Technical support, tools and resources for Latin America and the Caribbean countries developing their VNR

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Type of support and tools for the preparation of the VNRs

1. General Support in the VNRs process since 2019 through sharing of good practices and lessons learned: ECLAC’s Community of Practice on VNRs.

2. Statistical support to Caribbean countries in their VNR preparation (ECLAC POS DA Project).

3. Statistical support to LAC countries aiming at improving the measurement, use and dissemination of the SDG indicators, improving the statistical operations, and enhancing statistical coordination - strengthening the National Statistical Systems (LAC UN System).

4. Tools and resources: SDG Gateway
Latin America and the Caribbean
57 VNRs presented to the HLPF

32 countries presented their VNR to the HLPF in New York between 2016 and 2023 including 18 countries that submitted their VNR more than once.

Great commitment of LAC countries with the fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
1. General Support in the VNRs process since 2019 through sharing of good practices and lessons learned:

**ECLAC’s Community of Practice on VNRs**

Informal mechanism for exchanging best and lessons learned among countries with regards to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in general and the VNR process in particular.
2. Direct technical assistance to Caribbean countries in the preparation of their VNR 2019-2022

DA Project ECLAC PoS

Stakeholder engagement, identification of data sources, collation of data, and preparation of VNR report.

Major accomplishments

- Review of SDG data gaps and data requirements for monitoring the progress in implementation of their national development plans.

- NSOs, in coordination with line ministries, identified data sources for SDG indicators.

- Beneficial countries prepared their VNRs using these sources and identified areas where data gaps remained for further action.

Beneficiary countries

1. Antigua and Barbuda
2. British Virgin Islands
3. Dominica
4. Grenada
5. Jamaica
6. Montserrat
7. Saint Kitts and Nevis
8. Saint Lucia
9. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
10. Trinidad and Tobago
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Institutional context
3. Statistical support to LAC countries aiming at improving the measurement, use and dissemination of the SDG indicators

**Type of Statistical support**

- **Statistical operations**
  - Mapping or registers
  - Census - Population and housing
  - Public accounts or budget
  - Survey - Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) or similar
  - Survey - Employment and economic activity
  - Survey - Multiple indicator cluster survey (MICS)
  - Survey - Household budget survey or household income and expenditure survey
  - Multipurpose household surveys or surveys on living conditions
  - Surveys on the use of information and communications technologies (ICTs)
  - Survey - Time-use surveys
  - Survey - Victimization survey or violence against women survey

- **Measurement, use and dissemination of the SDG indicators**
  - Summary statistics
  - Estimates
  - Projections
  - Administrative records
  - System of National Accounts
  - Survey - Establishment survey or other survey
  - Census - Agricultural
  - National infrastructure for geospatial data
  - Agricultural surveys
  - Census - Other
  - Geospatial Analysis
  - Survey - Other
  - Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

   - Methodological development of the indicator
   - Pilot studies of methodologies for indicators classified as tier III
   - Development of capacities for the calculation of the indicator
   - Collection of baseline information for the calculation of the indicator
   - Validation of the calculation of the indicator at national level with the statistical authorities
   - Support countries in the dissemination and analysis of the indicator
   - Dissemination and analysis of the indicator by the agency
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Regional data bank and geoportal for statistical follow-up to the SDGs in Latin America and the Caribbean
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Regional SDG statistical profiles by target
Conclusions

- **The VNRs are much more than a report** - means to engage all parts of government, including national statistical offices, as well as other stakeholders.

- **VNRs can strengthen government policies and institutions**, facilitate alignment with other national, regional and global development frameworks, raise SDG awareness, mobilize multi-stakeholder support, foster partnerships and lead to enhanced data assessment, generation and evidence-based decision-making.

- **Multiple challenges in the VNR process persist**, including:
  - Complexity of inter-sectoral and multi-level coordination (coordination among data producers)
  - Limited financial and time resources
  - Urgent demands vs. the implementation of medium and long-term strategies
  - Availability and incorporation of disaggregated data and statistics
  - Administration changes and staff fluctuations

- **There is a growing importance of data storytelling and data visualization in the VNRs**, for example via the use of infographics, statistical annexes, SDG progress charts and SDG databases to accompany the key messages.
Thank you

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