Call for participation: Peer learning community for subnational follow-up and review processes of the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean

Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) have emerged as a powerful tool to accelerate delivering the 2030 Agenda and achieving sustainable development.

Partners for Review, the global multi-stakeholder network, and Mexico's 2030 Agenda initiative of the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) in collaboration with the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education (TEC) and the Autonomous National University of Mexico (UNAM) coordinating institutions of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Mexico, the Latin American Federation of Cities, Municipalities and Municipal Associations (FLACMA) and the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) are launching an initiative to create a peer learning community to strengthen subnational follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.

Why the initiative?

Since 2016, cities and subnational governments have shown their commitment to sustainable development by conducting review processes of the 2030 Agenda. VLRs document how multiple stakeholders jointly diagnose the local progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Conducting a VLR contributes to localizing the SDGs and can enable political dialogue and inclusive participation along the local policy cycle and create a common language between local and national governments. Up to now, a total of 42 VLRs have been produced globally. Latin America and the Caribbean is one of the regions where VLR initiatives are gaining relevance. Over the last four years, eleven subnational entities from Latin America have developed at least one VLR. And this year, four Mexican states (Durango, Estado de Mexico, Tabasco, and Mexico City) and two municipalities (Merida and Guadalajara presented their respective VLR.

The increasing interest of subnational entities in conducting follow-up and review processes, particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean, opens an excellent opportunity to promote peer-to-peer learning and exchange of good practices.

Objective and expected results

This initiative aims to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda by strengthening follow-up and review at the subnational level.

Objective: promote peer-to-peer learning and provide a safe space to share good practices and discuss challenges, lessons learned, and emerging issues related to local follow-up and review processes in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Expected outcomes:

- **Peer learning community:** a peer learning community for Latin American and Caribbean countries where local governments, civil society organizations, academia, the private sector, and other actors eager to engage in local follow-up and review for the 2030 Agenda can exchange knowledge, experiences, good practices, and lessons learned.
- **Knowledge Hub:** a digital platform to connect peers to discuss emerging issues, exchange good practices related to follow-up and review and consult relevant technical materials, news, and events information.
- **Compilation of good practices:** a document systematizing the good practices and lessons learned from the peer exchange on local follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda.

Implementation methods

Virtual peer-to-peer exchange sessions: guided virtual sessions where actors from different subnational entities will have the opportunity to meet their peers, learn about their experiences and discuss specific aspects related to local follow-up and review processes.

Webinars: online seminars where invited experts will share their views on strategic topics related to local follow-up and review the 2030 Agenda with the peer learning community. In these webinars, peers will also have the opportunity to share their experiences with the international community.

Remote mentoring: remote technical support in a bilateral discussion format on topics related to follow-up and review as demanded by the peers.

How to join the Peer Learning Community?

This initiative is aimed at local governments, civil society organizations, academia, the private sector, and all stakeholders interested in engaging in local follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda.

Click below or scan the code to join the peer learning community!

Registration:
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