

How to meaningfully engage parliamentarians in the VNR and VLR processes?

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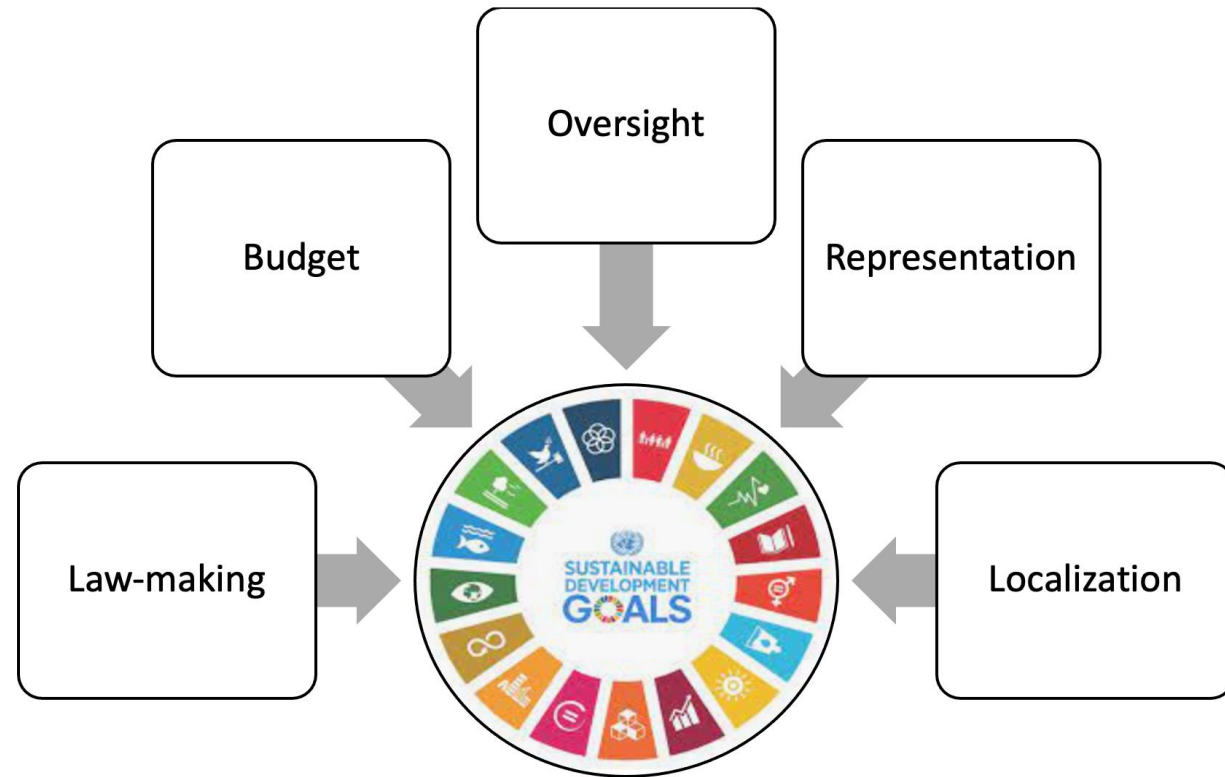
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Parliamentary engagement entry-points

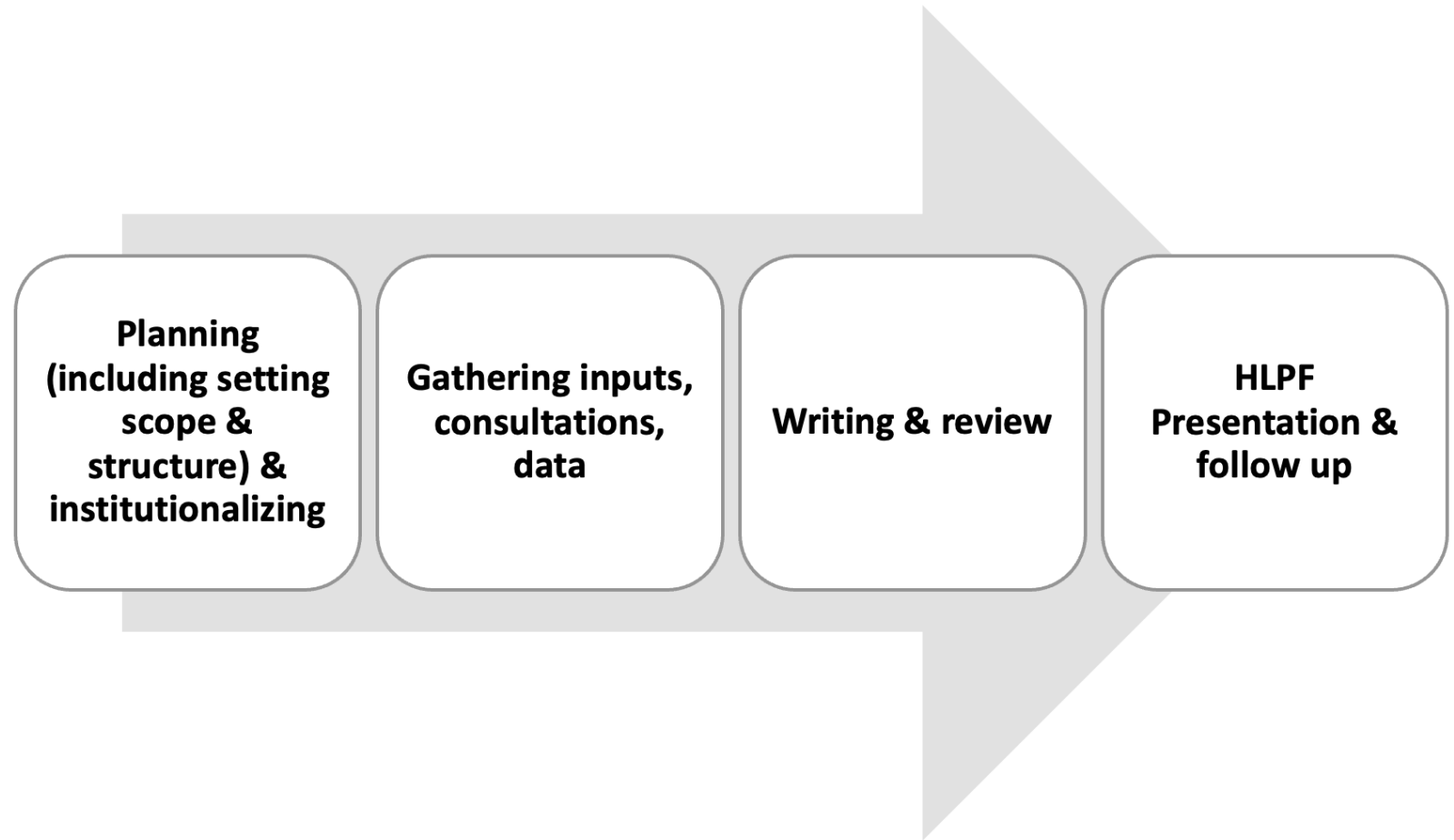
Resolution 77/159: Enhancing the role of parliaments in accelerating the implementing the SDGs



Parliamentary participation in the VNR process

- Parliamentary participation in the VNR process is increasing
- Recognition in the oversight role is growing
- Parliaments are included in National SDG Councils, committees and Working Groups
- Participation in consultations, workshops, conferences and roundtables
- Review of VNR before HLPF submission
- However, substantial participation of Parliaments is lacking in many cases

Entry points to engage in the VNR process



Engagement of the Parliament in the VNRs/SDG implementati on efforts in Denmark

Denmark:

- The Danish Parliament wrote chapter of the 2021 VNR report
- Parliament integrated the SDGs into their core strategies
- 'Danish 2030 Network'/Panel 2030
- 2018: Parliamentary Working Group
- The VNR presents efforts to implement the SDGs by the Parliament

Parliamentary engagement in the Voluntary Local Reviews

VLRs are an opportunity to create a local bottom up response that reflects the context of local communities

National Parliaments:

- Limited focus on the role of Parliament in SDG localization/VLRs
- Parliament can approve the SDG localization efforts and help promote VLRs
- A first copy of the VLR can be shared with members of Parliament to discuss ways to address the gaps and challenges
- Present the VLR as a joint VNR/VLR launch

Sub-national Parliaments:

- Role should mirror the national process
- Endorsement of the VLR by local parliament
- Ensure complementing by the national SDG review efforts

What can Parliaments and MPs do to support the VNRs/VLRs?

- MPs can represent citizens and their constituencies in the VNRs and VLRs
- They can seek regular input from their constituents at local and national level e.g. through consultations
- Mainstreaming the SDGs into the work of the Parliament
- Create committee oversight (Using Existing committee or SDG Committee, or all committee work)
- Parliaments can help support multilevel governance and VLR activities by promoting these e.g. through organizing hearings
- National and local parliaments need to be encouraged to contribute to the 2030 Agenda by improving their knowledge and skills, strengthening technical support, developing (localized) indicators and monitoring progress

Thank you !



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