



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**VNR LAB 4:
Mobilizing and Organizing Institutions for Implementation of
2030 Agenda.**



Objective

- The Main objective was for the participants to walk out of the VNR Lab 4 Energized with new ideas and fresh thought on the next steps of SDG institutionalization – at Local and National Level. With a sharp focus on concrete challenge and potential solutions the Lab presented a microcosm of salient challenges stressing common needs and seeking to provide actionable guidance for interested member states. The interactive discussions presented new perspectives on how to model and upgrade institutions of SDG implementation in integrated and innovative manner.

Recommendations

- For Member states to Maximize on the Implementation and Achievement of SDGs the following was suggested for three state decision making bodies (levels):

The Executive (Central Government)

– Should:

- Integrate the SDGs and the Targets in the *State Strategies* (Policies) and *Action Plans* (NDPs/Agendas).
- Create *Peer to Peer (P2P) platforms* and *VNR Labs* to share ideas and agree upon workable strategies that can help achieve the SDGs within the State.
- Encourage participation of key stakeholders (Academia, Corporates, CSOs, Chambers, Institutes etcetera) in VNR process and SDG implementation.
- Show “High Level Commitment” through regular updates on SDGs status within the State.
- Adopt a Fluid “*Communication*” strategy to ensure all stakeholders are well informed and are abreast with the developments surrounding SDGs.

The Legislature (Parliament)

- Should:
 - Constitute an Official SDG Committee to deliberate and report on all matters SDG.
 - Ensure that before the VNR is submitted it is presented in parliament for review.
 - Adopt a Performance Based Budget (with Focus on SDG performance and Aligned Targets).
 - Priorities SDG Impact Assessment to measure and evaluate state strategies and responses.
 - Adopt "*Self-Assessment*" Instruments to evaluate parliaments impact on SDG Commitment & Achievement.

The Local Government (Councils)

- Should:
 - Come up with a *Territorial Strategy* to handle specific implementation of SDG actions.
 - Encourage *Local Actor involvement* (Volunteers, Colleges, Schools, Marginalized groups, Activists etcetera).
 - Engage in Peer to Peer (P2P) Meetings between Cities/Towns to exchange experiences and assist where possible.
 - Initiate Voluntary City Reviews.
 - Align Local & Central Government strategies.

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