



Peer-to-peer feedback & South-South Cooperation: The benefits of Twinning for VNR preparations

VNR LAB – 13th July 2022

Host: Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Date: 13 July 07:30 – 09:00 a.m. (NY time/Eastern Standard time)

Register here: [VNR Lab Registration](#)

Modality: Virtual (Zoom)

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7843583053?pwd=TVNwNIBhbDZBVGtHKzhBL1pZGtBQT09>

Summary:

How does peer feedback strengthen VNR preparations? What difference does twinning make to the VNR process and broader efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda? This VNR lab will provide a platform for countries to share their lessons and tips from the VNR twinning exercise. This lab will also provide an opportunity for countries presenting their VNR in 2023 to learn more about the twinning exercise and how it might benefit their forthcoming VNR. ESCAP's unique Twinning programme has been running since 2020 and has successfully connected several countries and stakeholders in the region during their VNR process. ESCAP is acquiring a nuanced understanding of the factors that can shape a successful connection and is keen to share its reflections and lessons. The lab will explore what impact the twinning exercise has had on the VNR process and how this form of South-South Cooperation can strengthen SDG partnerships beyond the VNR.

Guiding questions:

- How did 'live learning' and peer-to-peer feedback strengthen the VNR preparation process?
- What impact did twinning have on the VNR process and participation in the HLPF?
- How can stakeholders and different parts of government get the most out of Twinning?
- What advice or tips on Twinning can be offered to 2023 VNR countries?
- How can South-South Cooperation support country efforts on the SDGs beyond the VNR?

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Draft agenda

07:30 Registration on zoom

07:40 Welcome and introductory remarks by host of VNR LAB (including mentimeter)

Caitlin Porter, Senior VNR Advisor ESCAP

07.50 Reflections on VNRs and Twinning

Moderator: Mr. Stefanos Fotiou, Director, Office of Sustainable Development Goals, FAO

Lessons, reflections & tips from 2020 & 2022 Twinning Countries

Sri Lanka 2022 VNR Twinning Country

Ms. Chamindry Saparamadu

Director General, Sustainable Development Council of Sri Lanka

Mr Shiran Fernando

Chief Economist, The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce

Interactive feedback & Q&A, Reflections from moderator

Pakistan 2022 VNR Twinning Country

Dr. Shabnum Sarfraz

Member, Ministry of Planning and Special Initiatives

Uzbekistan, 2020 VNR Twinning Country

Mr. Zarif Jumaev

Economist, UN Resident Coordinator's Office, Uzbekistan

Dialogue on Twinning: Q&A from 2023 countries, moderator

Reflections from 2023 VNR Country, Mr Tapan Mishra, UN Resident Coordinator, Mongolia

Q&A from floor

08:50 Concluding remarks ESCAP, Caitlin Porter, Senior VNR Advisor, ESCAP

09:00 Closure of VNR Lab