

High-level Side Event

21 July 2025 1:15 – 02:30 pm

Conference Room 5 – UNHQ

Co-hosted by: Finland, Germany, Guatemala,
Indonesia, Nigeria, South Africa, Thailand



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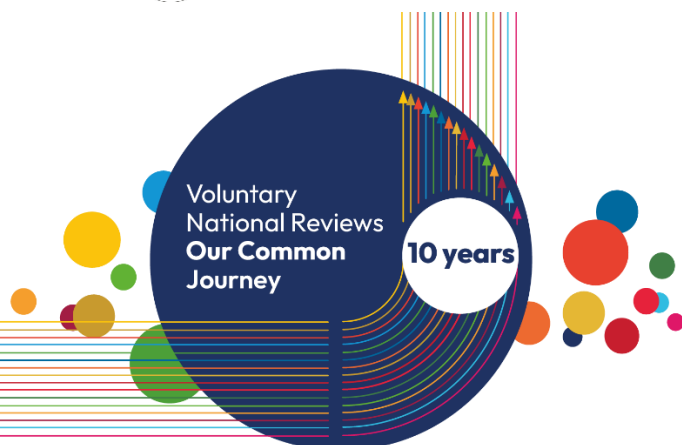
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Abstract

Join us for an inspiring event celebrating a decade of Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs). This High-level Side Event co-hosted by the peer learning countries Finland, Germany, Guatemala, Indonesia, Nigeria, Thailand and South Africa will shine a spotlight on the remarkable achievements of third-time reporters to this year's HLPF.

- We want to share our innovative efforts that have advanced understanding, delivery and reporting of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Moreover, we will emphasize the critical importance of stakeholder participation in a whole-of-society approach.
- Additionally, the event will explore how cross-departmental coordination in a whole-of-government strategy has been pivotal in achieving cohesive and comprehensive SDG implementation.
- The panel will showcase opportunities for and challenges to honest reporting, ensuring transparency and accountability, and fostering trust and integrity.
- We also aim to shed light on opportunities and challenges posed by changes in national administrations to VNR reporting processes and SDG delivery in general.

The countries on the panel wish to share their experiences with ambitious VNR reporting and SDG delivery, and thereby motivate next year's cohort of VNR reporting countries to follow suit. The panel discussion also aims to contribute to the considerations for a framework beyond 2030.



Agenda

Time	Program
1:15 – 1:20 pm	Welcome Facilitation: Dr. Marianne Beisheim
1:20 – 2:00 pm	<p>High-level Panel: Ambitious VNR reporting for accelerated SDG implementation</p> <p>Mr. Rachmat Pambudy, Minister of National Development Planning, of INDONESIA</p> <p>H.E. Mika Poutala, Minister of Youth, Sport and Physical Activity, Ministry of Education and Culture, FINLAND</p> <p>Princess Adejoke Orelope-Adefulire, Senior Special Advisor to the President on SDGs, Presidency, NIGERIA</p> <p>Ms. Schwarzelühr-Sutter, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, GERMANY</p> <p>Paisan Rupanichkij, Deputy Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of THAILAND</p> <p>Mr. Hugo Allan García Monterrosa, Undersecretary of Strategic Analysis for Development at the Secretariat of Planning and Programming of the Presidency of GUATEMALA</p> <p>Head of Delegation, South Africa (tbc)</p>
2:00 – 2:10 pm	<p>Head of Delegation, Brazil (tbc) – reflections on bridging ambitious VNRs from 2024 to 2026 and beyond</p> <p>Mr Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General, UN DESA – reflections on peer learning and VNR reporting</p>
2:10 – 2:30 pm	Facilitated Interactive Session: Questions and answers with the audience
2:30 pm	Closing