Workshop on Supporting Evidence-based Voluntary National Reviews (VNRS) and SDG Reporting: Data and Statistics Innovations

Session 5: Overview of the VNR process at global level and next steps

7 December 2023
Timelines
The VNRs: Some Numbers

329 VNRs have been conducted to date

• 22 in 2016, 43 in 2017, 46 in 2018, 47 in 2019, 47 in 2020, 42 in 2022, 44 in 2022 and 39 in 2023

188 countries have presented VNRs with 123 countries having conducted more than one VNR. The European Union conducted a voluntary review in 2023.

9 countries have not yet presented a VNR

65 countries have presented 1 VNR, 107 countries have presented 2 VNRs, 14 countries have 3 VNRs and 2 country have 4 VNRs.

44 countries will present their VNRs in 2024.

Link to VNR Database: https://hlpf.un.org/countries
Timeline for 2024 Voluntary National Reviews

GLOBAL PREP I
DECEMBER 2023

GLOBAL PREP II
MARCH/APRIL 2024

GLOBAL PREP. III
JULY 2024 | NEW YORK

15-17 JULY 2024
NEW YORK
MINISTERIAL SEGMENT
HLPF

>> COUNTRY LEVEL ACTIVITIES >>

DEADLINE I
24 APRIL 2024
SUBMISSION OF MAIN MESSAGES

DEADLINE II
14 JUNE 2024
SUBMISSION OF FINAL REPORTS

DEADLINE III
21 JUNE 2024
SUBMISSION OF AUDIOVISUALS

2024 VNR PRESENTATIONS
# 44 VNR Presenters at the 2024 HLPF

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<th>Number of Times Presenting/Region</th>
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<td>Africa (17)</td>
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VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS

VNR presentations at the HLPF

Timing (TBD):

First timers:
- 15 minutes for presentation
- Q&A time tbc

Second and third timers:
- 10 minutes for presentation
- Q&A time tbc

Format:
The panel format: presentations are held sequentially; when all the presenters participating in the session have presented, questions are asked of all the presenters. The usual practice is for each country to receive 2-3 questions. Once all the questions have been posed, the presiding office (President/Vice-President of ECOSOC) gives each country the opportunity to make brief responses.

The individual format: a country makes its presentation, followed by questions.
VNRSs 2.0
Second and Subsequent VNRs

• Less description, more assessment/evaluation of progress

• Feed VNRs’ conclusions back into policy improvement and become an effective instrument in accelerating SDG implementation through feedback loops

• Obtain concrete benefits from enhancements to the institutional structure

• Increased engagement of stakeholders both from government and outside government in their second VNRs

• Improved data collection & refinement of indicators and monitoring and review of SDGs

• Focussed follow-up to the VNRs