



Against all odds: Meaningful VNRs in fragile and conflict-affected situations



📍 Secretariat building, room S-1522/1523 (15th floor), and online

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About the VNR Lab

Countries in fragile and conflict-affected situations face complex challenges that require them to conduct their voluntary national review (VNR) using adapted, home-grown approaches and solutions. Ongoing conflict and humanitarian crises, fragmented institutions, lack of control over parts of the territories, displacement, lack of resources, scarcity of data, and limited opportunities for broad consultation – to name a few challenges – mean that global VNR guidelines may not always be feasible or applicable.

The VNR Lab invites candid reflection and peer learning on how a VNR in fragile and conflict-affected situations can be open, inclusive, participatory, transparent, people-centered, gender-sensitive and evidence-based. It will showcase home-grown VNR approaches, solutions and innovations that have worked under such situations to:

- Focus on national priorities specific to fragile and conflict-affected situations
- Capture the situation of vulnerable groups, including internally displaced persons, women and youth, and ensure their participation in VNR processes
- Convey critical messages to the global community, align humanitarian and recovery efforts with the SDGs, and link the VNR to post-conflict reconciliation and rebuilding
- Overcome huge data gaps.

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Programme

Introductory remarks

Moderator – Ms. Jana El Baba, Sustainable Development Officer, 2030 Agenda and SDG Coordination Cluster, ESCWA

Country experiences

Yemen: Mr. Mohamad Al-Hawri, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation

Libya: Mr. Taher Belhassan, General Director of the Planning Institute, and Head of the Sustainable Development Committee, Ministry of Planning

South Sudan: Mr. Augustino Ting Mayai, Chairperson, National Bureau of Statistics

Azerbaijan: Mr. Huseyn Huseynov, Head of Department for Sustainable Development and Social Policy, Ministry of Economy, and Secretary of the National Coordination Council on Sustainable Development

Discussion

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The VNR Lab will be held in English.