



VNR Lab 17 - National experiences on the VNR process: Finland

16 July 2020, 8.00 – 9.00 am NYT

This VNR lab will focus on the concrete involvement of a wide range of Finnish stakeholders in the actual process of writing the VNR report. You will learn how different stakeholders as well as Statistics Finland were engaged, how the stakeholders themselves experienced the process, and how the Peer Dialogue contributed to the report. The VNR lab will also discuss the linkages between VNR and Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs). You will hear how two Finnish cities, Espoo and Turku, prepared their VLRs for this year, and what kind of synergies exist between local and national reporting. The lab consists of short introductory talks that also leave time for questions and discussion.

Moderator:

Annika Lindblom, Secretary General, National Commission on Sustainable Development of Finland

- 8.00 – 8.05** **Opening remarks**
Marion Barthélemy, Director, Office for Intergovernmental Support, DESA
Seppo Määttä, Director General, Strategy Department, Prime Minister's Office, Finland
- 8.05 – 8.07** **Guidance to Lab's programme**
Annika Lindblom, Secretary General of the NCSD
- 8.07 – 8.10** **Preparation of the Finnish VNR**
Video presentation
- 8.10 - 8.26** **Experiences from the preparation of the VNR**
- NGO perspective: *Rilli Lappalainen*, Director, Finnish NGO Platform FINGO
 - Statistics perspective: *Marjo Bruun*, Executive Director, Statistics Finland
 - Major Group perspective: *Tuomas Aslak Juuso*, President, Sámi Parliament of Finland
 - Peer country perspective: *Jacques Ducrest*, Delegate of the Swiss Government for the 2030 Agenda, and his policy adviser *Andrina Frey*
- 8.26 – 8.36** **Questions and discussion**
- 8.36 – 8.50** **Synergies between the VNR and Voluntary Local Reviews**
- Preparation of the VLR, *Jukka Mäkelä*, Mayor, City of Espoo
 - Preparation of the VLR, *Minna Arve*, Mayor, City of Turku
 - Business perspective: *Tuuli Kousa*, Chief Communications and Corporate Responsibility Officer, OP Financial Group
- 8.50 – 8.58** **Questions and discussion**
- 8.58 – 9.00** **Closing remarks**