



VNR LABS

HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

VNR Lab

Advancing the 2030 Agenda and regional frameworks through effective and integrated national planning

11 July, 17:00 – 18:00 (EST)

Conference Room 11

The 2019 SDG Summit called on countries to “mainstream the 2030 Agenda into our national planning instruments, policies, strategies and financial frameworks”. The voluntary national reviews (VNRs) and other sources provide examples of approaches taken by countries to integrate the 2030 agenda into national plans and strategies. Countries are also integrating regional and continental agendas into their plans, for instance the 2063 Agenda of the African Union.

The comprehensive integration of the 2030 Agenda into the national planning frameworks entails mainstreaming the SDGs in light of national circumstances. Mainstreaming of the 2030 Agenda entails a structured process of incorporating SDG targets, as well as key guiding principles, into national development planning. The integrated and interlinked nature of the SDGs needs to inform and guide their mainstreaming into national planning frameworks. The transformational vision of the Agenda depends on such an integrated approach, which involves identifying possible synergies and trade-offs between SDGs and their associated targets.

This lab will share experiences and lessons learned by countries with the integration and mainstreaming of the 2030 Agenda in the preparation of VNRs.

Moderator

Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, DESA

- Opening remarks: Ms. Cristina Duarte, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa [TBC]

Panel (opening remarks of 3 minutes, followed by questions from the moderator)

- *Synergies between the VNRs and the APRM*, Ms. Sara Tawfik Hamouda, African Peer Review Mechanism Secretariat (APRM)
- *Lessons from the VNR: Linking planning with budgeting at the national level*, Mr. Sheka Bangura, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, Sierra Leone [TBC]
- *Innovative practices for national planning and VNR follow-up*, Representative of Jamaica/Planning Institute of Jamaica [TBC]

Q&A

- The presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion with the participants.

Guiding questions

- What are good practices in moving beyond alignment of plans and the SDGs towards fundamental integration?
- What institutional changes have helped contribute to the integration of the SDGs?
- How can plans and strategies help make countries more resilient to future shocks?

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