Monitoring for the SDGs

Building towards VNRs in 2019
Introduction

2030 Agenda = 17 Goals, 169 Targets, 232 Indicators (some duplicate)

- 2030 Agenda encourages member states to "conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and sub-national levels, which are country-led and country-driven" (para. 79)
- VNRs = Whole of Government + Whole of Society, voluntary, state-led, undertaken by both developed and developing countries, and involve multiple stakeholders (para. 84)

Function of the VNR – reporting progress on:

- What steps has the country taken to implement SDGs with data?
- What commitments to ensure future achievements of SDGs?
Since 2016 – 111 VNRs presented at HLPFs
VNRs among Island States

Common Challenges/Solutions

- Alignment of Indicators – SDGs vs. Planning
- Awareness – knowledge for interlinkages
- Data, esp. Data quality, reliability, disaggregation
- Coordination, esp. national to local level
- Stakeholder engagement
- Partnerships (e.g. ICT/crowdsourcing data)
- Financing

- Madagascar (2016)
- Maldives (2017)
- Sri Lanka (2018)
Key Elements to Consider for National Reviews
Typical VNR Structure

1. Snapshot Overview of VNR and National Objectives
   - Opening statement
   - Highlights
   - Intro. (Describing process, stakeholder engagement, support needs, Links to key agreements – e.g. Sendai Framework)
   - Methodology for VNR preparation

2. Policy and Enabling Environment
   - Ownership of SDGs
   - Integration of SDGs in National Planning/Strategies/Policy Alignment
   - Dimensions of SD – Interlinkages, Institutional Arrangements & Policy Impact Cases touching hitting all Key Theme Goals/Targets
   - LNOB - Actions to prioritise outcomes for vulnerable groups
   - Institutional Mechanism for Implementation & Review (long term)
   - Structural Issues

3. Progress on Goals and Targets

4. Means of Implementation - how means of implementation are mobilised, what difficulties are being encountered, and what additional resources are needed to implement

5. Next Steps

6. Conclusion *lessons learned

7. Annexes (data, sources, stakeholder reports)
2019 HLPF

HLPF will meet twice:

• July 2019: ECOSOC VNRs Presentation at 3-day Ministerial Segment

• September 2019: General Assembly - Heads of State and Govt.

Theme: *Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality*
SDGs for in depth review: 4, 8, 10, 13, **16, 17**

**Deadlines:**
1) Main Messages May 2019
2) Final Reviews June 2019
**SDG 16 to be reviewed! Leaving No One Behind**

Effective, **Inclusive**, Accountable Institutions

### Key policy areas mentioned by countries

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*Source: Committee for Development Policy (CDP), CDP Background Paper No. 46.*
How can we support you?

• 7 countries present here today will do VNRs
• Demand-driven training and awareness programs
• Alignment advisory
• Partnerships
• Infographics to communicate progress
• What other support needed?

Let us know!
Thank you!