

REPUBLIEK SURINAME



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Preparation Suriname 2022 VNR

**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**



Process

- Since 2020 we have been preparing for the VNR but due to the change in the administration the process was postponed
- In October 2021 we identified the Goals to be reported on.
- The identified goals are in line with the new National Development Plan 2022-2026





Goals to be reported on

- Goal 4: Quality education
- Goal 8: Decent work and Economic growth
- SDG 13: Climate Action
- Goal 17: Partnership





Administrative structure for the preparation of the VNR

Three structures were established namely:

- National Technical Committee; (MFA, Planning Office and Bureau of Statistics)
- Secretariat;
- Support of the UN (two consultants)
- Stakeholders consultation.





Process in details

- Appointing of focal points
- Identifying the targets and indicators on which data is available
- Dedicated sessions with the ministries mainly responsible for the goals
- Focal points searching for data.





Identification of stakeholders

- Focal points from the ministries identified stakeholders
- The Technical Committee added to that list.
- Stakeholders consultation



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Stakeholders consultation

- Virtual meeting, due to Covid-19
- Presentation into the why of the VNR
- Breakout rooms with discussion on specific targets, indicators
- After the stakeholders consultation the table of content was drafted and we started populating the chapters.





How does your VNR contribute to the national implementation strategy of the 2030 Agenda?

- In the MDP the Govt. focusses on production, entrepreneurship, decent work, transport and infrastructure, a livable environment, security, social protection, education and health.
- The focus areas of the Govt. are very much aligned with the SDG's.
- The VNR is a vehicle to alert the Government on certain issues.



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Continuation: How does your VNR contribute to the national implementation strategy of the 2030 Agenda?

To illustrate this with examples related to some of the chosen goals

- No development without education, so the fine grinding of Goal 4 will reveal all the pain points. One issue the VNR has revealed f.e. is that the University attendance is very low.
- Goal 8, Economic growth is very important as well. The VNR has emphasized for example that the illegal sector in Suriname is slightly bigger than the formal sector.





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- The VNR process also accelerated the installation of a national SDG committee, (Govt) which took place on the 25th February 2022 by the MFA.
- This SDG Commission will promote the SDG's at every Ministry and related Institution.
- The Commission will not wait on a VNR process, but monitor the implementation of the SDG's until 2030.
- This first VNR prompted the SDG commission which will assist in reporting more often.





How does your VNR contribute to the national implementation strategy of the 2030 Agenda

- The Govt is in consultation with the Private sector, will start talks with NGO's and CSO's to form an all inclusive platform to implement and monitor the SDG's together, whilst holding the Govt accountable for its policy.
- The Suriname Trade and Industrial Association has already organized a workshop on the SDGs for its member employees to have an idea on how companies can contribute to the SDGs; this was done in cooperation with the UNRC.



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CONCLUDING

- The VNR is as a matter of fact a controlling mechanism for the Govt to do better.



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