

**Draft Programme**  
**REGIONAL PREPARATORY WORKSHOP FOR VNR COUNTRIES from the UNECE REGION**  
**24 April 2017**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
9:00 - 9:15	<b>Welcome and opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Representative of DSD/DESA</li> <li>- Representative of UNECE</li> </ul>
9:15 - 10:00	<b>Aims and objectives of the meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expectations for the meeting</li> <li>• Tour de table of participants</li> </ul>
10:00 - 10:15	Coffee break
10:15 - 12:30	<b>Roundtable: Status of Preparations of the VNRs</b> <i>Issues for discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress achieved in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs</li> <li>• Strategies and tools for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs – lessons learned from 2016 volunteering countries</li> <li>• Institutions and stakeholders involved in the preparations</li> <li>• Sharing of successes, challenges, gaps, lessons learned using also Synthesis report from 2016 VNR countries as resource</li> <li>• Regional commonalities and regional peer learning</li> </ul>
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch break
13:00 - 15:00	<b>Preparation of the VNR report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretary-General voluntary guidelines for VNRs and how to best utilize them</li> <li>• Main messages and reflecting national priorities</li> <li>• Stakeholder consultations and outreach</li> <li>• Identifying capacity-development needs and priorities</li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
15:15 - 16:30	<b>Format and organization of reviews at HLPF</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience and lessons learned from 2016 VNRs</li> <li>• What type of presentations can be envisaged</li> <li>• What kind of interaction format can be useful</li> </ul>
16:30 - 17:00	<b>Next steps and follow-up to the workshop</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expectations from volunteering countries</li> <li>• Support needed</li> </ul>

The outcome of the workshop will be presented at the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE region on 25 April.