



DEPARTMENT OF
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**Community of Practice on Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)
for Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries
Virtual meeting, 14 September 2022
Programme
(Trinidad and Tobago time)**

- 14:00** **Welcome and introduction**
- Romain Zivy, Chief of Staff, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC
 - Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Advisor on Implementation and Review of SDGs, DESA
- Moderation** by Mareike Eberz, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC
- Setting the stage: the localization of the SDGs and the Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs)**
- 14:10** **The localization of the SDGs in the LAC region**
Valeria Torres, Governance Affairs Officer, The Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), ECLAC
- 14:20** **The VLRs: global perspective and benefits**
Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Advisor on Implementation and Review of SDGs, DESA
- 14.30** **The Network of Cantons for the Promotion of the SDGs - Promoting the SDGs at the local level**
- Victoria Cruz, Strategic Planning Officer and Head of Office, Office of the Resident Coordinator in Costa Rica
 - Jorge Ocampo, Executive President of the Institute of Development and Municipal Advisory (IFAM) in Costa Rica
- 14.40** **Interactive peer-to-peer learning dialogue between LAC countries**
- Moderation** by Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Coordinator of the Statistics and Social Development Unit, Subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, ECLAC



VLR experiences from the LAC region

- 14.55** **The experience of Argentina: local governments as central actors in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda - the case of the city of San Justo, Santa Fe**
- Nicolás Cuesta, Architect, Mayor of San Justo, Argentina
- Mónica Astore, Coordinator of Education of the Government of the City of San Justo
- 15.05** **The experience of Mexico: stakeholder engagement in the VLR process**
Jorge Luis Aviles Lizama, Technical Secretary, Technical Secretary for Planning and Monitoring, Government of the State of Yucatan, Mexico
- 15.15** **The experience of Costa Rica: the process of conducting a VLR in a rural area**
Miguel Mata, Vice Mayor of Municipal Puriscal, Province of San José, Costa Rica
- 15.25** **Interactive peer-to-peer learning dialogue between LAC countries**

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- 15:40** **Past and upcoming regional and global milestones of the 2030 Agenda**
Mareike Eberz, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC
- 15:50** **Concluding remarks**
Humberto Soto, Social Affairs Officer, Social Affairs Officer, Subregional Headquarters in Mexico, ECLAC
- 16.00** **Closing**