

## WEBINAR

### *Why and how to engage in Voluntary National Reviews?*

**November 21 2018, 9:30 – 11:00 am (NY time)**

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#### **Background:**

The implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has transformational potential to support the goals of civil society organisations (CSOs) working on economic, social and environmental dimensions.

Central in overseeing follow-up and review of 2030 Agenda, Voluntary National Reviews aim to facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, with a view to accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. As key partners in the implementation and follow up of 2030 Agenda, civil society should be actively engaged in the process of planning, preparation, presentation and follow-up of VNRs at national, regional and global levels. However, many are still struggling to participate – Together 2030 and Newcastle University’s 2018 perceptions survey report highlighted that civil society knowledge of whether, and how they can engage, remains low at less than 40%.

Together 2030, in partnership with CAFOD and Uniting Combat NTDs have developed a new resource: “Voluntary National Reviews: Engaging in national implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals – a civil society quick guide”. The purpose of the guide is to support civil society in engaging in VNR processes at the national level. It is a short, action-oriented and practical tool that includes tips and tools to guide partners throughout the process.

**This webinar intends to provide an introduction to the VNR quick guide and create a space to discuss the opportunities for engaging in the process. In addition, this webinar will offer a national perspective from civil society from countries that presented or will present their national voluntary reviews and will share their experience at engaging in the VNRs process at national level.**

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AGENDA	
<b>9:30 – 9:35</b>	<p><b>Welcome and review of the Agenda</b></p> <p>Moderator: Marc Wormald, Policy Advisor, Uniting to Combat NTDs</p>
<b>9:35 – 09:45</b>	<p><b>2019 Edition of the Handbook for the Preparation of Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)</b></p> <p>Speaker: Naiara Costa, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, UNDESA</p>
<b>09:45 – 9:55</b>	<p><b>The challenge of a participatory and inclusive VNRs</b></p> <p>Speaker: Graham Long, Associate Director of the Institute for Sustainability, Newcastle University</p>
<b>9:55– 10:05</b>	<p><b>Introduction to the VNR quick guide</b></p> <p>Speaker: Diego Martinez-Schütt, Policy Analyst on SDGs, CAFOD</p>
<b>10:05–10:15</b>	<p><b>Reflections on the 2017 VNR process in Zimbabwe</b></p> <p>Speaker: Judith Kaulem, Director of Poverty Reduction Forum Trust Zimbabwe (PRFT) and co-chair of the Zimbabwean CSO Reference Group on SDGs</p>
<b>10:15 – 10:25</b>	<p><b>Preparing for HLPF 2019, civil society engagement in the UK’s VNR process towards 2019</b></p> <p>Speaker: Kit Dorey, Policy and Advocacy Adviser at BOND, on behalf of the BOND SDG Group</p>
<b>10:25– 10:55</b>	<p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p>
<b>10:55 – 11:00</b>	<p><b>Wrap up and closing</b></p>

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