

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

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



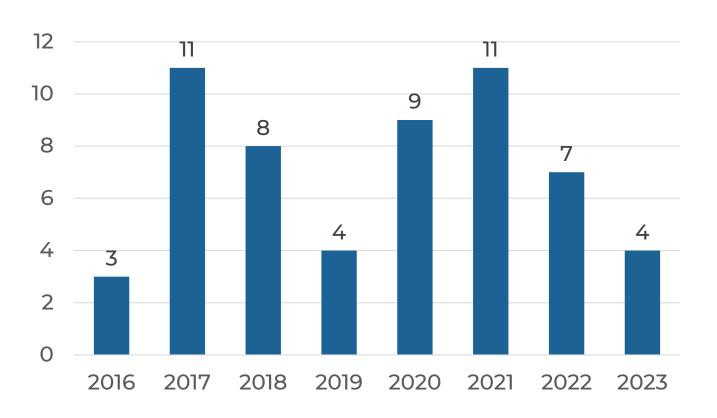
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Type of support and tools for the preparation of the VNRs

- 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



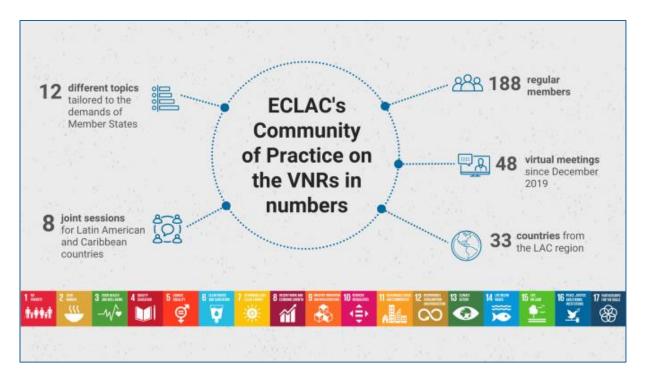
32 countries presented their VNR to the HLPF in New York between 2016 and 2023 including 18 countries that submitted their VNR more than once



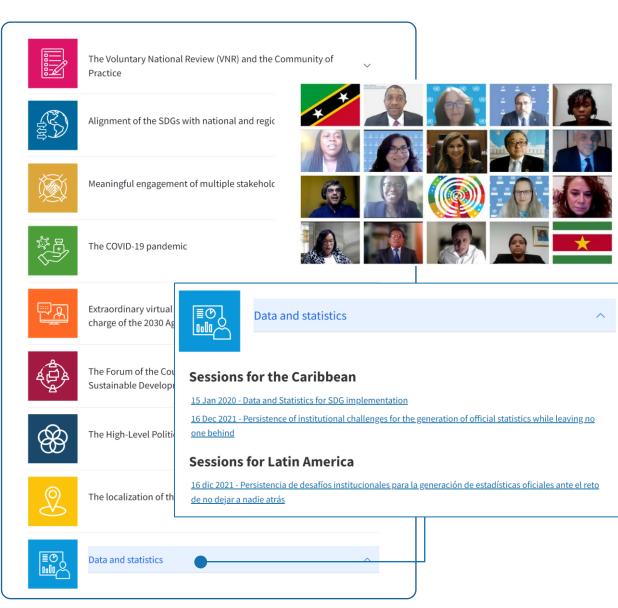
Great commitment of LAC countries with the fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

I. General Support in the VNRs process since 2019 trough 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

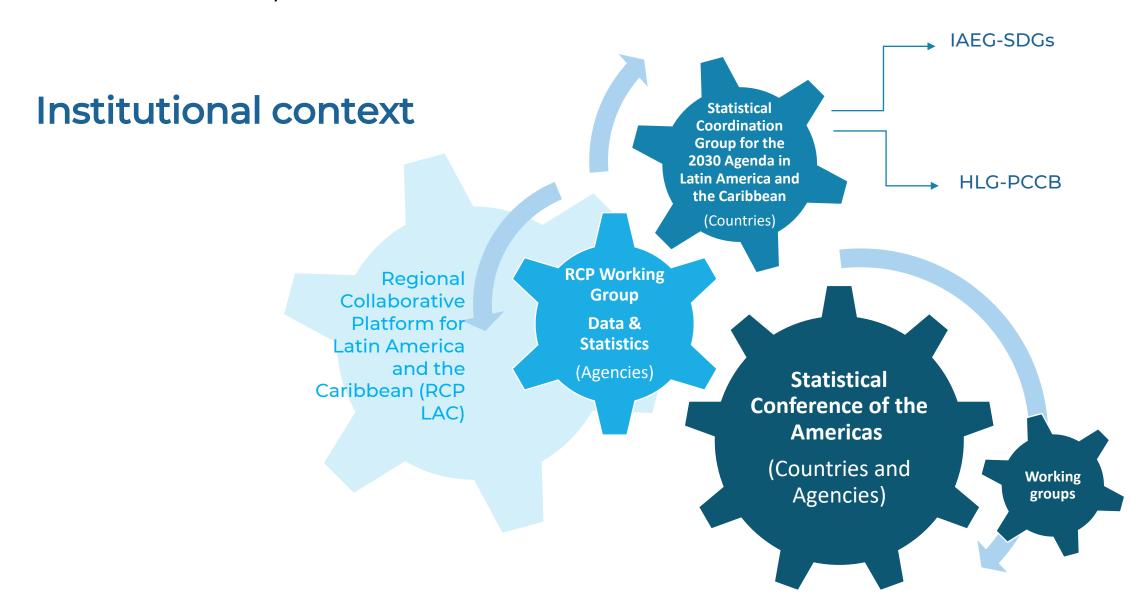
- Review of SDG data gaps and data requirements for monitoring the progress in implementation of their national development plans.
- NSOs, in coordination with line ministries, identified data sources for SDG indicators.
- Beneficial countries prepared their VNRs using these sources and identified areas 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



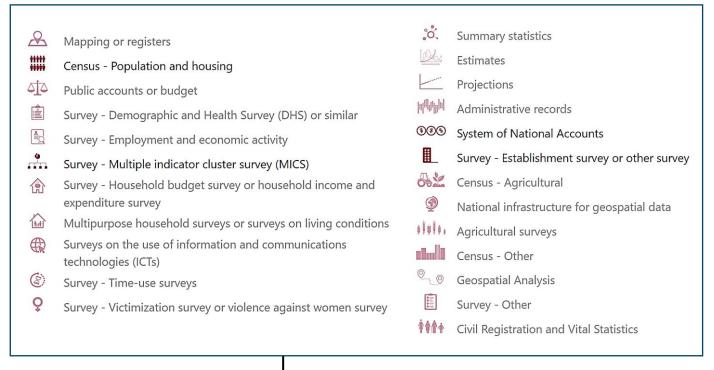
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Statistical operations



Measurement, use and dissemination of the SDG indicators

- 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
- **6** Dissemination and analysis of the indicator by the agency

4. Tools and resources: SDG Gateway



The 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean



SDGs in Latin America and the Caribbean: Statistical knowledge management hub

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT **GOALS**

Data, statistics and institutional resources to follow-up the 2030 Agenda



Global Statistical Monitoring













Regional Statistical Monitoring











National Statistical Monitoring













Data and **Indicators**



Support on SDG monitoring and reporting



Methodologies and Knowledge **Products**





Geospatial resources







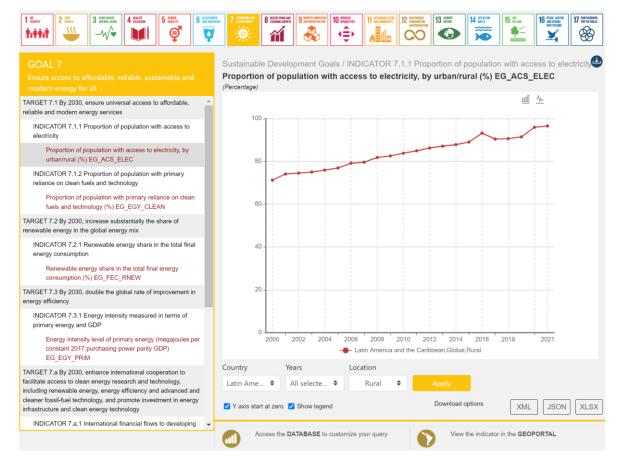






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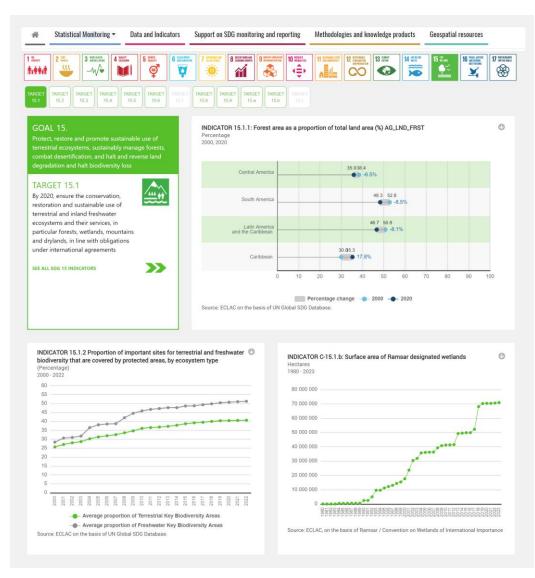
Regional data bank and geoportal for statistical follow-up to the SDGs in Latin America and the Caribbean

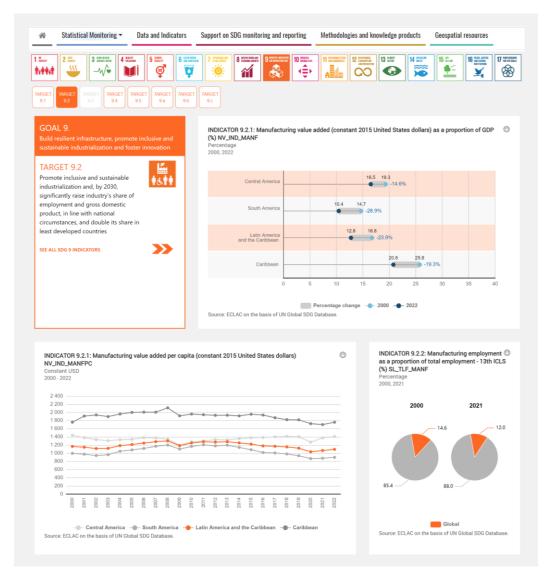




4. Tools and resources: SDG Gateway

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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