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Delivering on the Capacity Development of Civil Society and other Stakeholders to ensure a successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda

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INTRODUCTION OF THE REPORT

“Effective follow -up and review of the 2030 Agenda through peer learning is essential for renewed action and progress in achieving the ambitious and interlinked SDGs.”¹

- LIU Zhenmin (Under-Secretary-General UNDESA)
- Forus carried out an analysis of the 2017 & 2018 VNRs in order to determine how capacity development is being implemented by national governments and whom it benefits.
- The methodology used for this analysis was to gather all information on capacity development in the 2017 & 2018 VNRs

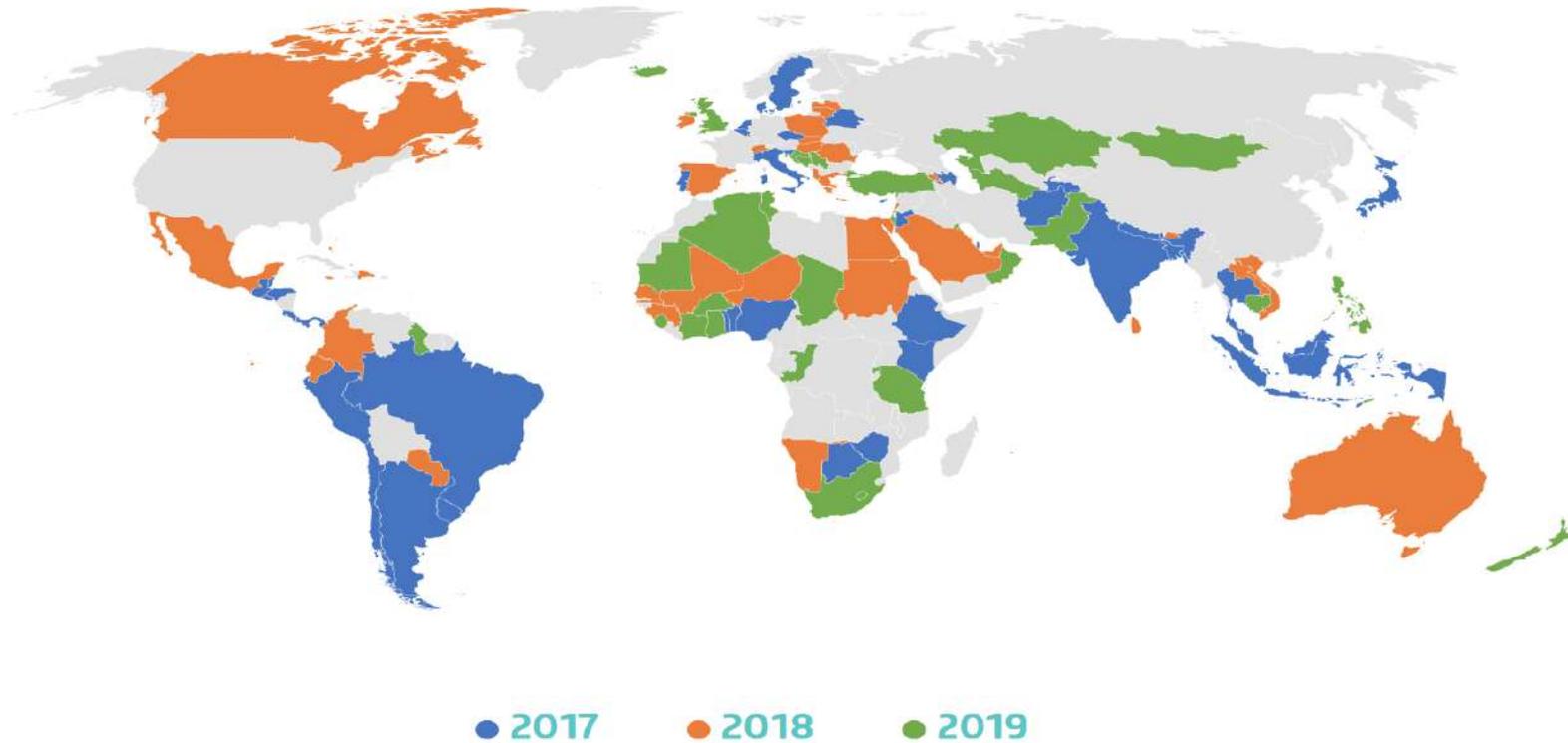




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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



Figure 1 VNRs presented in 2017/2018/2019



KEY FINDING 1:

Capacity development has been used as an encompassing **term to describe everything from education to vocational training** in the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) submitted by governments in 2017/2018.



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KEY FINDING 2: There is a need for a much clearer definition of capacity development linked to the **2030 Agenda**, not just to the focus of the 17 goals and targets, but also to the ambitious vision and potentially transformative principles of the Preamble and Declaration of the 2030 Agenda.



KEY FINDING 3: The capacity development of national stakeholders linked to the 2030 Agenda, and in particular of Civil Society, is heterogenous, fragmented, irregular and in many cases does not appear to be taking place based on an analysis by Forus of the VNRs submitted by governments to the HLPF in 2017 and 2018.



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• **KEY FINDING 4:**
The failure of governments to live up to the clear commitments of Goal 17 of the agenda to provide for the capacity building of civil society and other stakeholders is difficult to comprehend, given that properly designed and planned capacity development could greatly enhance the ability of different stakeholder groups to monitor and contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda



KEY FINDING 5:

A systematic and objective identification of the capacity development needs of different stakeholder groups, including civil society, is required as a matter of priority, given that the international community is now four years into the implementation phase of this universal agenda whose ambitious goals and targets must be achieved by 2030.



RECOMMENDATIONS (1)



- A clear definition of capacity development should be agreed upon by all UN member states to inform reporting on capacity development in the VNRs
- The capacity development of different stakeholder groups linked the 2030 Agenda should be subject to a global, multi-level coordination system in which civil society and other stakeholders play a key role.
- A Global Fund should be created as part of the operationalization of Goal 17 to promote the capacity building and development of different stakeholder groups,



RECOMMENDATIONS (2)



- Capacity development needs should be determined by each stakeholder group, based on the entire 2030 Agenda including its Principles and Declaration
- National, regional and global-level indicators should be developed which measure the extent to which the capacity development of civil society and other stakeholder groups have been enabled at each level, including an indicator which will measure the financial resources dedicated to capacity development for civil society each year.
- Capacity development efforts should be strengthened at the regional level, involving multiple stakeholders in order to promote greater partnership and linked to regional 2030 Agenda priority areas.



RECOMMENDATIONS (3)



- Official spaces should be created within official regional/international forums for innovative peer exchange and learning between CSOs and other stakeholders involved in the implementation of the Agenda 2030.
- Joint capacity development of different stakeholder groups should be encouraged at international, regional and national forums to facilitate the exchange of expertise and to promote peer learning.

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