

**Workshop on Data and Statistics for Evidence-based  
Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)**

9-12 December 2019

Venue: Conference Room 6

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**Tentative Agenda**

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<b>Monday, 9 December</b>	
8:15-9:00	Registration
9:15-9:30	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Mr. Shyam Upadhyaya, Chief Statistician, UNIDO</li> <li>• Opening speech: Mr. Hiroshi Kuniyoshi, Deputy to the Director General and the Managing Director (Directorate of External Relations and Policy Research), UNIDO</li> <li>• Introductory remarks and objective of workshop: Ms. Yongyi Min, UNSD</li> </ul>
9:30-10:30	<p><b>Introduction Session</b></p> <p><i>Participants will introduce each other, presenting their country counterparts (or others) and describing their role in the VNR process.</i></p> <p><i>Discussion on challenges/opportunities in strengthening collaboration between policy makers and statisticians for evidence-based decision-making, including for the VNR process.</i></p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:45	<p><b>National SDG monitoring mechanisms and processes</b></p> <p><b>Session 1.1: VNR Process</b></p> <p><i>An introduction to the VNR process at the global level reviewing process, timeline, substantive areas for inclusion in VNRs and where data can support the VNR process. In addition, some countries will highlight their past experience and lessons learned if presenting a VNR for the second time.</i></p> <p><u>Presentation:</u> UNSD</p> <p><u>National experience presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bangladesh</li> <li>• Uganda</li> <li>• Mozambique</li> </ul> <p><u>Exercise and discussion:</u> VNR focal point and statistician review the outline of</p>

	actions that have been taken and are planned for the VNR process in their country (request for this sent in advance of the workshop), highlighting in particular any activities that could be strengthened with data to support the VNR process. After discussion, commonalities among countries to be posted in the room.
12:45-1:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
1:45-3:00	<p><b>Session 1.2: Localization of the 2030 Agenda &amp; SDG national monitoring mechanisms</b></p> <p><i>This session will focus on 1) policy-makers description of the localization of the 2030 Agenda with relation to national development priorities/policies and 2) from statisticians, how these policy priorities have translated to the national monitoring mechanisms for SDG monitoring and the preparation of the VNR.</i></p> <p><u>Presentation:</u> UNSD</p> <p><u>National experience presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Austria</li> <li>• Republic of Moldova</li> <li>• Russian Federation</li> </ul>
3:00-3:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
3:30-4:30	<p><b>Session 1.3: Determining measurement gaps that impede monitoring of national policies (StaTact)</b></p> <p><i>Introduction to StaTact- an innovative tool that provides an analytical framework and a multi-stakeholder methodology to enable a team of national experts from National Statistical Offices, concerned Ministries and other parts of the data community, including non-traditional data sources, to design a short-term action plan with a focus on addressing institutional impediments to data collection, production and utilization.</i></p> <p><u>Presentation:</u> Mr. Gabriel Gamez, UNSD</p> <p><u>StaTact national experiences:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malawi</li> <li>• Uganda</li> </ul>
4:30-5:45	<p><b>Session 1.4: StaTact demo and group exercise</b></p> <p><i>Demo of the StaTact tool and group exercise: Participants will use the StaTact tool to identify data measurement gaps and how to address them in a test scenario.</i></p>
6:00-7:30	<b>Reception hosted by UNIDO (Mozart room B of the VIC, next to the restaurant area)</b>

Tuesday, 10 December	
9:00-9:30	<b>Re-cap of previous day &amp; Introduction to Road Map exercise</b>
9:30-11:00	<p><b>National SDG monitoring mechanisms and processes</b></p> <p><b>Session 2: National coordination mechanisms for SDGs and data flows</b></p> <p><i>Best practices and lessons learned from national coordination mechanisms or the institutional arrangements for the SDGs, data sharing and data flow arrangements for monitoring the SDGs, and inclusive national SDG review processes carried out by countries.</i></p> <p><u>Presentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNSD: overview of role data can play in SDGs</li> </ul> <p><u>National experience presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bolivia</li> <li>• United Kingdom</li> <li>• Nepal</li> <li>• Zimbabwe</li> </ul>
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30-12:15	<p><b>Thematic sessions on assessing progress towards specific Goals and targets for inclusion in VNRs</b></p> <p><i>To fully track progress on the SDGs, many areas of economic, social and environmental dimensions are included in the global and national monitoring frameworks. This session will provide an opportunity to review selected Goals and targets of these different sustainable development dimensions to highlight how they can be assessed and included in the VNRs.</i></p> <p><b>Session 3.1: Economic dimension</b></p> <p><b>Selected targets and indicators under Goal 8, Goal 9</b></p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Steven Kapsos, ILO, Goal 8</li> <li>• Ms. Petra Kynclova, UNIDO, Goal 9</li> </ul>
12:15-1:15	<i>Lunch break</i>
1:15-2:00	<p><b>Session 3.2: Social dimension</b></p> <p><b>Selected targets and indicators under Goal 3, Goal 5</b></p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Jessica Ho, WHO, Goal 3</li> <li>• Ms. Ani Plaku, UN Women, Goal 5</li> </ul>
2:00-3:30	<p><b>Session 3.3: Environmental dimension</b></p> <p><b>Selected targets and indicators under Goal 11, Goals 12-14</b></p>

	<p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Robert Ndugwa, UN-Habitat, Goal 11 (via WebEx)</li> <li>• Mr. Tomas Marques, UNEP, Goals 12-14</li> <li>• National experience: Kyrgyz Republic [TBC]</li> </ul> <p><u>Group exercise</u></p>
3:30-4:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
4:00-5:30	<p><b>Session 3.4: Governance dimension</b></p> <p><b>Selected targets and indicators under Goal 16</b></p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Angela Me, UNODC</li> <li>• Ms. Julia Kercher, UNDP</li> </ul> <p><u>Group exercise</u></p>

<b>Wednesday, 11 December</b>	
9:00-9:30	<b>Re-cap of previous day &amp; Road map exercise</b>
9:30-10:45	<p><b>Leaving no one behind and the 2030 Agenda</b></p> <p><i>The guiding principle to 'leave no one behind' of the 2030 Agenda comes with opportunities and challenges for countries to address policy priorities for vulnerable populations and better incorporate disaggregated data in monitoring SDG implementation. This session will focus on data disaggregation tools, practices and policy priorities.</i></p> <p><b>Session 4.1: Data disaggregation policy priorities, tools and national experiences</b></p> <p><u>Presentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNSD: overview of data disaggregation and the SDGs</li> </ul> <p><u>National experience presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jordan</li> <li>• Uganda</li> <li>• Republic of Moldova</li> </ul>
10:45-11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15-12:45	<p><b>Session 4.2: Data disaggregation policy priorities, tools and national experiences (continued)</b></p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Ani Plaku, UN Women: gender dimension</li> <li>• Ms. Elizabeth Lockwood, CBM International: country examples supporting organization of persons with disabilities' engagement and</li> </ul>

	<p>capacity building with data in the VNR process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Katie Kirkby, WHO: Health Equity Assessment Toolkit (HEAT) Plus, demo and exercise</li> </ul>
12:45-1:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
1:45-2:45	<p><b>Session 4.3: Group exercise to identify data disaggregation policy priorities &amp; data sources</b></p> <p><i>Participants will identify: 1) policy-makers: which policy priorities and vulnerable populations should be included in the SDG monitoring and review (as well as the VNR report) and 2) statisticians: identify where data for these vulnerable populations can be found and/or the challenges to developing and collecting these data. Group will develop recommendations on which data disaggregation elements respond to policy priorities and how to address them. Recommendations will be included in the Road map.</i></p>
2:45-3:45	<p><b>Using non-traditional data sources in the VNRs</b></p> <p><i>The following sessions will focus on best practices and experiences engaging with stakeholders, using new and non-traditional data sources and incorporating alternative data sources in the VNR.</i></p> <p><b>Session 5.1: Engaging with stakeholders</b></p> <p><u>Presentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Orsolya Bartha, International Disability Alliance: strengthening VNRs with data from a Major Groups and other stakeholders' perspective</li> </ul> <p><u>National experience presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bangladesh</li> <li>United Kingdom</li> <li>Finland (via WebEx) [TBC]</li> </ul>
3:45-4:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
4:15-5:15	<p><b>Using non-traditional data sources in the VNRs (continued)</b></p> <p><b>Session 5.2: Incorporating non-traditional data sources</b></p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNSD: overview of non-traditional data sources for the SDGs and ensuring data quality</li> <li>Mr. Kevin McCormack, Ireland CSO: geospatial data (via WebEx)</li> <li>Mr. Bernhard Frey, UN Global Compact (via WebEx)</li> <li>Mr. Andrew Rzepa, Gallup</li> </ul>

Thursday, 12 December	
9:00-9:30	<b>Re-cap of previous day &amp; Road map exercise</b>
9:30-10:15	<p><b>Using non-traditional data sources in the VNRs (continued)</b></p> <p><b>Session 5.2 continued: Incorporating non-traditional data sources</b></p> <p><u>Presentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Dilek Fraisl, Center for Earth Observation and Citizen Science (EOCS)/IIASA: citizen science and the SDGs</li> </ul>
10:15-10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45-12:15	<p><b>How to use and present data in SDG monitoring and VNRs</b></p> <p><i>Without the effective communication of data and statistics, it can be difficult to convey key messages and analysis of progress in SDG implementation. This session will highlight national reporting platforms and how they can 1) respond to policy makers need for data and 2) contribute to incorporate data in the VNRs.</i></p> <p><b>Session 6.1: National data reporting platforms</b></p> <p><u>Presentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNSD: global overview of data reporting platforms</li> </ul> <p><u>National experience presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bangladesh</li> <li>United Kingdom</li> <li>Jordan [TBC]</li> <li>Zimbabwe</li> </ul>
12:15-1:15	<i>Lunch break</i>
1:15-2:45	<p><b>How to use and present data in SDG monitoring and VNRs</b></p> <p><i>Feedback from past HLPF VNR sessions includes the need for charts/graphics, infographics and statistical annexes to accompany and underpin the VNR reports in order to convey data to a wide audience in an understandable format. This session will focus on what works best for presenting and incorporating data in VNRs as well as how to use data to advocate the VNRs. The session will also include a dialogue on making statistics more policy relevant.</i></p> <p><b>Session 6.2: Presenting data, user engagement and making data meaningful</b></p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNSD: User engagement and making data meaningful</li> <li>United Kingdom: presenting the VNR at the HLPF</li> <li>Zambia: user engagement</li> </ul> <p><u>Group exercise:</u> Based on a small sample of data, participants will develop: 1) key messages and story headlines and 2) an infographic including elements</p>

	presented in the session, along with policy priorities.
2:45-3:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
3:15-4:30	<p><b>Road Map and Action Plans for VNRs</b></p> <p><i>Coming back to the first day of the workshop and the road map exercise developed over the previous days, participants will develop an action plan for their next steps and a draft road map, in particular identifying where data can support the VNR process and where policy makers and statisticians can further collaborate. The results will include 1) an action plan for the VNR process in country and 2) a draft road map applicable to any country developing a VNR. The road map will include components needed to ensure data are included for evidence-based VNRs, ways to ensure strengthened collaboration with policy makers and statisticians and ways to address both policy maker and statistician concerns.</i></p>
4:30-4:45	<p><b>Closing and Evaluation</b></p> <p>Closing and distribution of evaluation of the workshop to participants.</p>