Advancing SDG 16 Through the Lens of Leaving No One Behind in Iraq’s Second VNR for 2021

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Background

The Government of Iraq adopted the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2030 with the National Development Plan (2018 - 2022) and Iraq Vision 2030 with the belief that good governance is the basic guarantee for achieving development through enhancing citizens' confidence in the state and expanding the system of community participation in priority setting and decision-making, and equality of opportunities among citizens.
SDGs Structure in Iraq
National SDGs 16 Team Structure

National Center for Administrative Development and Information Technology / Ministry of Planning

- Ministry of Displacement and Migration
- Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs
- Commission on Human Rights
- Integrity Commission
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Interior
- General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers
- Academia and NGOs Representatives
SDG 16/16+ Related Initiatives

- Three governorates (Basra, Anbar and Karbala) are piloted to localize SDG targets and indicators, based on local needs and priorities. The work carried out with a focus on community consultations, effective participation of local academics, private sector, and NGOs, including youth and women and vulnerable groups such as farmers.

- The innovative Role of NGOs in Deriving Informal Data for SDG16 Indicators, deriving informal data related to four SDG 16 indicators using Social Media Platform “Facebook”.

Iraq VNR 2021: Main Process

International partnerships are a sign of solidarity in times of crisis

Persistence to remain on track (sustain the momentum of the development)

Main Process for Iraq VNR 2021

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Create positive competition at the local level (governmental and society)

Leave no one behind (solidarity among development partners in light of COVID19 crisis)
Iraq VNR 2021: Main Process

- Young people are the engine of change and a tool for attaining development

  - The popular youth movement is a declaration of change towards a new social contract (the state and society).
  - Youth represent the demographic gift that is qualified to drive change, rehabilitation and participation.
  - Active citizenship (embracing diversity, enhancing participation, and preserving rights and privacy).
Create positive competition at the local level (governmental and society)

- Driving inspiration for advancing development nationally and locally to enhance constructive competition.
- Decentralization to promote equality and justice.
- Integrated planning and policy coherence to promote participatory approach and sustainable local development (spatial development)
Leaving no one behind (solidarity among development partners in light of COVID-19 crisis)

- Containing the complex (health-economic) crisis and mitigating its impact on vulnerable groups is the responsibility of the State.
- Solidarity between development partners will enhance social protection and security in times of crisis.
- The developmental roles and functions of civil society and the private sector are success stories in social cohesion.
## Iraq VNR 2021: Main Process

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The Total participants
845

Onsite participants
640

Online participants
205

Youth

Privat Sector

PWD

NGOs

Local Governorates

17%

10%

9%

20%

44%
Advancing SDG 16 in VNR Process

Following the COVID-19 challenges and the rentier economy, the national SDGs pathway for 2030 has negatively affected where the complexity of decision making to recover from the evolving impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Therefore, given the local communities (including multi-stakeholders), enough space to actively engaged in sustainable development is a potential solution for the central government to build a resilience community-based sustainable development pathway for the future of the country.
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