VNR LABS
HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

VNR LAB 11

Innovative formats to review national implementation

Tuesday, 16 July, 1:15 – 2:45 pm

S-2726/27 (27th floor UN Secretariat building)

Concept note

This VNR Lab will focus on innovative formats to review national implementation of the 2030 Agenda and their potential synergies with the Voluntary National Review process to strengthen peer learning. Case studies include, among others, the peer review of Vanuatu's SDG implementation efforts by Papua New Guinea and Samoa, as well as the peer learning exercise Finland and Colombia conducted in previous years.

Country representatives will share their experiences and lessons learned from these review exercises with the objective to identify possible synergies with the VNR process. The session will be held under the Chatham House rule to allow for candid discussion of the following guiding questions:

1. What are the lessons learned from the different initiatives to review progress against national sustainable development priorities?
2. Which elements have been proven useful? What could be synergies with the Voluntary National Review process at the HLPF?

Moderator: Mr. Zarak Khan, Director of Programmes and Initiatives, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

Part I

Vanuatu Peer Review Video (3.5 min)

*   Mr. Sylvain Kalsakau, Deputy Permanent Representative & Elections Officer, Permanent Mission of Vanuatu to the United Nations
*   Ms. Miriama Betham-Malielegaoi, Deputy Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations
*   Mr. Fred Sarufa, Deputy Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations
*   Ms. Deb Livermore, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia
*   Ms. Vani Catanasinga, Executive Director Fiji Council of Social Services

Interactive exchange (30 min)

Part II

*   Ms. Annika Lindblom, Secretary General, National Commission on Sustainable Development, Finland
*   Ms. Adriana Castro Gonzalez, National Planning Department of Colombia

- Mr. Thomas Wollnik, Head of Programme, Partners for Review (P4R)

Interactive exchange (30 min)