



MAINSTREAMING SDG16

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Virtual Learning Series on “Mainstreaming SDG16”

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Thursday, 6 May, 8:30 AM -10:00 AM EDT

The second workshop in a [series of virtual learning sessions](#) hosted by the Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network and the Global Alliance for Reporting Progress on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies (The Global Alliance) will focus on [“Mainstreaming SDG16 to Realize the Principle of ‘Leaving No One Behind.’”](#)

The 2030 Agenda pledges to Leave No One Behind (LNOB), and that member states will endeavor to reach the furthest behind first. With its emphasis on inclusive and accountable governance, non-discrimination, human rights and sustained peace, SDG 16 is key to putting this complex principle into action by ensuring that the most marginalized are engaged as actors and beneficiaries of the 2030 Agenda.

In the midst of a global pandemic, the [decline in civic space](#) at local and national levels threatens SDG progress and accountability generally, and particularly so for SDG 16. This compels more robust, diverse and inclusive multi-stakeholder engagement in VNR and post-VNR processes, targeting the most marginalized communities. The degree and quality of inclusion in VNR and post-VNR processes matter: [meaningful civil society participation not only reflects inclusive and effective governance and decision-making, it also helps to ensure that SDG 16-related provisions within a VNR are taken forward.](#)

This Webinar will explore what it means to ensure meaningful participation in the VNR process and in advancing SDG16 through the lens of leaving no one behind while providing an opportunity for interactive dialogue and learning amongst all participants. The event also aims to provide an opportunity for experts working on SDG 16 to unpack the key challenges to upholding the principle of LNOB, while sharing best practices for meaningful inclusion in VNR and post-VNR processes. This workshop will include experts from government, civil society, the UN System and the private sector, as well as other key institutions critical to mainstreaming SDG 16.

Moderator: Saionara Konig-Reis, Programme Manager, Data & Accountability Programme, DIHR

Speakers:

- Dr. Maher Johan, Deputy Minister, Minister of Planning, Iraq
- Micah Grzywnowicz, Program Manager - 2030 Agenda, Multilateralism, Norms and Governance at Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation
- Mandeep S. Tiwana, Chief Programmes Officer, CIVICUS
- Musa Ansumana Soko, Executive-Director, Youth Partnership for Peace and Development

Respondents:

- Julia Kercher, UNDP Senior Expert on Governance and Peacebuilding

Simultaneous interpretation available in Arabic, French and Spanish.

Please register here by 5 May 2021

Guiding Questions

1. How can SDG16+ be leveraged as an 'enabler' for Leaving No One Behind, and reach the furthest behind first?
 - What practices, examples or lessons from governments, civil society and other stakeholders can illustrate this, and how have they used SDG 16 to advance these objectives?
2. How do we know which groups are being left behind?
 - What are some useful practices that can help identify (and measure) particularly groups that risk being left behind? How can the SDG 16+ framework be helpful in this regard?
3. What groups are commonly left behind, and why?
 - How are these groups being left behind in view of SDG 16+ - and efforts to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies? What applicable lessons can be drawn from the COVID-19 pandemic, and crisis response efforts?
4. How can the VNR process be leveraged to promote inclusion and participation?
 - What examples exist of VNR processes that effectively account for LNOB principles? How can we safeguard these principles when mainstreaming SDG 16 into national plans and strategies?
5. How can "spotlight or shadow reports" be used to strengthen accountability?
 - How can these civil society reporting mechanisms facilitate greater inclusivity in formal HLPF processes, and more broadly, further the principle of LNOB?

About the Virtual Learning Series

In December 2020, the TAP Network and Global Alliance launched a first-of-its-kind resource on "[Mainstreaming SDG 16: Using the Voluntary National Review to Advance More Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies](#)." This Resource outlines practical guidance on how to utilize the VNRs to mainstream SDG16 into national and local planning and actions. It explores ways and means of utilizing the SDG 16 framework to strengthen the preparatory and follow-up work of VNR processes, and in doing so highlights important cases and examples from around the world. Building on key thematic issues in the Resource, the TAP Network and the Global Alliance are hosting a [virtual learning series](#), which is bringing key SDG16 stakeholders together to further look at how to mainstream SDG16 at all levels. The focus of this learning series is to help governments and stakeholders alike in advancing SDG16 at the national level, particularly through this second cycle of VNRs through 2023.

The series is covering the following thematic issues addressed in the resource:

- i) [Practical approaches to engage in VNR processes in challenging settings \(March 31, 2021\)](#)
- ii) [Mainstreaming SDG16 to Realize the Principle of LNOB \(May 6, 2021\)](#)
- iii) Localizing the VNR process and engaging on SDG16 at subnational level (end May 2021).

Given their virtual format, the workshops will employ innovative online interactive tools and web-learning platforms to maximize learning and accessibility.