The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development encourages member states to conduct regular, voluntary and inclusive reviews of progress on its implementation. Review and follow-up is not an end in itself but a means to improve and accelerate its implementation, thus effective follow-up is critical: Governments and stakeholders need to act upon the lessons learned, good practices and policy recommendations identified during review processes at global, regional and national level.

Since 2016, 19 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean have conducted their Voluntary National Review (VNR) and have reported before the High Level Political Forum (HLPF), of which six will have reported twice by 2019. However, there is no apparent common understanding of what follow-up entails; insights with national follow-up are not yet widely shared.

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Partners for Review (P4R) network and the GIZ project ‘2030 Agenda Guatemala’ cordially invite the countries of Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico to share and discuss experiences of review and follow-up to the Agenda 2030, focusing on:

- VNRs as vehicle for overcoming challenges en route to implementing Agenda 2030?
- VNRs as driver for transformation in institutional mechanisms and stakeholder relations?
- Follow-up to experiences made and lessons learned during review cycles?
- VNRs as effective communication tool?
- Policy recommendations for follow-up and progress strategies?

Panel discussion and Q&A in Spanish