

## North and Central Asia Workshop on Next Generation of Voluntary National Reviews Agenda

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UN Plaza, 303 Bayzakov street, Almaty, Kazakhstan

### Programme & Session Overview

\*Time zone by Astana Time (GMT+6)

Time	Session
09:00 –09:10	<b>Welcome remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. <b>Nikolay Pomoshchnikov</b>, Head, Subregional Office for North and Central Asia, ESCAP</li> </ul>
09:10 –09:30	<b>Setting the scene: The role of voluntary national reviews</b> <i>This session will introduce elements the key elements of the VNR process, highlighting the role of VNRs as tools for SDG acceleration.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. <b>Sara Libera Zanetti</b>, 2030 Agenda and VNR Specialist, ESCAP               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Tour de table and participants' experience with VNRs</li> <li>➢ Overview of VNR timeline &amp; process, and best practices from the NCA region</li> <li>➢ Reflections on the role of VNRs in SDG acceleration</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
09:30 –10:30	<b>Roundtable 1: Exploring the voluntary national review process and experiences from the region</b> <i>This roundtable discussion will provide space for countries to share their experiences with VNRs.</i> <b>Moderator:</b> Ms. <b>Juliet Braslow</b> , Sustainable Development Officer, ESCAP  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Country experiences with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> VNR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Ms. <b>Bakytgul Khambar</b>, Director of the Secretariat for SDG, Economic Research Institute, Ministry of National Economy, Kazakhstan</li> <li>➢ Mr. <b>Kammodilin Bozi</b>, Head of Department on Regional Development and Monitoring the Implementation of National Program, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources, Tajikistan</li> <li>➢ Mr. <b>George Shoshitashvili</b>, Counsellor Multilateral and Regional Economic Cooperation Division International Economic Relations Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Georgia</li> <li>➢ Mr. <b>Humoyun Yusufboev</b>, Chief Specialist, Division of the monitoring of implementation of SDGs, Uzbekistan</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Open debate</p>
10:30 –10:45	<b>Group photo and networking break</b>
10:45– 12.00	<b>Session 2: Using the VNR to strengthen evidence-based policy on sustainable development and targeting those left behind</b> <i>This roundtable will discuss approaches and methodologies to integrate SDG progress assessments as well as analysis on the most vulnerable groups and into VNR processes. It will also present good practices at country level and will elaborate on how VNRs can promote better use of evidence in policy making, particularly in relation to targeting inequalities and those being left behind.</i> <b>Moderator:</b> Ms. <b>Juliet Braslow</b> , Sustainable Development Officer, ESCAP

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12:00 –13:15	<b>Lunch break</b>
13:15 –14:30	<p><b>Session 3: Multistakeholder approaches for VNRs to promote SDG acceleration</b>  <i>This roundtable will discuss the importance of promoting multistakeholder participation in the VNRs, presenting best practices from the region with stakeholder engagement, including through ESCAP's VNR Twinning Programme and other collaborative initiatives.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Moderator:</b> Ms. <b>Sara Libera Zanetti</b>, 2030 Agenda and VNR Specialist, ESCAP</li> <li>▪ <b>Stakeholder experiences with engagement in VNR processes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ms. <b>Jamila Asanova</b>, Executive Director of the Civil Society Development Association (ARGO), Kazakhstan</li> <li>➤ Ms. <b>Nasibakhon Aminova</b>, Executive Director, National Association of Small and Medium Businesses, Tajikistan <a href="#">remote connection</a></li> <li>➤ Mr. <b>Murat Karypov</b>, Coordinator, The Human Rights Movement "Bir Duino Kyrgyzstan", Kyrgyzstan <a href="#">remote connection</a></li> <li>➤ Mr. <b>Otabek Izatillaev</b>, Head of the Department of work with ratings and indices, Executive Secretary of the Parliamentary Commission for monitoring the implementation of SDGs, Uzbekistan <a href="#">remote connection</a></li> <li>➤ Mrs. <b>Zhanar Gabdullina</b>, Deputy, Almaty Development Center, Kazakhstan</li> <li>➤ Ms. <b>Rusyan Jill Mamiit</b>, Development Coordination Officer, UN Office of the Resident Coordinator, Uzbekistan <a href="#">remote connection</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Open debate</p>
14:30 –14:50	<p><b>Wrap-up: Key take aways</b>  <i>This session will summarise key points emerged during the discussions and will present future activities on Follow-up and Review.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. <b>Juliet Braslow</b>, Sustainable Development Officer, ESCAP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Forthcoming global VNR workshops and APFSD</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Connecting countries for peer learning</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Resources and support available</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
14:50 - 15:00	<p><b>Closing remarks and vote of thanks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. <b>Michiko Enomoto</b>, Deputy, Subregional Office for North and Central Asia, ESCAP</li> </ul>