity to be creative, focused and to make good use of messages – SDG, wheels, case studies, etc.