Regional Support to Voluntary National Reviews (VNR)
Objectives of the Associated Event are three-fold:

- Provide a status update on the SDG localization, planning and implementation in the countries
- Discuss possible ways of providing country-to-country support in preparing VNRs
- Discuss what kind of regional support would be most pertinent and effective for the countries in preparing and using of VNRs and in implementing the 2030 agenda implementation in general
Guiding principles for VNR: **Substance**

- People-centered, gender-sensitive, respectful of human rights and leave no one behind
- Integrate three dimensions of sustainable development
- Can be inspired by HLPF’s thematic focus: e.g. 2016 Ensuring that no one is left behind
- Rigorous and evidence-based—baselines & statistics
Guiding principles for VNR:  **Process**

- Voluntary and country-led
- Open, inclusive, participatory and transparent
- Build on existing platforms and processes
- Track progress in implementing **global goals and targets** including **Means of Implementation**
- Longer-term perspective including mobilizing partnerships and resources for implementation
**Guiding principles for VNR: Capacity Building**

- Strengthen national data systems and evaluation programmes
- Focus on LDCs, SIDS, LLDCs and middle-income countries
Regional Commissions & VNRs

- Support preparation of voluntary national reviews (up to 2 VNRs per country 2016-2030)
  - Peer learning, measurement of progress
- Regional forums can help to keep track of how the conclusions of the HLPF are being followed up
  - Knowledge exchange
  - Strengthening partnerships
VNRs and regional support: Statistics

- How can VNRs effectively generate demand for and use development data?
- Can regional forums enable exchanges between sustainable development data users and producers?
- How can regional cooperation ensure adequate and appropriate financing and capacity building for national statistical systems?
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