Voluntary Local Review

YOKOHAMA

What made Yokohama launch the VLR

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Why VLRs?

- VLR as a City Management Process
- VLR as a Communication Tool
- VLR as a Global Movement
Why VLRs?

VLR as a City Management Process
- We can use VLRs to verify the progress of SDGs locally and use the data to improve future policy making.

VLR as a Communication Tool
- We can share the systems and know-how we learn and implement, and develop stronger solutions together.

VLR as a Global Movement
- VLRs could become a catalyst to disseminate local voices and actions to the greater world.
Preparation

- Learned from “SDGs Leadership Cities”
- Signed “VLR Declaration”
- Referenced Guidelines
- Confirmed with Mayor (Mayor’s Commitment)
Learned from “SDGs Leadership Cities”

Established by BROOKINGS

17 Cities from 13 Countries

Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States, and Germany.
Signed “VLR Declaration”
Referenced Guidelines

Global Guiding Elements for Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) of SDG implementation

Introduction

As part of its follow-up and review mechanisms, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development encourages member states to “conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and subnational levels, which are country-led and country-driven” (paragraph 79). As part of this review, starting in 2016, countries have presented their Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) to the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development.

Local and regional governments are increasingly engaging in their own subnational reviews, so-called voluntary local reviews (VLRs), which have proven useful for cities and regions to review localization and demonstrate local governments’ capacity and commitments. Unlike the VNRs, local reviews do not have an official basis in the 2030 Agenda or other intergovernmental agreements, even though the 2030 Agenda underlines in several places the importance of governments working closely with regional and local authorities on its implementation. However, the process of undertaking these subnational reviews provides multiple benefits to the entities engaging in them and has the potential to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. While subnational reviews of 2030 Agenda implementation contribute to the attainment of the Goals in their own right and have intrinsic value as part of the implementation process, they can also contribute to the national-level Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) and reinforce vertical coherence.

The critical role of local and regional actors was also highlighted by member States in the Political Declaration of the 2019 SDG Summit in which member States committed to empowering and supporting cities, local authorities and communities in pursuing the 2030 Agenda, and recognised their critical role in implementing and realizing the Sustainable Development Goals.

The guiding elements outlined below provide a starting point for local and regional governments considering conducting their own Voluntary Local Review and aim to give an overview of useful areas for the review process and the eventual report. As such, they are voluntary, as are the VLRs themselves, and they are not meant to be prescriptive nor restrictive. Given the variety of local and regional governments conducting reviews of their SDG implementation, these global guiding elements do not aim at addressing best practices for institutional arrangements, data collection or stakeholder engagement, but merely highlight areas that could be addressed in the process. Hence, the guiding elements aim at providing a low-threshold entry point to VLRs by showcasing a check list of issues that could be addressed. They aim at providing a framework that, building on the SDGs as the common language among all levels of government, enhances the dialogue between VNRs and VLRs and relevant actors at all levels.
Mayor’s Commitment

1. OPENING STATEMENT

Due to globalization, the movement of people across national borders has increased dramatically, and the threat of infectious disease epidemics and transmission has also increased. The spread of the COVID-19 has exposed the problems of a disparate society that is widespread not only in developing countries but also in developed countries. In addition, it has been pointed out that the increase in the world population and industrialization/urbanization may worsen water/food problems and health problems in the future. In order to protect people’s health and safety from the threat of pandemics now and in the future, we will not only improve the medical care provision system, but also improve the infrastructure and nutritional status to improve the sanitary environment such as water and sewage and waste treatment in developing countries. In addition, in recent years, large-scale disasters caused by large typhoons, hurricanes, cyclones, and torrential rains have occurred one after another all over the world. It is
Policy and Enabling Environment

- Incorporating SDGs in Local Framework
- Institutional Mechanism
- Structural Issues
Incorporating SDGs in Local Framework

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

2015

2018

2021

Medium-term 4-year plan (2018-2021)

Long-term Strategy (2018-2030)

SDGs Future City

SDGs Future City Plan

SDGs Future Cities Program Established by the Government of Japan

Voluntary Local Review 2021 Yokohama
Institutional Mechanism

SDGs Promotion Headquarters

Head: Mayor

Joint Secretariat: Climate Change Policy Headquarters, Policy Bureau, International Affairs Bureau

Climate Change Policy Headquarters
- Review the local SDGs model projects
- Promote the SDGs FutureCity

Policy Bureau
- Plan and review the Yokohama Mid-Term 4-Year Plan
- Develop and manage KPIs

International Affairs Bureau
- Share city’s actions with the world
- Collaborate with international partners

Related Bureaus and Ward Offices: Promote related projects

All Bureaus and Ward Offices: Promote SDGs
Structural Issues

Population of Yokohama by Age

Percentage Shares of Yokohama’s Population by Age

* The share for persons aged 65 or over includes that for those aged 75 or over.
Methodology to Implement the SDGs

- Mapping the SDGs into Local Agendas
- Setting KPIs and Reviewing Progress
- Referencing SDGs Local Indicator Lists
Mapping the SDGs into Local Agendas

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### Setting KPIs and Reviewing Progress

#### An Economically strong and creative city

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<td>Number of projects created by open innovation</td>
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<td>Number of cooperation / collaboration projects with overseas cities, etc.</td>
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<td>Tourism consumption</td>
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#### A Leading environmental city

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<td>Community-based flower and green initiatives in 18 wards</td>
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<td>Greenhouse gas emissions in the city area</td>
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<td>Total amount of garbage and resources</td>
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#### A City Undaunted by Population Ageing

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<td>Number of networks with community-based welfare organizations and institutions through Community Care Plazas, etc.</td>
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<td>Cancer screening detailed examination consultation rate</td>
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<td>Number of participants in local long-term care prevention activity groups</td>
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#### A City That Grows by Bringing People and Businesses Together

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<td>Average number of passengers per day at stations in central Yokohama</td>
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<td>Satisfaction with maintenance around the nearest station</td>
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<td>The number of housing units supplied in consideration of child-rearing households in public housing implemented by city policy</td>
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#### A city where everyone can thrive

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<td>Percentage of women in managerial positions (section chief level and above) in city offices</td>
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<td>Number of Yokohama senior volunteer point participants</td>
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<td>Number of people who have improved towards independence in youth independence support organizations</td>
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#### A forward-thinking resilient city

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<td>Number of sections of emergency traffic routes where the risk of collapse of roadside buildings has been eliminated</td>
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<td>Maintenance rate of deep-water quay for container boats</td>
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<td>Inspection survey using a nozzle camera on the inner surface of a sewer pipe that has passed 30 years</td>
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### Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

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<td>1.2.1 Household percentage by annual income class (• Households less than 1 million JPY (9,091 USD)/ordinary households • Households less than 2 million JPY (18,182 USD)/ordinary households • Households less than 3 million JPY (27,273 USD)/ordinary households • Households less than 4 million JPY (36,364 JPY)/ordinary households • Households less than 5 million JPY (45,455 USD)/ordinary households)</td>
<td>1.2.1.1 3.7% 12.4% 26.7% 40.7% 52.4% (2018, Yokohama)</td>
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<td>1.2.1.2 Percentage change rate of household ratio by annual income class* (Household percentage by annual income class / Household percentage by annual income class as of 5 years ago) -1) * Changed the calculation method of the index</td>
<td>1.2.1.2 Less than 1 million JPY (9,091 USD): 8.8% Less than 2 million JPY (18,182 USD): 4.2% Less than 3 million JPY (27,273 USD): 2.3% Less than 4 million JPY (36,364 JPY): 0.7% Less than 5 million JPY (45,455 USD): -0.6%</td>
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Spotlight

- Highlights
- Intercity Cooperation
Highlights

17 Partnerships for the Goals

Yokohama SDGs Design Center

- A hub to connect the regional issues with technologies and solutions by private sectors

Y-SDGs Certification System

- Supporting SMEs and others for their SDGs financing, public procurement, and evaluations.

7 Affordable and Clean Energy

Renewable Energy Cooperation

- Renewable energy supply from Tohoku Region to supplement shortages in Yokohama

3 Good Health and Well-Being

Universal Health Coverage

- A national health insurance program based on a national program
Intercity Cooperation

Partner Country

Japanese Government

City of Yokohama

Private Sectors in Partner City

Private Sectors in Yokohama

Technical Cooperation through PPP

Ex: Recycling waste plastic

Ex: Exporting smart city

ADB

jica

THE WORLD BANK

e etc.

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13 CLIMATE ACTION

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

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Beyond the Report

- Asia Smart City Conference
- Recognition through Global Platforms
- Acting as a Mover
Asia Smart City Conference

10th Asia Smart City Conference “Yokohama Declaration”

“VLR is expected to serve as a framework for encouraging the participation of regional stakeholders and regional innovation, and help cities become more sustainable”.
Acting as a Mover

Leading Locally

SUPPORTING PROGRESS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Local governments have been at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19 and played a key role in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Voluntary Local Review (VLR) is a tool designed to support local governments in assessing progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the local level. The ADB is providing technical assistance and capacity building to enhance the effectiveness of the VLR process in Asia and the Pacific. This high-level event will highlight ongoing efforts to support local action to implement the SDGs and opportunities for national and international cooperation to address emerging challenges.

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Want to dive deeper?

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