



VOLUNTARY COMMON GUIDELINES FOR VNRS

Guideline 1

Opening with presentation of Head of State or Government

An opening statement by the Head of State or Government, a Minister or other senior government official could highlight the current state of the SDGs and how the Government is responding to the transformative nature of the 2030 Development Agenda, including through their national development plans, strategies or other relevant documents.

Guideline 2

Executive Summary

A one to two page summary highlighting: The review process; The state of progress of the SDGs; How the Government has responded to the integrated and indivisible nature of the SDGs and the principle of leaving no one behind; Two or three examples of each of the following: Good practices, lessons learned, and challenges encountered that the country wants to hear about from other countries; Two or three areas where the country needs support in terms of funding, capacity building, technology, partnerships, etc.

Guideline 3

Introduction

The context and objectives of the review can be presented here. The introduction can briefly describe the key features of the country context as it relates to the 2030 Agenda, the national review cycle, and whether existing national reports have been used and how they have been used. It could outline how the political architecture reflects the three dimensions of sustainable development and what political tools have enabled this integration, as well as links to other international agreements.

Guideline 4

Presentation of the methodology used in its preparation

This section can discuss the methodology adopted for the review, including its scope, depth and limitations, and how the monitoring and review principles of the 2030 Agenda were used, including paragraph 74.

Guideline 5

Ownership Chapter

The review could summarize efforts made so that all stakeholders, such as national and local governments, legislative bodies, the public, civil society and the private sector, are informed and involved in the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda, including objectives.

Guideline 6

Chapter on mainstreaming the SDGs into national frameworks

The review could outline the critical initiatives the country has undertaken to tailor the SDGs and targets to its national circumstances, to advance in their implementation, including examining policy coherence and interconnections. National efforts to integrate the Goals into the country's legislation, policies, plans and programs, including the sustainable development strategy, if any, can be described.

Guideline 7

Chapter on integrating the 3 dimensions of sustainable development

The review could analyze how the three dimensions of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental) are integrated and how sustainable development policies are designed and implemented to reflect such integration.

Guideline 8

Chapter on Goals and Targets

Countries are encouraged to provide brief information on the progress and status of all the Sustainable Development Goals. It would be desirable to describe the critical difficulties encountered in reaching this and how they could be addressed, referring, where appropriate, to the data provided in a statistical annex.

Guideline 9

Chapter on eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity (2018) / Leaving no one behind (2017)

The review could also assess how the principle of leaving no one behind has been integrated into the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Starting points for addressing the goal of “leaving no one behind” could include actions to end extreme poverty, policies aimed at reducing inequalities, and policies aimed at discriminatory barriers, including those derived from geography.

Guideline 10

Chapter on institutional implementation and monitoring mechanisms

The review could provide information on how the country has adapted its institutional framework to the 2030 Agenda. This could include information on how the views of different ministries, agencies, levels of government and non-governmental stakeholders are considered, as well as about the institution (s) / mechanism (s) in charge of the coordination and integration for the 2030 Agenda.

Guideline 11

Chapter on means of implementation

The review can analyze how the means of implementation are mobilized, what difficulties this process faces and what additional resources are needed to implement the 2030 Agenda, including in terms of financing, capacity building and data, technology and partnership needs.

Guideline 12

Chapter on future steps

Based on the results of the review, the country could outline what steps are planned to improve the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. It could also indicate how the targets under review are planned to be maintained at the national and sub-national levels, including the dissemination of reviews and their findings.

Guideline 13

Conclusions chapter

The section can present a summary of the analysis, findings and policy implications. New or emerging topics identified by the exam can be discussed. Finally, the country can indicate what lessons it has learned from the review process and how it will apply them in future implementation and what support it would need in the future to prepare for these reviews.

Guideline 14

Statistical annex

Countries can include a data annex, using global indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals and adding priority indicators identified at the regional and national levels where appropriate. They can highlight whether the statistics were obtained from the national statistical system and point to the main gaps in official statistics on indicators.