



Reflecting population data and migration trends in the VNRs

Thursday 9 July, 12:00 pm

Concept note

#### Background

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides for a comprehensive process to review progress made in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets at national, regional and global levels. Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) allow Member States to present the progress made at the national level during the annual High Level Political Forum. These reviews, prepared through a country-led process supported by UN system entities, aim to facilitate the sharing of experiences both successes and challenges among Member States, with a view towards accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Quality, accessible, timely, reliable and disaggregated data on population trends, including migration trends, are required to measure progress in implementing the SDGs and to ensure that no one is left behind (RES/70/1). Indeed, population data are crucial for the compilation of a large number of indicators contained in the global indicator framework for monitoring the SDGs and targets (RES/71/31).

#### Objective

This VNR Lab aims to bring together national policymakers and experts from countries that have recently prepared VNRs, as well as representatives of international organizations and other stakeholders, with a view to exchanging knowledge and sharing good practices on the use of population data, including data on migration, for VNRs and

recommended actions to accelerate the availability, quality and comparability of such information over the next decade.

#### Format

The VNR Lab will be an interactive discussion consisting of a panel of speakers representing up to four Member States, followed by an open discussion. Following the welcome address of the chair, the panelists will have seven to eight (8) minutes each for their presentations. A moderated discussion will follow, with interventions from the floor not to exceed three minutes. Each panelist will be given up to two (2) minutes for concluding remarks.



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