

THE VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS

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WHAT ARE THE 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS?



The World's must-do list by 2030



PEOPLE

- Ending poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions
- Ensuring that all human beings can fulfill their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment



PLANET

- Protecting the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production
- Sustainably managing its natural resources
- Taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations



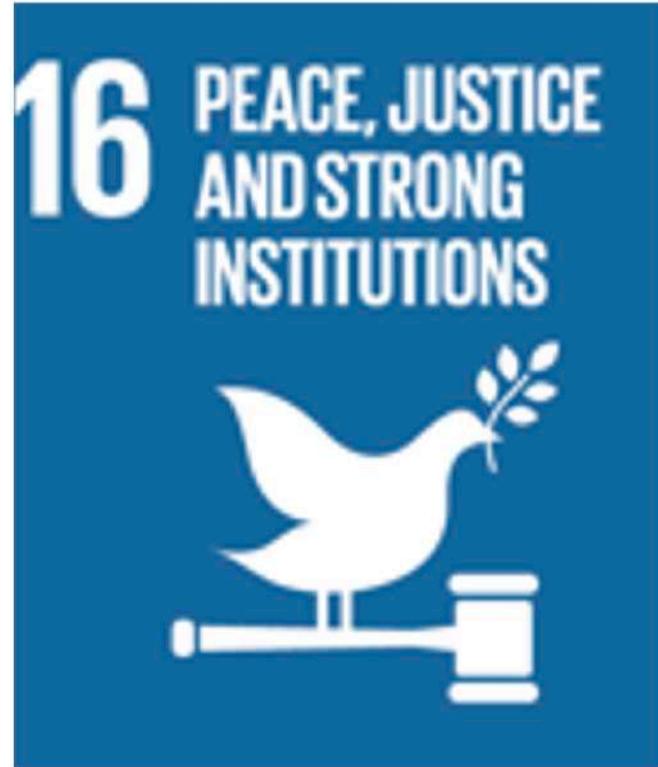
PROSPERITY

- Ensuring that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and that economic, social and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature



PEACE

- Fostering peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence - there can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development



PARTNERSHIP

- Mobilizing the means required to implement this Agenda through a revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity
- Focusing in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable and with the participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people



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THE GLOBAL GOALS:

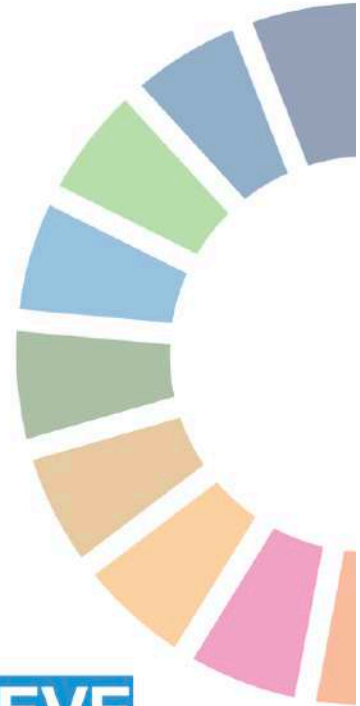
UNIVERSAL

INDIVISIBLE

TRANSFORMATIONAL

ALL SECTORS

NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ACHIEVE



3 AREA OF FOCUS

- National and Regional Engagement
- Global Engagement
- Communications – Telling the Story



Questions



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1. Where are you from?
2. Is your country involved in the VNR process this year?

The VNRs and Volunteering



What
Why
How

Emma Morley

Chief, Volunteer Advisory Services





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VOLUNTEERING IN VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS

- **5 YEARS OF HISTORY – WHAT ARE THE VNRS?**
- **VOLUNTEERING IN THE VNRS – WHY AND HOW?**

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WHAT ARE THE VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS (VNRs)?

VNRs are part of the follow-up/review mechanisms of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Member states opt to present their progress towards the SDGs through a VNR report and presentation at the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development.

VNRs allow member states to share experiences, challenges, best practices and lessons learned.



**HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Since 2016, over 200 VNRs have been submitted by UN member states.

WHY INCLUDE VOLUNTEERING IN VNRs?



Several **high-level UN documents** recognize volunteer contributions to the SDGs and encourage member states to reflect volunteer contributions in VNRs.

The **2020 QCPR** recognizes that “**volunteerism can be a powerful and cross-cutting means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**” and encourages the UN system, member states, and others to support and facilitate volunteerism and volunteers.

Incorporating data on volunteer efforts can also **help countries to report in line with the principles of the VNRs**, particularly to:

- Integrate a multi-stakeholder perspective & local engagement
- Draw on existing national official statistics & other sources
- Analyze means of implementation, gaps & opportunities



HOW TO INCLUDE VOLUNTEERING IN VNRs?

Governments have incorporated information on volunteer contributions over the years in 5 principal ways:

- Volunteers as a critical resource for addressing development priorities, including COVID-19 responses.
- Voluntary actions strengthen the ability to reach the furthest behind.
- Volunteering can provide leadership opportunities for women & marginalized groups, giving them greater voice and ownership in development processes.
- Volunteers as innovators, bringing new perspectives to the table and strengthening social cohesion.
- Volunteers help raise awareness of the 2030 Agenda and improve participation for the SDGs.



WHAT IS A STRONG MENTION OF VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS?

As part of UNV's 2018-2021 Strategic Framework (SF), UNV measures the strength of mentions of volunteer contributions to the SDGs based on a set of criteria:

Criteria	SF Indicator Status
General mention of volunteers	Not included
Anecdotal mention of volunteers & their activities	Included
Anecdotal mention of volunteering results	Included
Policy linkages to volunteerism	Included
Evidence of results of volunteer activity results	Included – strongly substantiated
Evidence of volunteerism contributions	Included – strongly substantiated
Evidence of integration into policy & planning	Included – strongly substantiated

WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?



Data & Evidence:

- Data & evidence on volunteering on UNV's [Knowledge Portal](#)
- Statistics on volunteer work at ILOSTAT: [statistics on volunteer work](#) and [indicator description: volunteer work](#)
- Qualitative National Situation Analyses (NSAs)
- Volunteer sector and academic reports



Data collection:

- Dissemination of online surveys via UNV's online volunteering roster of 600,000 persons
- On-the-ground surveys with remote communities to get feedback and input to VNRs through volunteer networks



Consultation & Validation:

- Stakeholder workshops with volunteers & VIOs to document initiatives and approaches under specific SDGs
- Volunteer-led workshops with other target groups



THANK YOU

What to report?

David Styers

Coordinator



44 COUNTRIES REPORTING IN 2021 – <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/vnrs/>

- **First-time presenters:** Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bolivia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Nicaragua, and San Marino;
- **Second-time presenters:** Bahamas, Bhutan, Cabo Verde, Chad, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Germany, Iraq, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Namibia, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia. and Zimbabwe; and
- **Third-time presenters:** Azerbaijan, Colombia, Egypt, Guatemala, Mexico, Niger, Qatar, Sierra Leone, and Uruguay.



WHAT TO REPORT

- Response to Covid-19
- Statistic and Data
- National Plans and Strategies
- Connection to SDGs to Leave No One Behind



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3. Have you been involved in the VNRs process?
4. Have you ever attended, in person or online, the HLPF?



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Lessons Learned

France Volontaires' Example

Clarisse Bourjon

Advocacy Officer



History of the process at FV

- Starting in 2017 with two countries
- 4 years of experience in 19 countries
- Main objectives: to include the contribution of volunteering in these national reviews + an opportunity to start or intensify the dialogue with national authorities
- Creation of an internal working group each year

A five-step process

- 1) Context analysis
- 2) Creation of a collective dynamic around the VNR
- 3) Elaboration of an action plan
- 4) Monitoring and implementation of the action plan
- 5) Evaluation process

Concrete examples

- Successful examples
- Examples that did not work but had positive repercussions
- Other actions around HLPF

Conclusion

- Importance to participate in the VNR process in order to bring the voice of volunteering to governments
- Join the dynamic!

 France Volontaires targeted countries for 2021:
Chad, Madagascar and Tunisia

The Case of Norway

Helge Espe

Senior Advisor

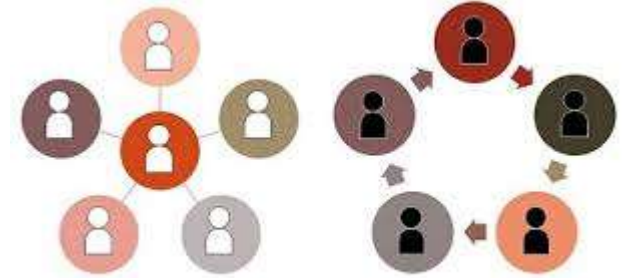


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Models of implementation and reporting of SDGs



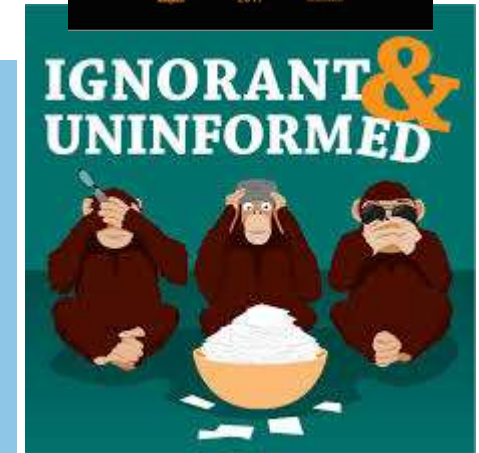
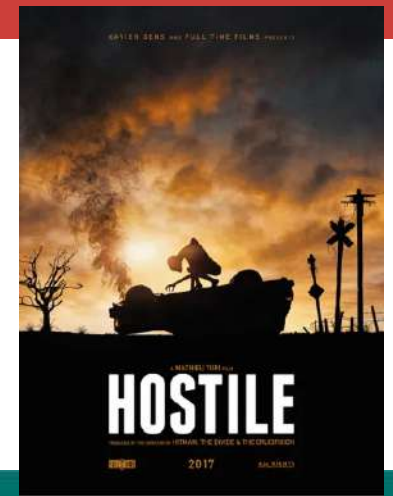
CENTRALIZATION VS DECENTRALIZATION



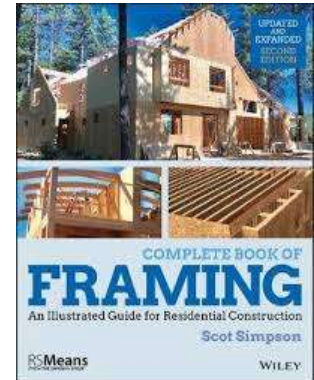
Attitudes of GVT towards civil society and volunteering



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Gathering volunteering evidence



IAVE's Global Advocacy

Raaida Mannaa

Manager, Global Advocacy & Partnerships





Our Actions

*Since 2018 - Sharing detailed information about the process with our members in countries reporting, enabling their participation.

*Helping them access the appropriate contacts in their countries, with the support of UNV.

*Finding ways to support and/or elevate their efforts, working in partnership with the VGA.

*Highlighting the message of the SDGs and the reporting processes in our global and regional convenings.




Alliances and partnerships are critical to widen spaces for volunteering. We need stronger collaborations to enhance the recognition and integration of volunteering in local, national and global efforts to achieve the SDGs.

Galina Botnenkova, President of the National Volunteer Center



@unv_youth
@IEF_Youth CEO Ahmed Taib Al Al Shamsi describes state of the art investments in using platforms to accelerate citizen engagement, a partner of @UNVArabStates #SDM2020 #VolunteerSDGs

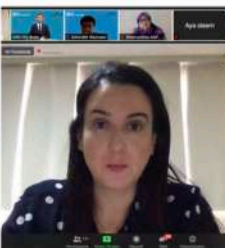


Global Technical Meeting on Reimagining Volunteerism for the 2030 Agenda




"Los voluntarios, según la definición de sus roles, sus perfiles y competencia, son parte muy importante para alcanzar las metas de cada organización."

IRAIDA MANZANILLA



Zoom meeting interface showing a video call in progress.



"VOLUNTEERS AS ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY HEROES"

The Role of Volunteering in driving action on COVID-19 and the SDGs.

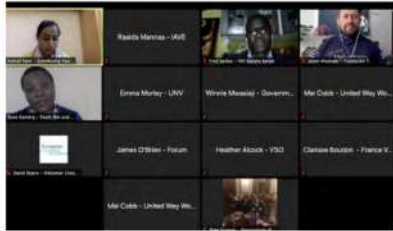
Tuesday, 7 July 2020
12:00 - 13:30pm (approx. GMT)

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:
Alan Beattie - Director General, British Council
Winnie Tsang Masaki - Deputy Director, UN Women
Erin Murphy - Director, UN Women
James O'Brien - Founder, Future

Every year, more than 1 billion people give their time to volunteer. This panel will explore their volunteerism, the factors that create global and community-led SDG champions and members of the 2019 Agenda and how young people and inclusive communities, sharing innovative examples of the COVID-19 response and the year's UNF processes.

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Global Visibility

*Participation of volunteer-speakers from our network in:

- HLPF Side Events
- HLPF Official Agenda
- 2020 Global Technical Meeting on Volunteering
- Other convening efforts organized at the local and regional levels, online and in-person



In March 2020, IAVE established its Global Network of Volunteering Leadership (GNVL), an initiative to enable organizations focused on providing leadership for volunteering to access capacity building and to connect, sharing information and learn from one another.

We have 72 members from 62 countries, with representatives in all regions worldwide.

The Importance of Partnerships

IAVE is committed to enabling platforms for its members to share their initiatives, gaining greater global recognition while promoting the value and impact of their volunteer actions.

Achieving this would be impossible without the collaborative efforts of partners, colleagues and friends in the field, all working together to advocate for a global culture of volunteering that is recognized as a vital tool for creating a more sustainable, fair and peaceful world.

Together we are more, and we are better.





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