Regional Workshop on Accelerating SDG Implementation: the role of Voluntary National and Local Reviews

Seventh Meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development

Enrique V. Iglesias Room
ECLAC Headquarters Santiago de Chile
Monday, 15 April 2024
9:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. Santiago, Chile

DRAFT PROGRAMME

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary, ECLAC
- Ms. Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Advisor, DESA/DSDG
- Elkin Velasquez, Regional Director LAC, UN-Habitat

Moderator – Mareike Eberz, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC

9:15 – 10:15 Session 1: Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) and the implementation strategy of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Moderator – Humberto Soto, Social Affairs Officer, ECLAC’s Office in Mexico

Keynote address: Jaime Miranda, Director of the Center of Excellence in Chronic Diseases of the Peruvian University Cayetano Heredia, Co-chair of Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) 2023 (virtual)

The VNRs at the 2024 United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)
- Presentation by Maame Agyeben, Associate Sustainable Development Officer, OISC, DESA (virtual)
Good practices in Voluntary National Review (VNR) reporting from the region of Latin America and the Caribbean

- Presentation by Mareike Eberz, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC

Q&A

10:15-11:00 Session 2: VNRs and the acceleration of SDG implementation: best practices and lessons learned

**Moderator** – Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Social Affairs Officer, Subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, ECLAC

- Representative from the Sustainable Development Goals Unit, Office of the Prime Minister, Bahamas
- Vicente Araújo, General Coordinator of Sustainable Development of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil, Brazil (tbc)
- Diana Pinto, Public Policy Evaluation Specialist, National Planning Secretary, Ecuador (tbc)
- Amaro Rivadeneira, National Director of Monitoring and Evaluation, National Center for Strategic Planning (CEPLAN), Peru

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:30 Session 3: Data for SDG Acceleration

**Moderator**: Daniel Taccari, Statistical Division, ECLAC (tbc)

- Victor Alegria, Director, Sustainable Development Unit, Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, Belize (tbc)
- Valentina Botero Sanchez, Follow-up Consultant / SDGs Coordination, National Planning Department, Colombia (tbc)
- Milena del Carmen Carranza Vargas, Analyst, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy, Costa Rica (tbc)

Connecting the dots – reporting the national implementation of the 2030 Agenda between the SDG Summit and the Summit of the Future

- Javier Surasky, Director of Research, Cepei

Local level data collection in Bolivia and the Atlas Municipal of SDGs

- Edgar Pacheco, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) – Bolivia (virtual)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
Session 5: Enhancing Multilevel Governance and Ensuring a Dialogue between the VNRs and VLRs – Experiences in preparing 2024 VNRs and VLRs

**Moderator** – Valeria Torres, Governance and Public Administration Officer, ILPES, ECLAC

VNR/VLR Integration: developments at international level
- Presentation Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Advisor, DSDG, DESA

National and sub-national experiences from the region
Presentations by government and local authorities:
- **Honduras**
  - José Rosales, Director, Strategic Planning Secretariat (tbc)
  - Representative from the Municipality of Intibucá (tbc)
- **Mexico**
  - Irais Barreto, Executive Secretary of the National Council of the 2030 Agenda
  - Representative from the State of Querétaro

14.45 - 15.15 Coffee break

Session 6. Accelerating achievement of the 2030 Agenda through SDG localization

**Moderator:** Diego Aulestia, Economic Affairs Officer, ECLAC

Perspectives from Local Governments
- Province of Salta (tbc)
- Coronel Oveido, Paraguay
- Bolivia (tbc)

Regional Perspective
- Sergio Godoy, Executive Secretary of the National Commission for SDGs, General Secretary of the Presidency, MINURVI

Stakeholder perspectives
- Youth Representative
- Esther Camac Ramírez, QUECHUA indigenous, Peruvian nationalized Costa Rican, Founder of the Continental Link of Indigenous Women of the Americas – ECMIA (tbc)
- Representative from the Private Sector

Q & A
16:30-17:00  Closing of the Workshop and Next Steps

- Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Advisor, DSGD, DESA
- Mareike Eberz, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC