

Lessons Learned from the VNRs

Virtual Meeting of National Focal Points (NFPs) of Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

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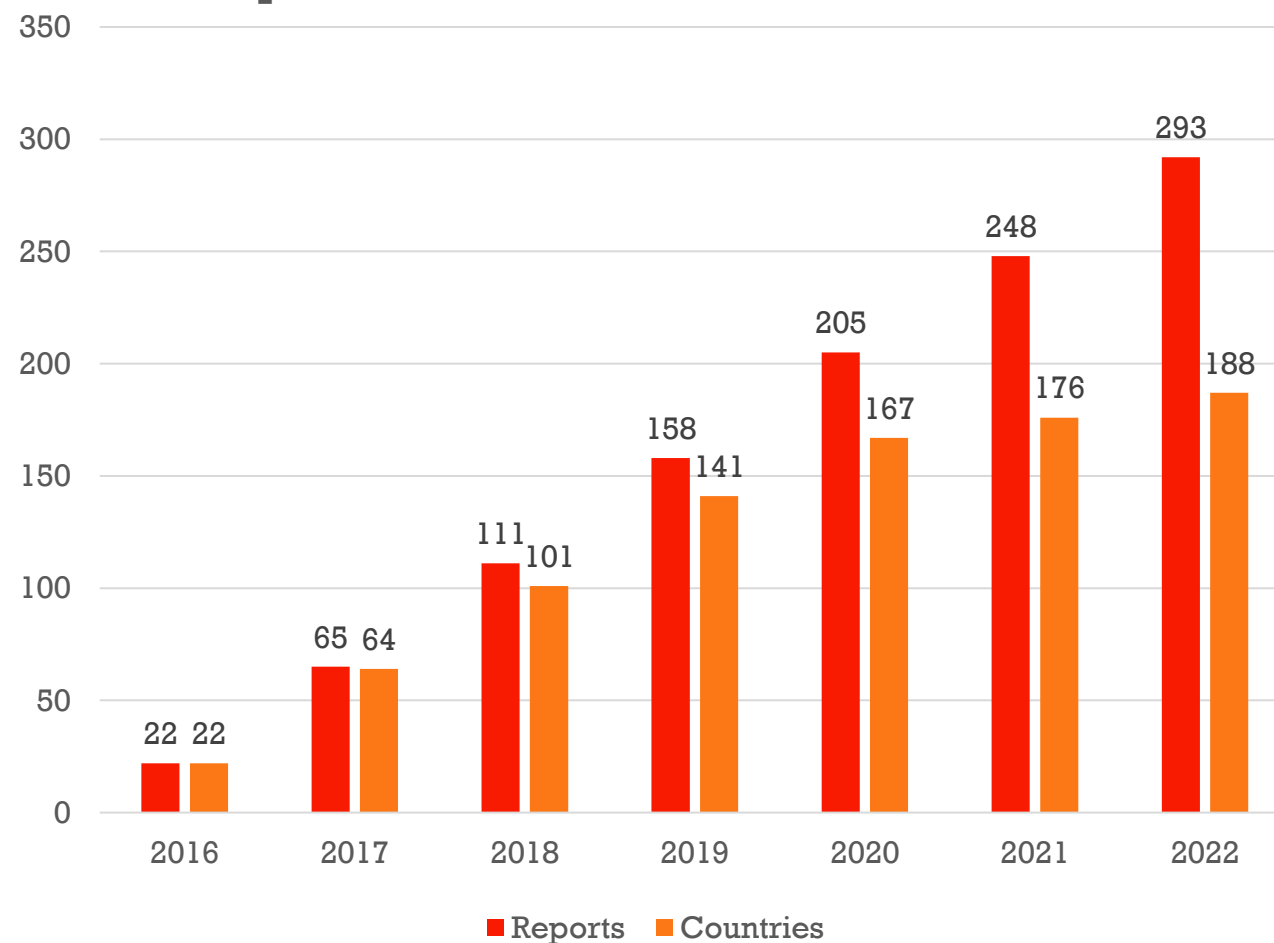
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The growth of VNR reporting

2016 to 2022

Number of reports and countries having presented at least once, 2016-2022



42 VNR Countries in 2021

VNR	ASIA PACIFIC (14)	LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (11)	AFRICA (10)	WESTERN EUROPE AND OTHERS (7)	EASTERN EUROPE (2)
First time (9)	DPRK Marshall Islands Myanmar	Antigua and Barbuda Bolivia Cuba Nicaragua	Angola	San Marino	
Second time (25)	Afghanistan Bhutan China Iraq Japan Lao PDR Malaysia Saudi Arabia Thailand	Bahamas Dominican Republic Paraguay	Cabo Verde Chad Madagascar Namibia Tunisia Zimbabwe	Cyprus Denmark Germany Norway Spain Sweden	Czech Republic
Third time (10)	Indonesia Qatar	Colombia Guatemala Mexico Uruguay	Egypt Niger Sierra Leone		Azerbaijan

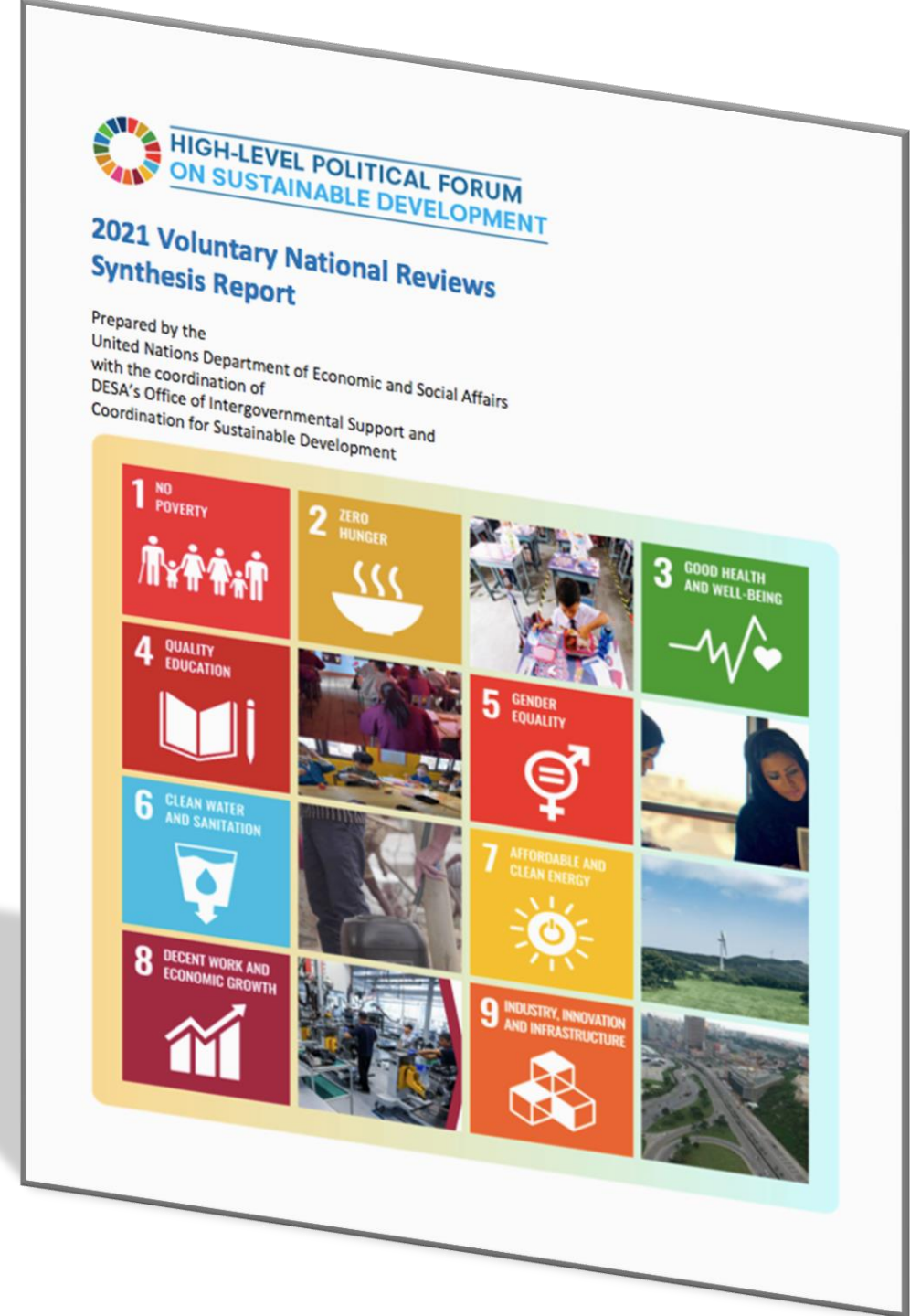
The 6th edition of the VNR Synthesis Report

Chapters:

- Bringing SDGs into the national context: assessments and strategies
- Institutions for implementing the 2030 Agenda
- Leaving no one behind
- Countries in special situations (new sub chapter on SIDS)
- Sustainable Development Goals and targets
- Monitoring and data
- Coherence among global frameworks and with regional frameworks
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Awareness-raising
- Means of implementation
- Differences between first and subsequent VNRs
- Main measures in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and information on overall impact

Available at:

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/vnrs/>



SIDS

Challenges

- ✧ small landmass
- ✧ small populations
- ✧ geographical isolation and spatial dispersion
- ✧ high cost of transport, communication and energy
- ✧ low-lying areas and extreme vulnerability to climate change and natural hazards
- ✧ fragility of island ecosystems and high level of endemism
- ✧ narrow resource-based and undiversified economies
- ✧ remoteness from markets and strong dependence on trade, travel and remittances
- ✧ high sensitivity to international fluctuations and narrow trade partners
- ✧ lack of access to concessional financing



SIDS are working together for a sustainable and resilient recovery



COVID-19
RESPONSE




Partnerships
Innovative solutions
Economic recovery
Development finance
Disaster resilience
Digitization
Sustainable tourism
Systems approaches
Ocean-based economies
Creative and cultural industries
Gender equality
Food Security



46 VNR Countries in 2022 (9 SIDS)

Number of Times Presenting/Region	1 st Time (12)	2 nd time (29)	3 rd Time (3)	4 th Time (2)
Africa (22)	Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, São Tomé and Príncipe, Somalia	Botswana, Cameroon, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Senegal, Sudan		Togo
Asia Pacific (7)	Tuvalu	Jordan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates	Philippines	
Eastern Europe (3)		Belarus, Latvia, Montenegro		
Latin America and the Caribbean (8)	Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Suriname	El Salvador, Jamaica	Argentina	Uruguay
Western Europe and Other (6)		Andorra, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands	Switzerland	





Thank You
Merci

