

Voluntary National Reviews and Human Rights

VNR lab 5: 7 July 2022, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (EDT)

Hosts: OHCHR and UNDP

Date: 7 July 1:00pm – 2:30pm (NY time/Eastern Standard time)

Modality: Virtual (Teams Meeting; link to the meeting will be shared with those registered via email)

Registration form: https://forms.office.com/r/z2krDpcTqZ

VNR Lab Registration Summary:

Over 300 Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) voluntarily presented or committed to since 2016 testifies to the fact that they are universally recognized as vital to delivering on the global goals. As the 2030 Agenda is deeply grounded in human rights norms and standards, countries will not be able to deliver fully on its transformative ambition without placing rights and right-holders, especially those at risk of being left behind, at the center of policymaking and implementation.

Under the Secretary-General's <u>Call to Action for Human Rights</u>, the UN System worked to develop an operational common approach guidance note "Human Rights and Voluntary National Reviews" (forthcoming). The note showcases good practices and aims to provide Member States with concrete and practical guidance on strengthening VNRs by integrating in them the wealth of existing human rights data and analyses. It also demonstrates how human rights reporting can learn from practices and approaches adopted in the preparation of the VNRs.

This VNR Lab will provide an opportunity for Member States and interested stakeholders to learn from concrete examples of integrating human rights-based approaches in the VNR process. The meeting will also serve as the launch of the guidance note entitled Human Rights and Voluntary National Reviews, providing more information on this document and its practical application in future VNRs.

Speakers: more information to follow soon

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