



SDGs Learning, Training & Research 2021 - Session 6

Mainstreaming SDG 16+ in VNRs and National Development Planning

Date: Thursday, 8 July 2021

Time: 2:00 – 3:45 PM (EST)

Online: Register [here](#)

Context

“Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development” is the theme of the [2021 High-level Political Forum on sustainable development](#) (HLPF) that will be held from Tuesday, 6 July, to Thursday, 15 July 2021.

As we witness rising inequality (SDG 10) and poverty (SDG 1) across the world, the achievement of the SDG 16+ is instrumental to build back better. SDG 16 focuses on improving responsive and accountable governance, strengthening institutions, protecting fundamental freedoms, and enabling civic space at all levels, which are critical elements for implementing the 2030 Agenda in its entirety. Moreover, as the themes of the HLPF of 2021, 2022 and 2023 will focus on response, recovery, and resilience from the COVID-19 crisis, [SDG 16+ must lie at the heart of the discussion and governments’ efforts to rebuild following the pandemic](#).

SDG 16+ provides a united framework on how countries can tackle rising inequality (SDG 10), ensure just climate transition (SDG 13), provide decent work and fair economic growth (SDG 8), and provide peaceful, just and inclusive societies for all (SDG 16) - all goals under review in 2021. SDG 16+ is in accordance with the current HLPF theme, by focusing on resilient recovery, and the Secretary General’s Call to Action for Human Rights, which brings SDG 16+ at the heart of key policy discussions and global efforts.

Objectives of the SDGs Learning, Training & Research

This Learning Lab will focus on the implementation and reporting of SDG 16+ and its centrality to ensure no one is left behind. Governments and organizations will demonstrate how monitoring and mainstreaming SDG 16 can effectively bring together a cross-section of national actors to review commitments and assess national progress across all 17 Goals and accelerate the 2030 Agenda. The SDG 16+ resources and initiatives presented will offer practical ways to build an inclusive and effective path forward.

The session will bring best practices from Cabo Verde and Cost Rica, examine research on gender, justice, and migration as well as showcase opportunities to strengthen data collection and scale innovation. The learning lab will also demonstrate how VNR reporting on SDG16+ can inform national planning and foster inclusive partnerships, deepening interlinkages across the 2030 Agenda and future cooperation.

The session will highlight innovations on how Member States and civil society have engaged in SDG 16+ implementation and reporting processes, such as the VNR, and examine the support needed to those furthest left behind, with focus on women and migrants, during the restrictions of COVID 19. Presenters will assess different ways of reporting on and implementing SDG 16+ related to the impact of the pandemic, explore current research and experiences from national partners to develop SDG 16+ indicators, and map and collect required data with links to respond to COVID 19. The thematic areas covered will include: quality reporting at national & local levels; innovation and how SDG 16+ data platforms can be utilized by governments; how to enable wider inclusion of non-state actors and non-official data in monitoring and implementing SDG 16+; the sharing of knowledge, experience and approaches; showcase examples of mainstreaming SDG 16+ in national development plans and in using the VNR; demonstrate ways to take a whole of society approach to SDG 16+ through stakeholder engagement with particular focus on women and migrants.

Format

The virtual learning lab will provide a technical briefing on the resources presented. Polling, interactive Q&A, and a presentation of resources and case studies will be available at this event.

Partner Organizations

1. [Government of Costa Rica](#), Host of [16+ Forum Annual Showcase](#)
2. [Government of Cabo Verde](#), Ministry of Finance
3. [Transparency, Accountability, Participation Network](#); [SDG Accountability Handbook](#), [Goal 16 Advocacy Toolkit](#); [SDG16 in VNRs and Spotlight Reports](#)
4. [The Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding, Reporting for the Future: Final Report Ready for Review 2019, Empowering Civil Society for National Reporting and Action on SDG 16+ Report](#)
5. [Global Alliance for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies](#) [Mainstreaming SDG 16. Using the VNR to Advance Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies; Guide to Report on SDG 16 in VNRs](#)
6. [Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice](#) (CMGJ)
7. [Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies](#), [The Roadmap for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies](#); Justice in the Pandemic [Briefing 1](#) [Briefing 2](#) ;[The Movement to Halve Global Violence by 2030. A New Landscape of Cooperation in the time of COVID-19. Expert-level Virtual Workshop Report. Flagship Policies to Combat Inequality and Exclusion \(Consultation Draft\)](#)
8. [SDG 16 Data Initiative](#)
9. [United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute](#)
10. [International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance \(IDEA\)](#)