VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS



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2018 High-Level Political Forum

- The 2018 session will take place 9-18 July at UN Headquarters in New York
- The theme is "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies"
- 47 countries will present their voluntary national reviews
- Set of goals for the in-depth review of progress:













Draft programme:

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HLPF Voluntary National Reviews

VNRs are state-led:

country driven reviews of progress at national and subnational levels,

Learning experience:

facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, part of a process

National circumstances:

reviews in accordance with national circumstances, policies and priorities, together with relevant partners

BENEFITS OF THE VNRS

- CATALYZER the preparatory process provides a great chance for including all relevant stakeholders in the SDG implementation
- STOCKTAKING for many countries the VNR has been a kick-starter for mapping existing policies and their compatibility with the SDGs, implementation gaps and data availability
- COORDINATION VNR preparation requires a coordinated effort and for many countries the institutional arrangements made have proved useful also for SDG implementation
- "WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT" APPROACH VNR provides a chance for obtaining buy-in in from civil servants and creating incentives for integrated policy-making and service delivery
- AREAS FOR SUPPORT tool for identifying and communicating the areas in which the country requires additional support for implementation
- COMMUNICATION TOOL of the agenda to citizens, civil society, academia, sub-national and local governments etc.

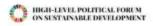
UN Secretary-General's voluntary common reporting guidelines

- Help countries structure VNR reports HLPF
- Promote comparability and consistency
- Voluntary nature of process each country free to decide on scope of its review and format for presentation of findings
- Updated for 2018: analysis/explanation of policies, addressing "leaving no one behind" (LNOB), cover all SDGs

LESSONS LEARNED

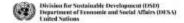
- Designate coordinator(s) and the "penholder(s)"
- Engage a broad range of stakeholders early on
- Focus on quality, not quantity
- Include analysis, explanations, lessons learned & examples (minimize listing of strategies, etc.)
- Cover strengths and weaknesses
- Include a statistical annex, if suitable
- Identify areas where additional support is needed
- Spell out the next steps in implementation

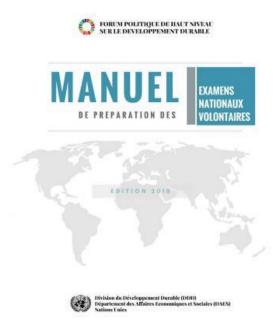
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