

VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEWS

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WHY A VLR?

- Serves as a catalyzer and raises awareness;
- Supports more integrated policymaking and coordination within the government;
- Serves as a catalyst for increased engagement with civil society, academia and private sector;
- Helps enhance data collection;
- Serves as a communication tool between different levels of government;
- Helps cities in searching new means of implementation for their efforts.

DESA VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEW SERIES:

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INTEGRATING THE SDGS INTO STRATEGIES, PLANS AND BUDGETS

- SDGs as a shared language for peer learning
- What is the added value of SDG integration in the local context?
- National guidance and local innovations for SDG integration
- Inclusive planning processes
- Engaging new stakeholder groups
- Budgeting for grassroots action

***DESA
GLOBAL GUIDING
ELEMENTS
FOR VLRS***

- Draw from the Secretary-General's common voluntary guidelines for the VNRs
- Provide a proposed shared structure for the reports, and at minimum, give a checklist of issues that could be reflected in the process
- Fully compatible with other, more detailed guidance documents
- Aim at fostering a dialogue between the Voluntary National Reviews and the VLRS, where applicable
- Can be found at:
<https://sdgs.un.org/topics/voluntary-local-reviews>