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Evidence-Based Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)

2020 VNR Process

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Global SDG review process
2020 HLPF Timeline

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24-25 Sept, NY

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What are the VNRs?

• Purpose: to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda
  • Sharing of experiences / launching of partnerships

• VNRs must follow the principles defined by the 2030 Agenda
  • Open and participatory
  • Focus on those furthest behind
  • Rigorous, data and evidence-based

• Voluntary guidelines of the SG (www.sustainabledevelopment.un.org)

• The VNR is a process, not a report.
By next July, 170 countries will have conducted a VNR. Countries who have not done one are largely SIDS and LDCs. We are asking countries to identify the measures they plan to take to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. (Decade of Action)
The role of data and statisticians

• As they become more robust, the second generation of VNRs will need more than ever to be based on solid data and statistics.

• Countries report that the availability and analysis of data is one of their greatest challenges in conducting VNRs.

• Some reported that the VNRs had a positive impact on their statistical work. E.g. UK Statistical Office started to interact with new ministries.
2020 VNR Process

1st Global VNR Workshop
To discuss early preparations in the fall of preceding year

2019
- Official indication of interest
- Initial preparation and organization / Stakeholder engagement

2020
- VNR preparation / consultation with a broad range of national stakeholders
- Submission of Main messages 21 April 2020
- Submission of Final report 12 June 2020

2020 HLPF presentation

Second-time Presenters:
13-14 July
First-time Presenters:
14-16 July

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Overall content of the VNR report

• **Current situation and trends regarding all SDGs.**
• Steps taken to implement the 2030 Agenda since the last VNR (or since 2015) and **impact of measures taken**
• Situation on the principles of the 2030 Agenda:
  • Leave no one behind; integration.
  • Areas of successes, challenges and needs for support
  • How the country conducted the VNR
  • Annexes - DATA and STATISTICS
Thank you

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