

VNR-Peer Learning Initiative 2026

Our common Journey



Context

The VNR peer learning initiative aims to foster international exchange and mutual learning on participatory, inclusive, and self-reflective VNRs and thereby support SDG implementation. The format is an informal, trusted space and complementary dialogue among interested VNR reporting countries. The 2025 VNR peer learning resulted in a joint High-level Side Event at HLPF 2025 and a [VNR Brochure](#), complementing UN DESAs VNR activities and material.

The 2026 VNR peer learning group, co-led by Brazil, aims to enhance communication and collaboration during the preparation of the VNR. So far, the peer partners discussed both content and process of their VNRs, sharing good practices, addressing challenges and reflecting on key lessons learned. They also analysed how the VNRs evolved over time and deliberated on the key factors necessary to expedite implementation in the future.

Approach

A continuous peer learning helps strengthen and deepen existing communication and mutual learning among countries submitting VNRs, while maintaining a constant focus on the preparation of ambitious VNRs and the accelerated implementation of the SDGs.

VNR 2026 peer partners could serve as a sounding board and bring in practical experiences in addressing challenges, for example around stakeholder engagement, integrated and self-reflective reporting or SDG Data.

2026 Proposed Schedule

- March 25: Kick-off virtual meeting among countries interested in the 2026 VNR. Discuss the topics of interest, road map and timeline for the peer learning.
- April 10: In-person meeting, in conjunction with the UNDESA Global Workshop for 2026 VNRs, in Brasília, Brazil.
- May 27: Virtual meeting.
- June 24: Virtual meeting.
- July: In-person side event at the High-Level Political Forum 2026.
- September: Virtual meeting closing ceremony for Peer Learning 2026 and handover to the 2027 host countries.