UNICEF and PARIS21 toolkit

Toolkit for Mainstreaming Child Rights into Strategic Planning for Official Statistics

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No one body is responsible for mainstreaming Child Rights into statistical system planning. Therefore, this toolkit supports stakeholders throughout the statistical planning process and informs how to best to make the business case for investing resources.

https://www.unicef.org/esa/documents/toolkit-mainstreaming

Data driven Voluntary National Review

Strengthening National Statistical Systems for better SDG reporting

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New report

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Partnership in statistics for development in the 21st century

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- Sheds light on how Voluntary National Review (VNR) reports refer to statistics and the role of National Statistics Offices (NSOs)
- Provides recommendations for governments to strengthen their institutional capacity for a more robust SDG reporting and data use
- Based on mixed methods of text mining, desk review and interviews

Although VNRs depend upon high quality data and statistics, references to statistical capacity and terminology have been declining

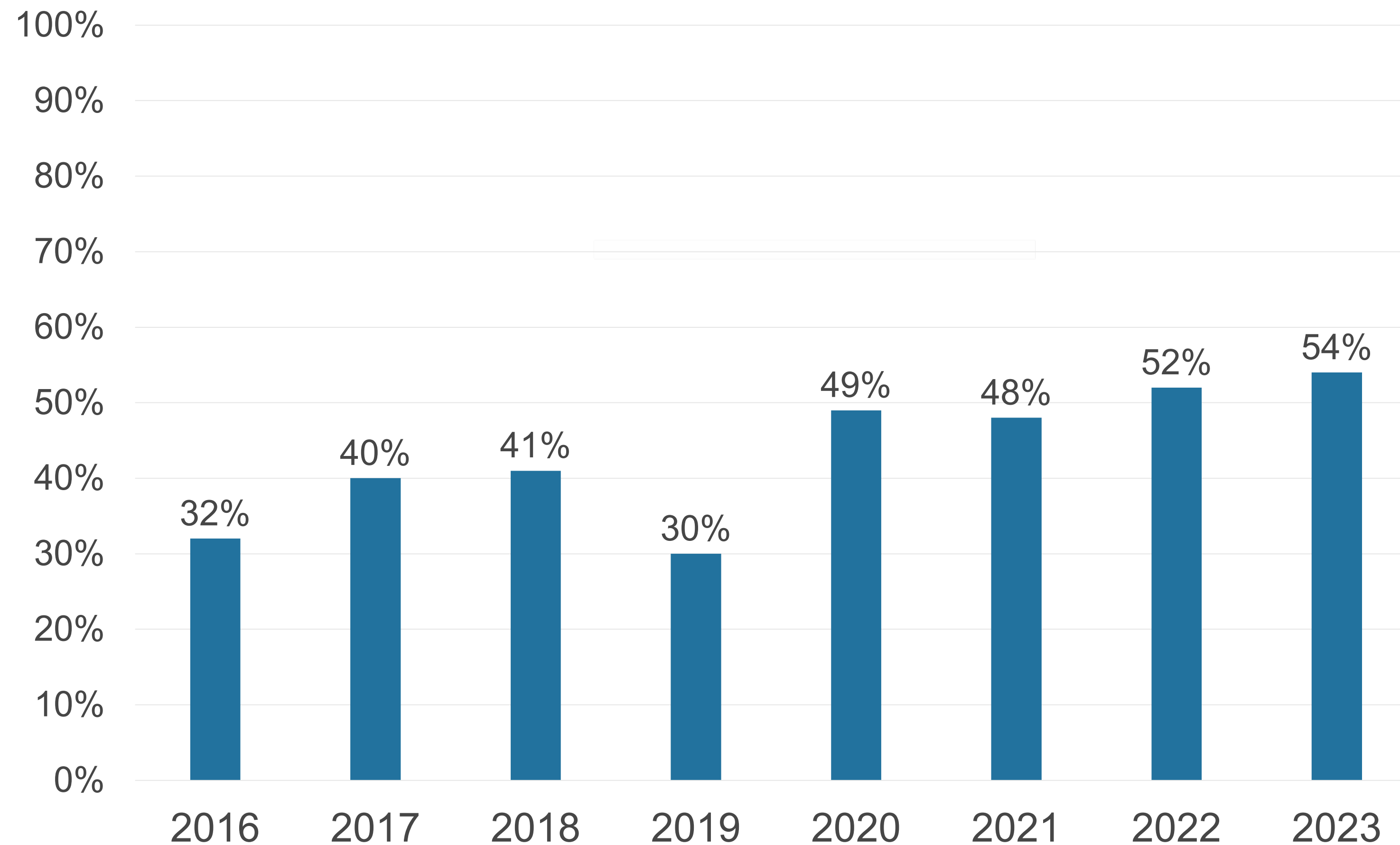**Use of data and statistics terms in VNR reporting**
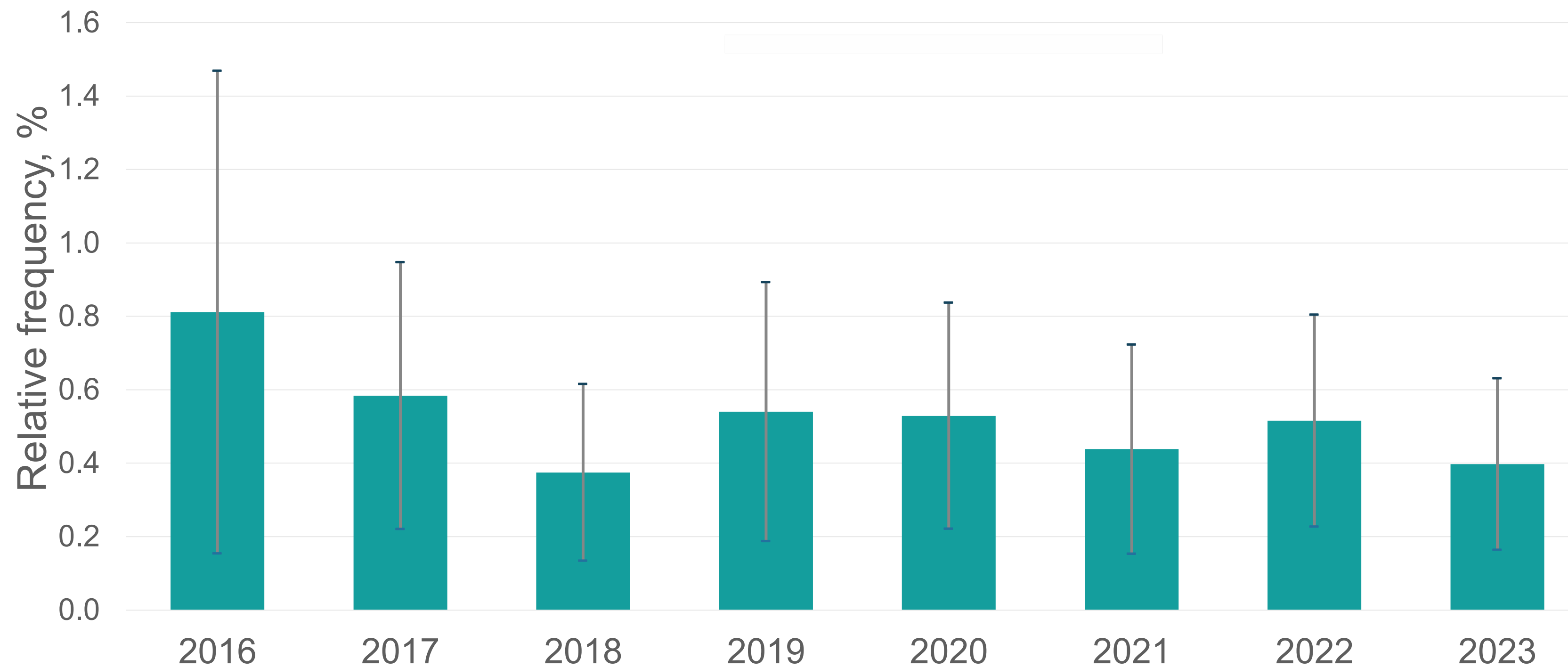
Key findings: references to statistical terms

Use of data and statistics terms in VNR reports, by VNR round and region
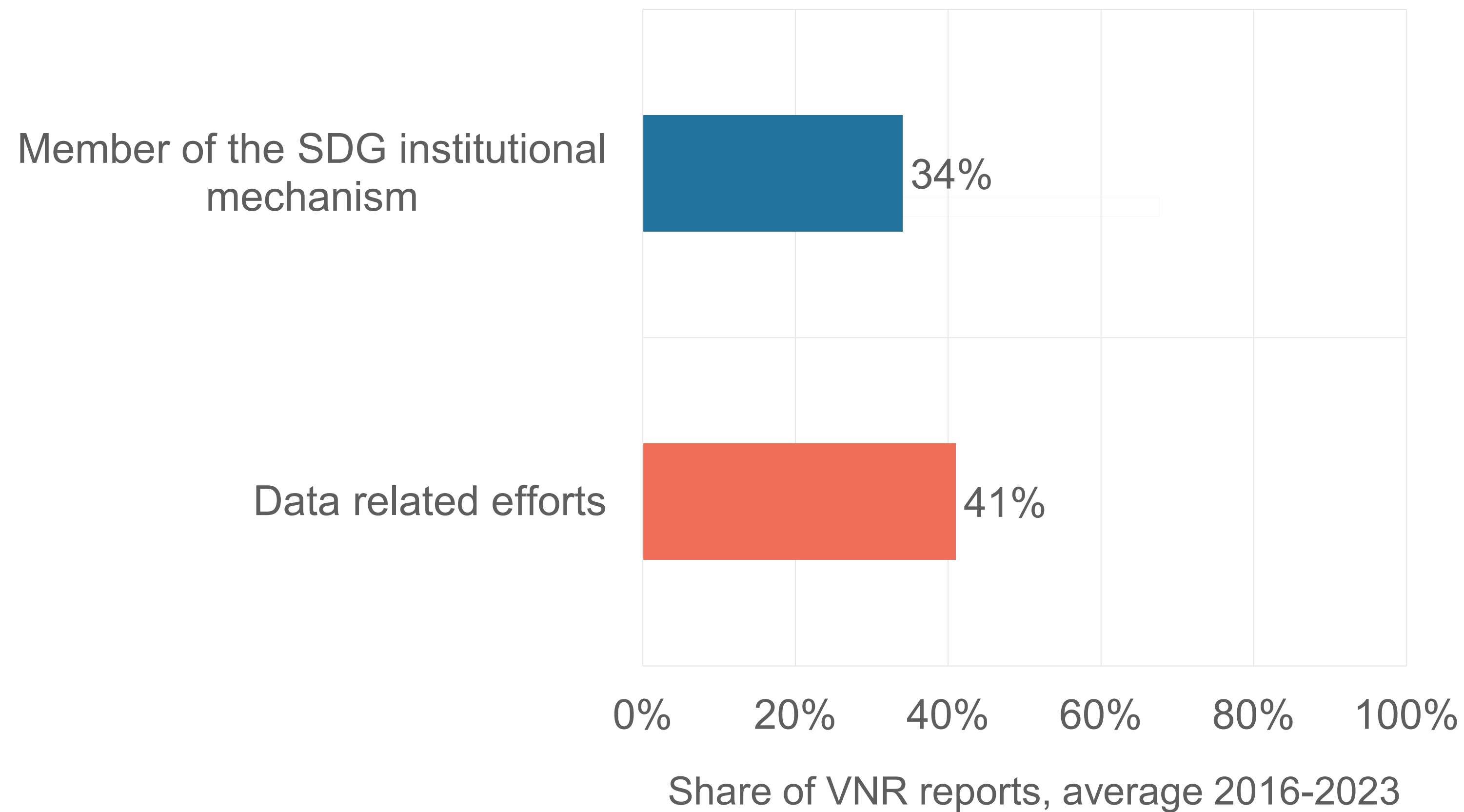
VNRs are increasingly underpinned by data

Share of VNR reports including a statistical annex

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Share of VNR reports referring to the NSO role in the VNR process

Share of VNR reports, average 2016-2023

Is VNR process turning its findings into action?

- Since 2016, on average only 20% of VNR reports connect their findings to national statistical development plans
- VNR process should be used to trigger concrete actions for strengthening statistical capacity, ensuring data informs policy decisions

Share of VNR reports referring to strategic planning for statistics
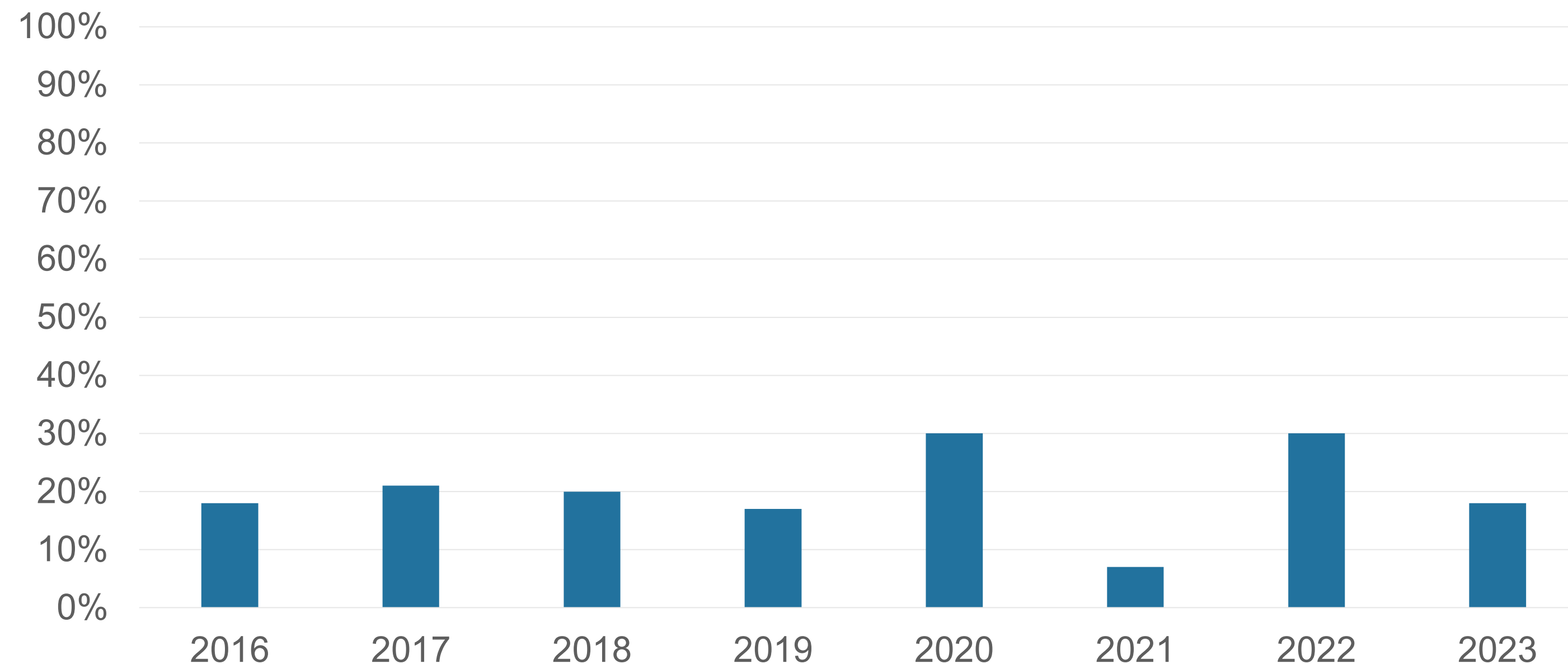
Importance of these findings

One of the 2030 Agenda principles to guide the follow-up and review process mentions that VNRs:

"will be rigorous and based on evidence, informed by country-led evaluations and data which is high-quality, accessible, timely, reliable and disaggregated by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migration status, disability and geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts"

But how does this principle transcend the NSO mandate and capabilities?

Main recommendations and guidance

Use the VNR process to uncover untapped data potential of your national statistical system:

1. **Build on the coordination and data quality-assurance role of NSOs** in the VNR process to improve data governance and policy coherence:

- horizontally to leverage administrative data and alternative data sources; and
- vertically to strengthen local ownership of the 2030 Agenda

2. Develop a **VNR data roadmap** to guide the process

3. Consider the VNR as the beginning of a **long-term journey toward statistical capacity development**:

- Support NSO-led data partnerships with new data actors
- Check if statistical legislation is fit for purpose
- Invest in the NSS: Use the lessons learned from the VNR process to inform the existing or new strategic planning for statistics, which should be government-owned

Thank you

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