

From Key Performance Indicators for Smart Sustainable Cities to Voluntary Local Reviews

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Implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda



- It encourages countries to “conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and sub-national levels, which are country-led and country-driven”, through the development of the Voluntary National Reviews (VNR). However,
 - VNRs often focus on the achievements of a country as a whole.
 - Only 42% of VNRs are based on consultation with regional and local governments. VNRs rarely include data disaggregated per location (UCLG, 2019).
- Cities play important role in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and they are interested in documenting their progress towards SDGs.
 - They develop the Voluntary Local Reviews (e.g. Barcelona, Bristol, Helsinki).

Voluntary Local Reviews



- Allow cities to take part in a global dialogue on the Agenda vis a vis their national counterparts and international organizations.
- Provide a nuanced view on the progress towards SDG by highlighting differences in the levels of development across locations;
- Increase the ownership of SDGs at the local level, to review local development goals and targets, to mobilize stakeholder support towards a collaborative implementation of the goals, and to better align the management of local finances towards SDGs;
- Improve the engagement of local governments in the preparation of the VNRs and other national processes of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

About the Key Performance Indicators for Smart Sustainable Cities (KPIs for SSC)



- Local governments develop and measure their progress towards SDGs using various tools, most notably Key Performance Indicators for Smart Sustainable Cities (KPIs for SSC).
- The KPIs for SSC provide cities with a consistent and standardized method to collect data and measure performance and progress to:
 - achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
 - becoming a smarter city
 - becoming a more sustainable city

Development of the guidelines



- Only few resources that support development of the VLRs exist.
- It is important to provide cities with guidance for reviewing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the local level that is based on solid a framework for measuring SDGs at the local level.
- Guidelines will be developed to **provide cities with a standardized approach to the review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, based on the KPIs for SSC.**
- Guidelines will be developed by the UNECE Secretariat, the municipalities in Norway and the Geneva UN Charter Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Development Goals City Transitions in Trondheim, which works in collaboration with the Norwegian University of Technology (NTNU), and other relevant stakeholders.

Thank you!

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