

Voluntary Local Review Series: Monitoring, data and indicators

20 January 2021

8:00-9:30 EST (New York time)

Draft Programme

8:00 – 08:10	<p>Opening and main purpose of the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, National Strategies and Capacity building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, DESA
8:10 – 8:30	<p>Monitoring progress towards the SDGs</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Riina Jussila, Sustainable Development Officer, National Strategies and Capacity building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, DESA</p> <p><i>Introduction and lessons learned from the Voluntary National Reviews (5 min.)</i></p> <p>Representative of the Statistics Division, DESA</p> <p><i>Mini-panel: Brief interventions (4 min each)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Los Angeles, United States of America - Cape Town, South Africa - Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Japan <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What have been the main challenges in monitoring progress towards global goals and targets at the local level? 2. How did your city or region develop its own monitoring framework? What is the relationship between national and subnational levels in monitoring progress and data gathering? 3. How to address leaving no one behind at local level using disaggregated data? 4. What is the role of non-traditional data sources in your monitoring? 5. How best to analyse and communicate existing data so that it can be used as broadly as possible?
8:30 – 9:00	<p>Utilizing data for your VLR: overview of approaches, strategies and activities</p>



	<p>Breakout groups (Each group will have a chair that has already prepared a VLR)</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How did you gather data for your VLR? What were the main sources and who did you engage in the process?2. What were the main lessons learned from adapting existing national indicator sets or other local SDG monitoring framework to your own local context?3. What have been the main benefits from an increased focus on monitoring and data in your city/region?4. How to prepare an evidence-based VLR and prepare the statistical annex? <p>Chairs of the breakout groups: (to be chosen among the participants)</p>
9:00 – 9:15	<p>Utilizing different indicator sets and guidance</p> <p>Lightning presentations by relevant entities (4 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)- Ms. Agata Krause, Consultant, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)- United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat)- Ms. Alice Siragusa, Team Leader, European Commission Joint Research Centre
9:15– 9:25	<p>Report back</p>
9:25 – 9:30	<p>Closing</p> <p>Representative of the Division for Sustainable Development Goals, DESA</p>