Stakeholder engagement in the VNR process

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Why is stakeholder engagement important?

• Extreme Poverty was halved but inequalities increased during the MDG period.

PRINCIPLES OF THE SDGs:

• Leave no one behind – reaching the most poor and vulnerable first
• Whole of society approach is needed to eliminate poverty and achieve sustainable development and harmony
Leaving No One Behind

People at the intersection of these factors face reinforcing and compounding disadvantage and deprivation, making them likely among the furthest behind.
Who are the stakeholders?
Some of the groups to be engaged:

– Non-Governmental Organizations
– Women
– Children and Youth
– Indigenous Peoples
– Business and Industry
– Local Authorities
– Workers and Trade Unions
– Scientific and Technological Community
– LGBTIQ, Persons with disabilities, older persons
– Volunteers, migrants
– Parliaments
– National human rights institutions
– UN system / other intergovernmental Organizations

And many others...
What their role could be in the VNR process?

• Provide guidance of what the key stories and messages could be for the VNR report
• Help to review and produce the VNR report by providing comments and inputs
• Representation – Part of the official delegation to the HLPF?
• Presentation - Help in delivering the VNR report at the HLFP?
What the stakeholder engagement plan should consider?

• Identify the strategic purpose for the consultations,
• Mapping and identification of which stakeholders to reach out to,
• Degree of which to engage with stakeholders (inform, consult, involved, collaborate),
• The process or method (seminars, workshops, bilateral meetings, online platforms, focus group discussion, written comments/submissions, etc),
• How best to represent their input into the VNR report,
What the stakeholder engagement plan should consider?

• Communication - Effectively communicate the VNR process and what are the modes of engagement with stakeholders
• How the consultation process will be documented and incorporated into the VNR report
• Cost of the stakeholder engagement process,
• Time it would take to undertake the engagement process
• Post VNR reporting involvement
Some country examples

**Australia:** The Australian government set up a website to provide Australia with a live and ongoing platform to centralize and showcase action being taken across government, business, civil society and academia to advance the SDGs in the Australian context.

Organizations that are undertaking concrete initiatives to help Australia deliver on the Sustainable Development goals are invited to submit case studies to the platform’s database which include the initiatives’ impact.
Some country examples - Fiji:

**Call for proposals**

The Fijian Government issued a call for submission from the private sector, non-government organisations, civil society organisations, academia and philanthropy on programmes or initiatives that are being implemented by these stakeholders to support the achievement of SDGs as well as their perceptions on SDG implementation in Fiji.

**Civil Society Organisation SDGs Forum**

The Fiji Civil Society Organisation (CSO) Voluntary Review Taskforce organised a two-day forum to assess and report on CSOs contributions on the implementation of SDGs since 2015. The taskforce comprised of representative of vulnerable and marginalized groups.
Some country examples

Nauru:
Government undertook a series of public consultation including sector specific consultations, district open forums and questionnaire distributions to gather valuable insight on potential areas for development, key challenges and possible solutions.
Group work time

• Determine what are the strategic objective/s for the stakeholder engagement (what do you want to achieve)

• Which stakeholders to reach out to?

• Degree of engage with stakeholders (inform, consult, involve, collaborate),

• The process or method (face-to-face workshops, online platforms, focus groups, written comments/submissions, call for stories),

• Timeframe - When will various SE activities be undertaken?

• How best to represent their inputs into the VNR report (stories, case studies, review of drafts, contribute to the SDGs)