



Introduction Webinar for 2023 VNR countries

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The VNRs: Some Numbers

291 VNRs have been conducted to date

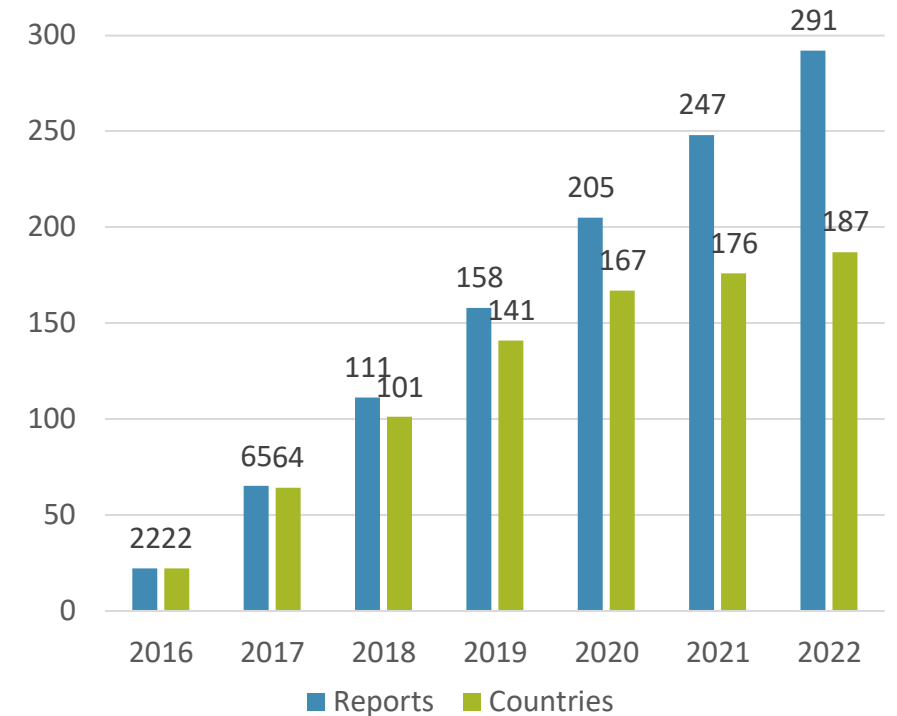
- 22 in 2016, 43 in 2017, 46 in 2018, 47 in 2019, 47 in 2020, 42 in 2021 and 44 in 2022.

187 countries have presented VNRs with **87** countries having conducted more than one VNR.

8 countries have not yet presented or expressed interest to present a VNR

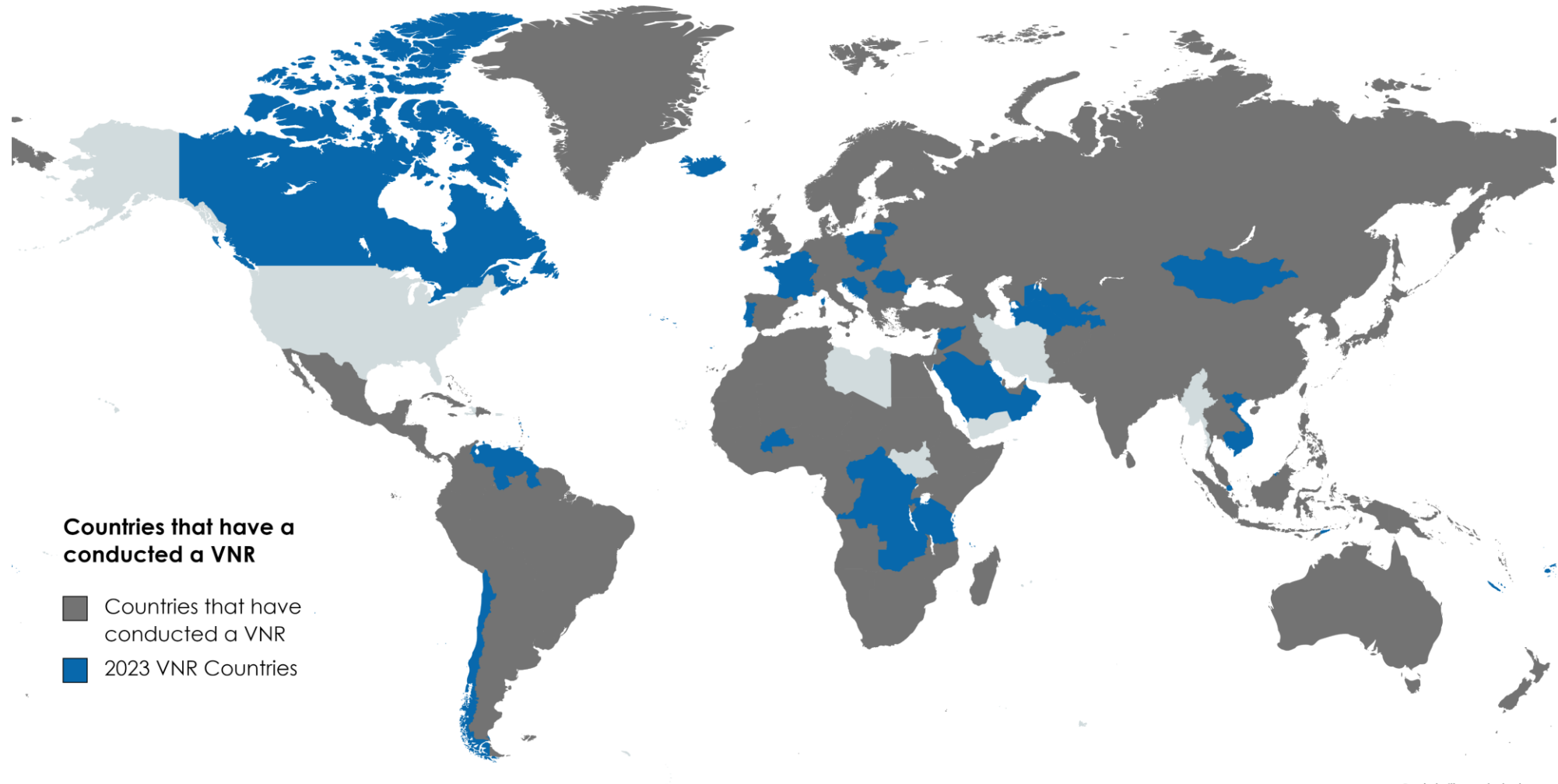
42 countries will present their VNRs in 2023.

Number of reports and countries having presented at least once, 2016-2022



VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS

Countries having conducted a VNR – 2016-2023



42 VNR presenters at the 2023 HLPF

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Number of Times Presenting/Region	1 st Time (2)	2 nd time (39)	3 rd Time (1)
Africa		Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Rwanda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia	
Asia Pacific		Bahrain, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Fiji, Kuwait, Maldives, Mongolia, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam	
Eastern Europe		Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia	
Latin America and the Caribbean	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Barbados, Guyana, Venezuela	Chile
Western Europe and Other	European Union	Belgium, Canada, France, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Portugal,	

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Main benefits of conducting a VNR



Sharing lessons learned & experiences with other countries



Measure SDG implementation and facilitate alignment with other frameworks



Advance the national implementation of the 2030 Agenda



Mobilize partnerships



Strengthen SDG awareness

Support to VNR process

Preparatory process

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UN DESA in cooperation with UN country teams, regional commissions and regional and subregional organizations as appropriate conducts a preparatory process for VNR countries through:

- 3 global workshops
- Regional and subregional workshops in UN regions
- Individual assistance upon request from countries
- Preparation of synthesis report of VNR reports each year
- SG voluntary common reporting guidelines
- Synthesis of main messages from VNR reports
- Handbook on preparation for VNRs updated each year

FOLLOW AND REVIEW OF THE 2030 AGENDA

High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development

The HLPF has a “central role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes at the global level”
(2030 Agenda, paragraph 82)

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The HLPF is convened each year in July under the auspices of ECOSOC and presided over by the President of ECOSOC. The HLPF seeks to:

- enhance the **integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development**
- **provide political leadership**, guidance and recommendations on implementation and follow-up
- address **new and emerging issues**



INTRODUCTION

High-Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development



2023 HLPF: 10 - 19 July 2023

Ministerial Segment: 17 -19 July 2023

Theme: Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels

SDGs under review: **SDG 6** on clean water and sanitation, **SDG 7** on affordable and clean energy, **SDG 9** on industry, innovation and infrastructure, **SDG 11** on sustainable cities and communities, and **SDG 17** on partnerships for the Goals

However, VNR reports should cover all of the SDGs

FOLLOW AND REVIEW OF THE 2030 AGENDA

HLPF under the auspices of the GA

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The HLPF meets each year under the auspices of the UN Economic and Social Council for 8 days and **every four years under the auspices of the General Assembly for two days.**

The next meeting under the General Assembly will be held in **September 2023**, and is referred to as the **SDG Summit**, where heads of state will come together to reconfirm their commitment to the 2030 Agenda and announce new initiatives to accelerate its implementation.



Timeline for 2023 Voluntary National Reviews



VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS

VNR presentations at the HLPF



Timing (TBD):

First timers: (35 mins at the HLPF):

15 minutes for presentation

20 minutes for Q&A

Second and third timers: (25 mins at the HLPF)

10 minutes for presentation

15 minutes for Q&A

Format:

The panel format: presentations are held sequentially; when all the presenters participating in the session have presented, questions are asked of all the presenters

The individual format: a country makes its presentation, followed by questions.

Principles of Voluntary National Reviews

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Voluntary

encourage reporting and include developed and developing countries

State-led

country driven reviews of progress at national and sub-national levels

Platform for partnerships

including through the participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders

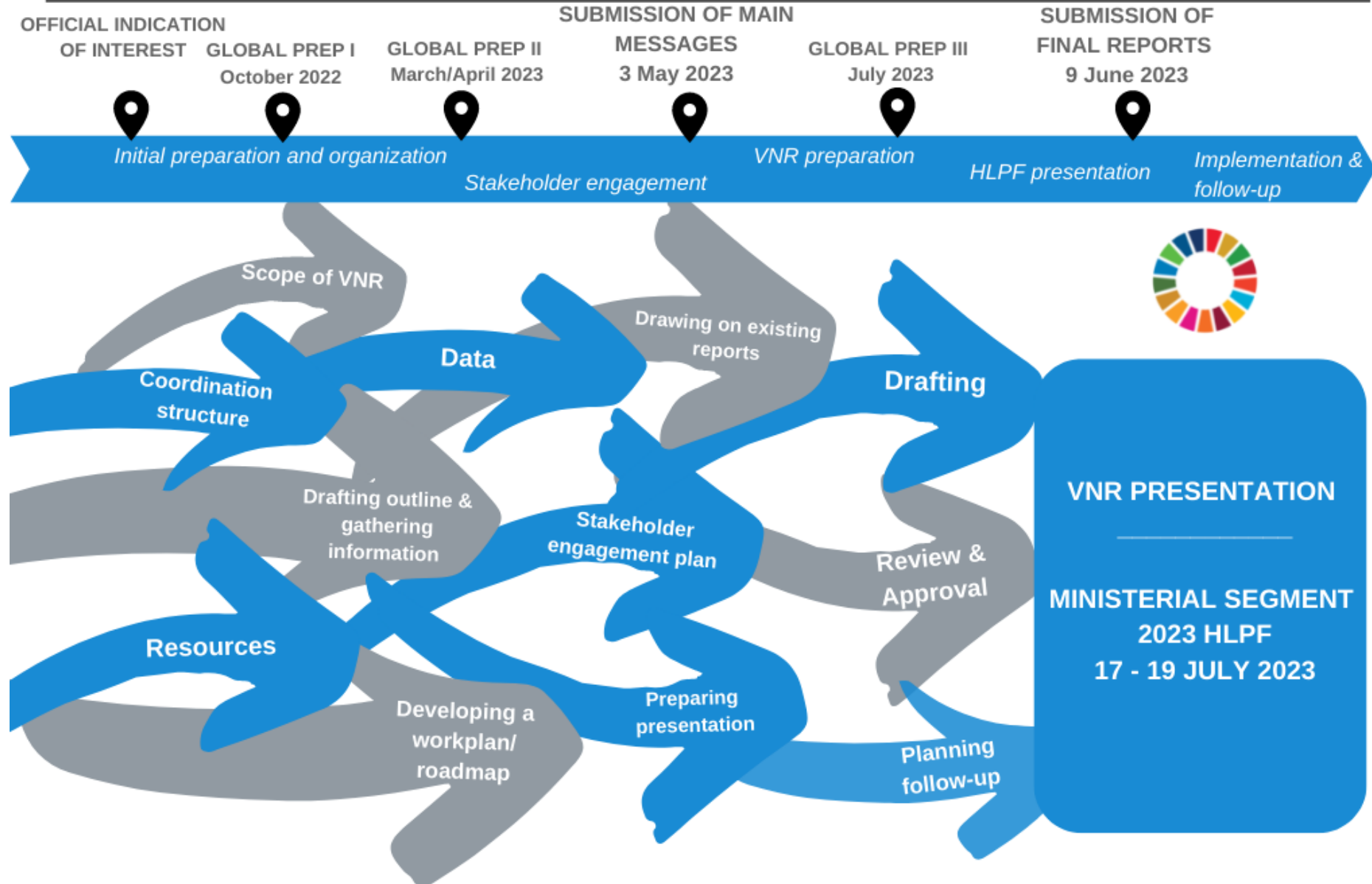
Learning experience

facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, part of a process

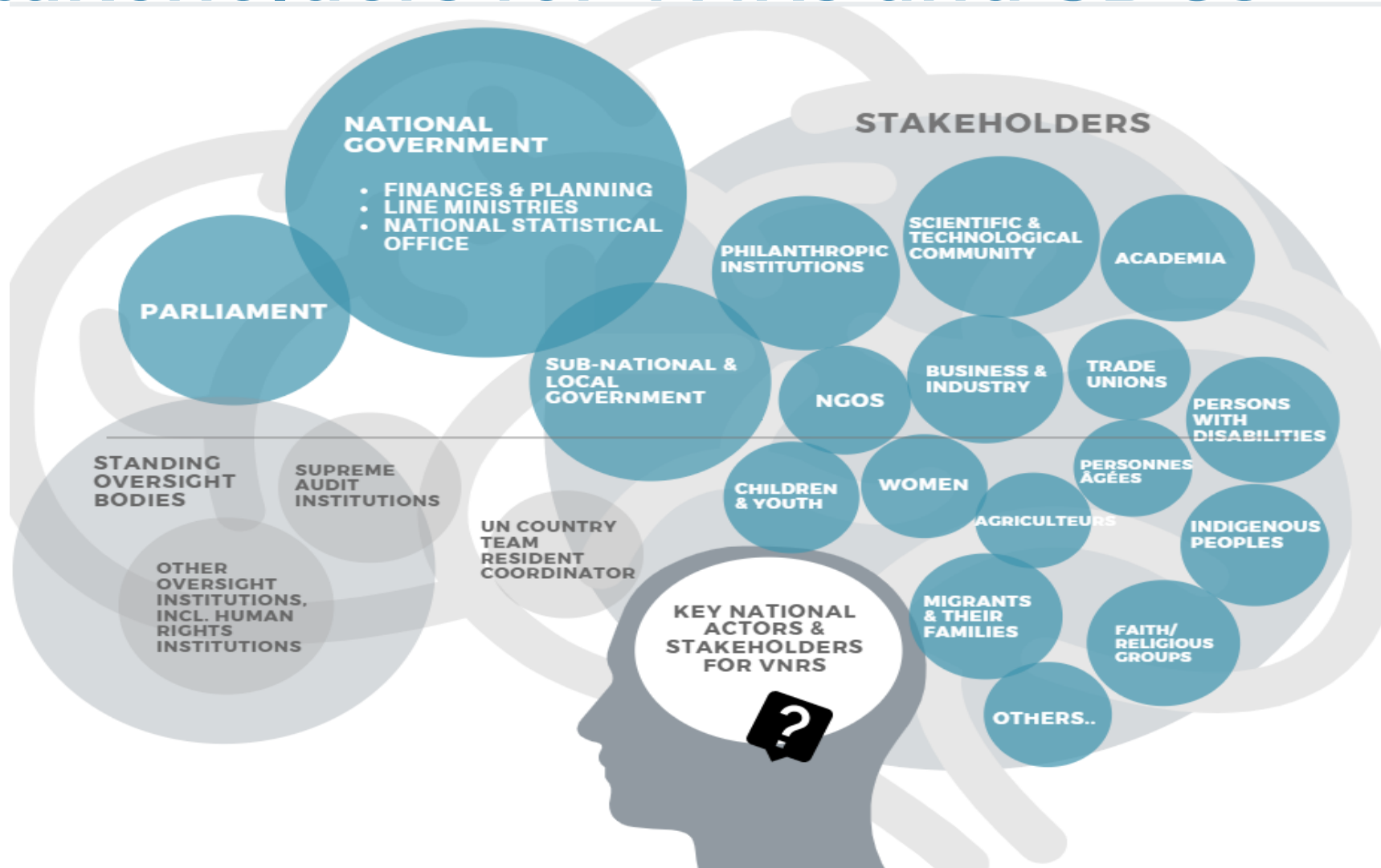
National circumstances

reviews in accordance with national circumstances, policies and priorities, together with relevant partners

KEY ELEMENTS TO CONSIDER FOR VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS



Stakeholders for VNRs and SDGs





COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Social protection
- Health care
- Vaccination
- Food security
- Education
- Mental health
- Inclusion
- Economic recovery
- Financial stimulus
- Employment
- Debt relief
- Disaster resilience
- Digitization
- Systems approaches

Updated Guidelines on structure of a VNR report

1. Opening statement, highlights, introduction
2. Methodology and process for preparing the report
3. Policy and enabling environment
 - a. Ensuring ownership of SDGs
 - b. Integrating SDGs in national frameworks
 - c. Integration of 3 dimensions of SD
 - d. Leave no one behind
 - e. Institutional mechanisms
 - f. Systemic issues and transformative actions
4. Progress on goals and targets and evaluation of policies and measures
5. New and emerging challenges
6. Means of implementation
7. Conclusion and next steps
8. Annexes

New elements from 2020 in italics underlined



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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1 NO POVERTY



2 ZERO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE ACTION



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



15 LIFE ON LAND



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Thank you