



## 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	<p><b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary, ECLAC</li> <li>• Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Advisor, DESA/DSDG</li> <li>• Elkin Velasquez, Regional Director LAC, UN-Habitat</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator</b> – Mareike Eberz, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC</p>
9:15 – 10:15	<p><b>Session 1: Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) and the implementation strategy of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b> – Humberto Soto, Social Affairs Officer, ECLAC's Office in Mexico</p> <p><b>Keynote address:</b> 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 (<i>virtual</i>)</p> <p><b>The VNRs at the 2024 United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by Maame Agyeben, Associate Sustainable Development Officer, OISC, DESA (<i>virtual</i>)</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Good practices in Voluntary National Review (VNR) reporting from the region of Latin America and the Caribbean</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by Mareike Eberz, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
10:15-11:00	<p><b>Session 2: VNRs and the acceleration of SDG implementation: best practices and lessons learned</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b> – Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Social Affairs Officer, Subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, ECLAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable Development Goals Unit, Office of the Prime Minister, Bahamas</li> <li>• Latoya Clark, Programme Director, SDG Secretariat, Planning Institute of Jamaica</li> <li>• Vicente Araújo, General Coordinator of Sustainable Development of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil, Brazil (tbc)</li> <li>• Diana Pinto, Public Policy Evaluation Specialist, National Planning Secretary, Ecuador (tbc)</li> <li>• Amaro Rivadeneira, National Director of Monitoring and Evaluation, National Center for Strategic Planning (CEPLAN), Peru</li> </ul>
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:30	<p><b>Session 3: Data for SDG Acceleration</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Daniel Taccari, Statistical Division, ECLAC (tbc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victor Alegria, Director, Sustainable Development Unit, Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, Belize (tbc)</li> <li>• Valentina Botero Sanchez, Follow-up Consultant / SDGs Coordination, National Planning Department, Colombia (tbc)</li> <li>• Milena del Carmen Carranza Vargas, Analyst, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy, Costa Rica (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><b>Connecting the dots – reporting the national implementation of the 2030 Agenda between the SDG Summit and the Summit of the Future</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Javier Surasky, Director of Research, Cepei</li> </ul> <p><b>Local level data collection in Bolivia and the Atlas Municipal of SDGs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edgar Pacheco, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) – Bolivia (virtual)</li> </ul>

12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:45	<p><b>Session 5: Enhancing Multilevel Governance and Ensuring a Dialogue between the VNRs and VLRs – Experiences in preparing 2024 VNRs and VLRs</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b> – Valeria Torres, Governance and Public Administration Officer, ILPES, ECLAC</p> <p><b>VNR/VLR Integration: developments at international level</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Advisor, DSDG, DESA</li> </ul> <p><b>National and sub-national experiences from the region</b> Presentations by government and local authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Honduras</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- José Rosales, Director, Strategic Planning Secretariat (tbc)</li> <li>- Norman Sanchez, Mayor of the Municipality of Intibucá, Honduras</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Mexico</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Irais Barreto, Executive Secretary of the National Council of the 2030 Agenda</li> <li>- Representative from the State of Querétaro</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
14.45 - 15.15	Coffee break
15:15 - 16:30	<p><b>Session 6. Accelerating achievement of the 2030 Agenda through SDG localization</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Fiona Littlejohn-Carrillo, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, ECLAC</p> <p><b>Perspectives from Local Governments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Constanza Figueroa, Secretary of Institutional and International Relations, Government of Salta, Argentina</li> <li>- Marcos Antonio Benitez Velazquez, Mayor, Municipality of Coronel Oveido, Paraguay</li> <li>- Bolivia (to be confirmed)</li> </ul> <p><b>Regional Perspective</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sergio Godoy, Executive Secretary of the National Commission for SDGs, General Secretary of the Presidency, MINURVI</li> </ul>

#### Stakeholder perspectives

- Caribbean 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, DSDG, DESA
- Mareike Eberz, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC