

**The 10th ASIA PACIFIC FORUM FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
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Theme:

“Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels in Asia and the Pacific”

**Agenda Item 4: Accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through
Voluntary National Reviews (VNR)**

Bangkok, Tuesday, 28th March 2023, 09:00 - 12:00 (GMT +7)

**Thank you Chair,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

1. Since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, Indonesia has submitted three VNRs – each in 2017, 2019 and 2021. All VNRs were developed through inclusive processes.
2. What Indonesia gained from these VNR submissions are two folds:

First, it serves as an opportunity to share to relevant stakeholders, including development partners, the private sectors and other domestic and international stakeholders, on the SDGs progress in Indonesia, as well as the opportunities and challenges that the country faces.

Second, the VNRs play a significant role as reference for our partners and other stakeholders to build cooperation and contribute to SDGs implementation in Indonesia.
3. The VNR is also reviewed by the Supreme Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia, in which the Board utilises the VNR as a tool to review and assess the **accountability** and **achievement** of SDGs implementation in Indonesia, in addition to the SDGs annual reports.
4. The involvement of the Board has also encouraged the Government of Indonesia to develop more targeted SDGs programmes, enhance its implementation, as well as ensure that no one is left behind.
5. In implementing the SDGs, Indonesia also puts special attention on advancing global partnerships.
 - ➔ In the 2015-2019 period, the number of South-South Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) programs and activities of Indonesia each year increased at an average rate of 10%.
 - ➔ This is also reflected in the increase of funds, at 3% average each year.

- ➔ However, there was a decline in 2020-2021, when most of the SSTC budget was diverted to handling the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 6. Currently, the Government of Indonesia is in the process of supporting local governments to develop and submit their Voluntary Local and Subnational Reviews, that will serve as an opportunity to share and showcase a handful of best practices at subnational levels to the world as well as to explore potential cooperation on accelerating SDGs implementation at the local level.
 - ➔ One key area that Indonesia is keen to collaborate is in improving SDGs data exchange and cooperation.
- 7. To conclude, Indonesia looks forward to collaborating with other countries and stakeholders in advancing the SDGs.

I thank you.

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ESCAP/RFSD/2023/4: Strengthening the impact of voluntary national reviews on accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals through South-South cooperation and improved data for evidence-based policymaking