

VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEWS (VLRS)

**LOCAL MONITORING AND NATIONAL AND
SUBNATIONAL COORDINATION**

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VLRS IN THE REGION

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

CONNECTING VNRS WITH VLRS

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

***DESA
GLOBAL GUIDING
ELEMENTS
FOR VLRS***

- 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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