HLPF 2021 side event: VNR lessons for the Decade of Action and to Build Forward Better: Identifying Best Practices and Progressing Effective SDGs Implementation

Date: 14 July 2021

Time: 07:30-09:00 (New York) or 11:30-13:00 GMT/UTC

Description:

This side event focuses on the growing body of work related to VNR review, analysis and identification of best practices carried out by various stakeholders, including civil society, UN agencies, governments and other actors. It will explore how the outputs of these different research processes could be more widely disseminated and used as the basis for building stakeholder capacities and promoting better quality VNRs. It will produce a range of recommendations for the Member States and other stakeholders on how the quality of VNRs submitted to the HLPF can continue to be improved each year through the development of a more structured and integrated multi-stakeholder system of VNR-related research, reflection, exchange and capacity building.

Run of the show:

- **7:30-8:15: FIRST PANEL - Promoting good practices around VNR reporting** (Moderator: Deirdre de Burca, Advocacy Coordinator at Forus)
  - Speakers (7 minutes each):
    - Ana de Oliveira - Research and Knowledge Management Officer at Cooperation Canada
    - Joern Geisselmann - Adviser at Partners for Review (Agenda 2030), German Development Cooperation (GIZ) GmbH
    - Arelys Bellorini (Senior United Nations Representative at World Vision International)
  - Q&A (15 minutes)

- **8:15-9:00: SECOND PANEL - Practical country examples – Governments linked with good practice on VNRs highlight their strenghts and identify some of the gaps on the VNR processes** (Moderator: Andrew Griffiths, Head of Advocacy at Sightsavers)
  - Speakers (7 minutes each):
    - Martin Bille Hermann - Danish Ambassador to the United Nations Speaker from the Government of Guatemala (tbc)
    - Riccardo Messiano, Sustainable Development Officer at UN ESCAP
  - Q&A (15 minutes)