VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEWS (VLRS)
LOCAL MONITORING AND NATIONAL AND SUBNATIONAL COORDINATION

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VLRS
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VLRS AND THE GLOBAL MONITORING FRAMEWORK

• VLRs are not officially a part of the HLPF

• VLRs have been discussed in the negotiations on the HLPF review

• Mentioned in the President’s Summary of the 2020 HLPF as a useful tool for increasing local commitment to the SDGs

• Several UN Regional Commissions incorporating findings from the VLRs in the upcoming Regional Forums for Sustainable Development

• Cities and regions are represented at the annual Local and Regional Governments Forum, DESA’s special event at the HLPF
Secretary-General’s guidelines for VNRs now refer to the VLRs. Why? Because VLRs can:

- Provide a fuller picture of SDG implementation and challenges
- Showcase and bring forward unique but scalable solutions
- Help in assessing and addressing geographical inequalities within a country
- Enhance awareness raising and stakeholder engagement
- Amplify the voices of the marginalized and help in ensuring no one is left behind
- Help national SDG localization efforts
• Draw from the Secretary-General’s common voluntary guidelines for the VNRs

• Provide a proposed shared structure for the reports, and at minimum, give a checklist of issues that could be reflected in the process

• Fully compatible with other, more detailed guidance documents

• Aim at fostering a dialogue between the Voluntary National Reviews and the VLRs, where applicable
DESA CAPACITY BUILDING

- Global peer learning workshops for cities and regions
- Voluntary Local Review Series:
  - Stakeholder engagement
  - Integrating the SDGs into strategies, plans and budgets
  - Monitoring, data and indicators
  - Leaving no one behind
- Support connections between VNRs and VLRS at regional level
- Targeted support to individual Governments and cities
THANK YOU!

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