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Workshop on supporting evidence-based Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) and SDG reporting: data and statistics innovations

6-7 December 2023

Venue: Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), Ankara, Türkiye | 4th Floor Conference Room

Draft Agenda
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Wednesday, 6 December	
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Registration and badge pick-up at reception desk
9:30 am - 9:45 am	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks, Ms. Zehra Zümrüt SELÇUK, Director General, Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) • Introductory remarks and objective of the workshop, Heather Page, UNSD
9:45 am - 10:15 am	Introduction Session <i>Participants will introduce themselves and describe their role in SDG reporting and in the current and past VNR process(es).</i>
10:15 am - 10:30 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:30 am - 12:20 pm	Session 1: Data Roadmap for developing VNRs & Lessons Learned The session will utilize the data roadmap for developing evidence-based VNRs developed by UNSD and will explain the stages, from identification of needs and planning to post-evaluation of the VNR process with practical exercises for participants to implement for their own planning for the first three steps. The session will also review lessons learned as almost all countries are presenting for a subsequent time. <u>Moderator:</u> Heather Page, UNSD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNSD VNR Data Roadmap (Steps 1-3), Daniel Eshetie, UNSD – 15 min. • Partnerships and user engagement, Faryal Ahmed, UNSD – 10 min. • Making better use of available data for VNR analyses, Dorian Navarro, FAO – 15 min. • National and regional experiences: – 8-10 min. each <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annual SDG progress report and capacity building for VNRs, Ahmet Öztürk, SESRIC ○ The role of SDG reporting and VNR for tracking SDG progress,

	<p>Goncha Musayeva, Azerberjain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lightning round: Lessons Learned- 3-5 min. each <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Egypt ○ Zimbabwe • Group Work: 1) Roadmap activity (steps 1-3) by Goal or cross-cutting theme/topic~ 50 min.
12:20 pm - 1:45 pm	<i>Lunch break</i>
1:45 pm - 3:30 pm	<p>Session 2: Data innovations and non-traditional data sources for VNRs and SDG reporting</p> <p>The session will focus on best practices and experiences using new and non-traditional data sources as well as innovative and alternative data sources in SDG reporting and the VNR.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Daniel Eshetie, UNSD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiences from the use of administrative data for SDG reporting, Faryal Ahmed, UNSD – 10 min. • Using innovative approaches to fill data gaps, Faryal Ahmed, UNSD – 10 min. • Geospatial data and Ireland’s latest VNR, Mary Smyth, Central Statistics Office, Ireland (<i>virtual</i>)– 15 min. • National experience presentations (i.e. mobile phone data, remote sensing data, SAE, citizen-generated data, etc.): – 8-10 min. each <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Administrative data experience in Namibia, Isak Neema, Namibia ○ DANE’s experience in the use of non-traditional data sources for the SDGs, Diana Nova, Colombia ○ Mobile phone data for SDG monitoring, Levan Tserediani, Georgia • Discussion and Q&A – 40 min.
3:30 pm - 3:45 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>
3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	<p>Regional Commissions information session</p> <p>Presentations by all five Regional Commissions Statistics Divisions on possible technical support, tools and resources for countries developing their VNR. (<i>virtual</i>)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Faryal Ahmed, UNSD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molla Asmare, UN ECA • Jonathan Gessendorfer, UN ECE • Daniel Taccari, UN ECLAC (TBC) • Dayyan Shayani, UN ESCAP • Neda Jafar, UN ESCWA
4:45 pm - 5:15 pm	Re-cap Day 1

Thursday, 7 December	
9:00 am - 10:00 am	<p>Session 2 (continued): Data innovations and non-traditional data sources for VNRs and SDG reporting</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Heather Page, UNSD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of citizen data to gain insights for SDG reporting, Faryal Ahmed, UNSD – 10 min. • UN Data Commons for the SDGs, Daniel Eshetie, UNSD – 10 min. • National experience presentations (mobile data, remote sensing data, SAE, citizen-generated data, etc.): – 8-10 min. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of citizen generated data to fill SDG data gaps, Leah Wambugu, Kenya ○ Discussion and Q&A – 30 min.
10:00 am - 10:15 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:15 am - 12:00 pm	<p>Session 3: Tools for ‘leaving no one behind’</p> <p>This session will focus on how countries identify national data disaggregation priorities, tools and practices to improve the collection of disaggregated data as well as how to analyze and use these data.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Daniel Eshetie, UNSD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainstreaming LNOB evidence to VNRs, Selahattin Selsah Pasali, UN ESCAP (<i>virtual</i>) – 15 min. • Local-level SDG monitoring (SDG localization)– Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) and Voluntary Subnational Reviews (VSRs), Heather Page, UNSD – 10 min. • National experience presentations: – 8-10 min. each <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Measuring the SDG leave no one behind concepts, a Namibian perspective, Isak Neema, Namibia ○ Nepalese experience on leaving no one behind, Rajan Silwal, Nepal • Discussion and Q&A – 55 min.
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	<i>Lunch break</i>
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm	<p>Session 3 (continued): Tools for ‘leaving no one behind’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human rights and VNRs- Operational common approach guidance note (OHCHR/UNDP), Maria Soledad Pazo, OHCHR (<i>virtual</i>) – 8-10 min. • Counted and Visible Toolkit, Jessamyn Encarnacion, UN Women (<i>virtual</i>)– 8-10 min. • Q&A – 10 min.

2:00 pm - 3:45 pm	<p>Session 4: How to use and present data in SDG reporting and VNRs (data storytelling and visualization)</p> <p>Data and statistics play the main role in providing evidence of progress towards achieving the SDGs. Without the effective communication of data and statistics, it can be difficult to convey key messages and analysis of progress in SDG implementation. To this end, many countries have developed national reporting platforms and other tools and solutions to incorporate data in policy-making and reporting. This session will highlight those tools and others for presenting and incorporating data in VNRs and SDG reporting.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Faryal Ahmed, UNSD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good practices in the use of data storytelling and data visualizations in VNR reports (Step 4 in Roadmap), Heather Page, UNSD – 15 min. • Overall experience with data storytelling/data visualization and country examples, Ala Negruta, UN Women – 15 min. • National and regional experience presentations: – 8 min. each <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SDG Web Portal of Türkiye, Mualla Gizem Umut Dogan, Türkiye ○ Brazil’s SDG platform, Denise Kronemberger, Brazil ○ Egyptian experience using ESCWA SDMX Converter and MARSA Platform for SDGs, Doaa Eid Shukri, Egypt ○ Data visualization and implementation of SDG data platforms, Thomas Rutaro, Uganda • Discussion and Q&A – 40 min.
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
4:00 pm – 4:45 pm	<p>Session 4 (continued): How to use and present data in SDG reporting and VNRs (data storytelling and visualization)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group work – 45 min.
4:45 pm - 5:05 pm	<p>Session 5: Overview of the VNR process at global level and next steps</p> <p><i>The session will include an overview of the full VNR process at the global level reviewing process, timeline, substantive areas for inclusion in VNRs and considerations for VNRs 2.0 as proposed by the Secretary-General.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Heather Page, UNSD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of VNR process and next steps, Friedrich Soltau, DESA OISC (virtual) – 8-10 min. • Q&A – 10 min.
5:05 pm - 5:15 pm	<p>Closing and Evaluation</p> <p>Closing and distribution of evaluation of the workshop to participants.</p>