



# HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

## **Strengthening the VNR reports and processes: Recommendations for a new approach**

19 July 2023, 1:15-2:30 p.m. (EST)  
Conference room 12  
United Nations Headquarters New York

### Concept note

Organized by: The Committee for Development Policy (CDP) and the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA)

### Description:

The Committee for Development Policy (CDP) has been analyzing the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) presented at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) every year since 2017, while the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) engages with VNR countries and Voluntary Local Review (VLR) cities at its annual sessions through a peer exchange on experiences and promising practices in implementing SDGs 16 and 17.

In this side event the two committees will share their findings and recommendations for how the VNRs could be improved with the aim to both provide points for consideration by governments and other stakeholders participating in the VNRs and propose a new and revised approach to the VNRs - VNR v2.0 - ahead of the upcoming [2023 SDG summit](#) and HLPF review.

Focus will be on how the VNRs could be strengthened in both content and process to better serve as vehicles for peer learning and how principles of effective governance for sustainable development and governance indicators can be incorporated into the reports.

Member states and civil society organizations will be providing their reflections on the findings of the two committees and share their own perspectives on how the VNRs can be improved to support accelerated SDG implementation.

Format: The side event will last for 1.15 hours and be held in person in Conference room 12. Six speakers will make short initial interventions, followed by a moderated open discussion. The side event will take place in English only.

Moderator: Mr. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Invited speakers:

Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Chair, Committee for Development Policy (CDP)

Mr. Rolf Alter, Vice-Chair, Committee of Experts on Public Administration (remote)

Mr. John Gilroy, Climate and Sustainable Development Lead, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations

Ms. Latoya Clarke, Programme Director, Sustainable Development Goals Secretariat, SDG Focal Point, Planning Institute of Jamaica

Mr. Javier Surasky, Research Director, CEPEI