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Pacific Island countries are increasingly engaged with the SDGs, with a record number presenting VNRs in 2019, and preparing for the SAMOA Pathway High-Level Midterm Review in September.

At the regional level, the Pacific has been developing innovative approaches to measuring progress on the SDGs for some years. The 2017 Pacific Roadmap for Sustainable Development and the Pacific Progress Wheels give a snap-shot of available data.

However, challenges to measuring progress against the SDGs remain. Including capacity constraints for many Pacific Small Island Developing States. National statistics offices alone cannot bear the data collection and reporting burden.

While the Pacific faces unique challenges, lessons learned from the region on SDG monitoring and reporting are applicable to many countries and regions around the world.

How can countries find the high-quality data they need to prioritise and shape policy? What opportunities are there to use the SDGs to better promote the region's priorities?