

ADVANCING NATIONAL SDG IMPLEMENTATION: EXPERIENCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM

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THE REPORT



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Aims of the report:

- Provide an overview of a selection of national reviews presented at this year's HLPF as well as civil society reports
- Make recommendations for future country and civil society reporting
- Make recommendations for future revisions of the Secretary General's voluntary reporting guidelines
- Share examples of best practice



ANALYSIS 1: The Secretary General's voluntary reporting guidelines

Table 1: Assessment of VNRs against the UN Secretary-General's common reporting guidelines

	China	Egypt	Estonia	Finland	France	Georgia	Germany	Montenegro	Norway	Philippines	Republic of Korea	Samoa	Sierra Leone	Switzerland	Turkey	Uganda
Statement by HoSG	○	○	○	●	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	●
Executive Summary	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●
Introduction	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Methodology for review	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	○	●
Creating ownership	○	○	●	●	○	●	○	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	○	●
Incorporation in national frameworks	○	○	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Integration of 3 dimensions	○	○	○	●	○	●	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	○
Goal and targets	○	●	●	○	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	○	○	●	○	○
Leave no one behind	○	●	○	●	○	●	●	●	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○
Institutional mechanisms	○	●	●	●	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	○	●
MOI	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	●	●	○	○	●	○	●
Next steps	○	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	○	●	●	○	●
Statistical annex	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	○	●
Conclusion	○	●	●	●	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●

● The report addresses this component as instructed in the guidelines
 ○ The report addresses this component to some extent in this or another section of the report but does not fulfil the brief as laid out in the guidelines
 ○ The report does not address this component

ANALYSIS 2: Key themes

Incorporation of the SDGs in national frameworks and policies

- Have SDGs been integrated into national legislation? Are there dedicated action plans?

Leadership, governance and institutional mechanisms for implementation

- What do governance structures look like? Who has oversight? Is there activity at the regional level?

Gap and baseline analysis

- Has any mapping or gap analysis taken place? What form is it taking? How extensive is it?

Integration and policy coherence

- How are countries approaching the integration of the social, economic and environmental dimensions?

Leave no one behind

- Are all countries including a reference to this? Is this agenda resulting in new initiatives?

Creating ownership and raising awareness

- How is the public profile being raised? Are there common approaches to doing so?

Stakeholder engagement in reporting and implementation

- What does this look like both during the preparation of the report and as part of SDG implementation?

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Key points

- Civil society from Uganda and Egypt both reference the **limiting of civil society space** at the national level and feedback from Samoa and Korea **criticises the mechanisms for civil society engagement** in both reporting and implementation.
- By contrast, the report from Kepa in Finland describes the **cooperation between government and civil society as exemplary**.
- Given the additional funds that will be needed to effectively implement Agenda 2030, civil society from Finland and Switzerland both criticise recent **cuts in funding for development cooperation**, which in Switzerland's case occurred following the adoption of the SDGs.
- Reports from Egypt, France and Switzerland all highlight the **gap between words and action** from government at the national level.
- The papers from civil society in Switzerland and Uganda were the only ones to **directly reference the contents of the government VNRs**.

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