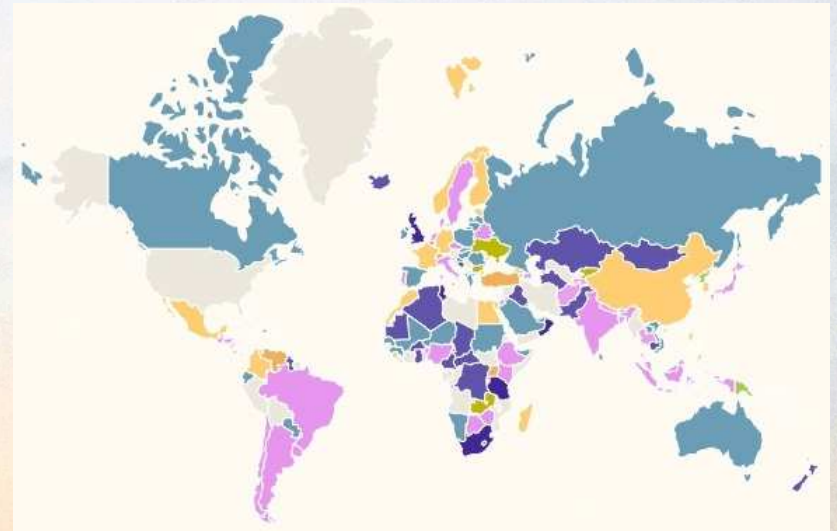
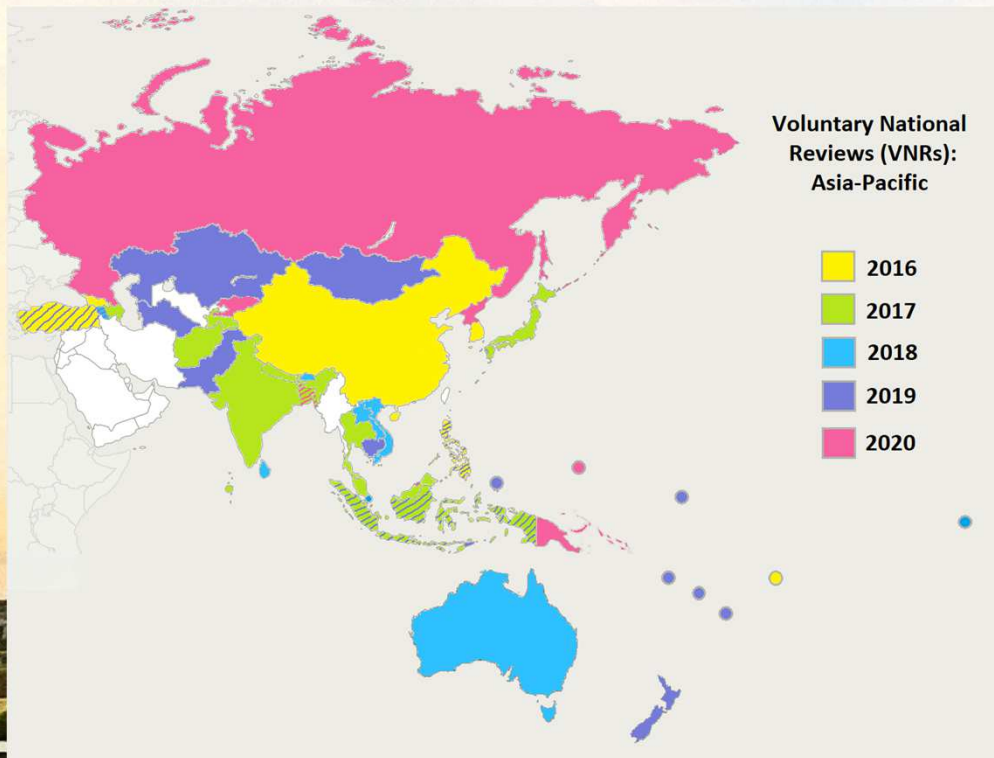




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# Voluntary National Reviews in Figures



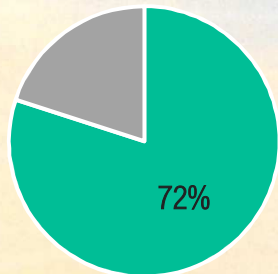
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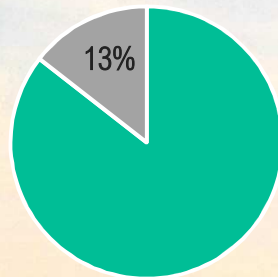


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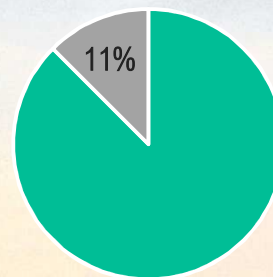
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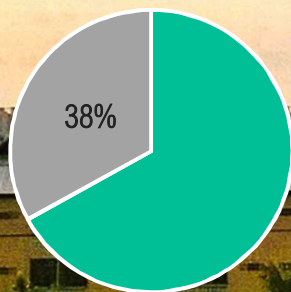
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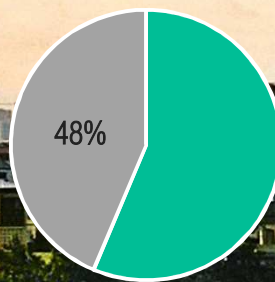
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Leaving no one behind



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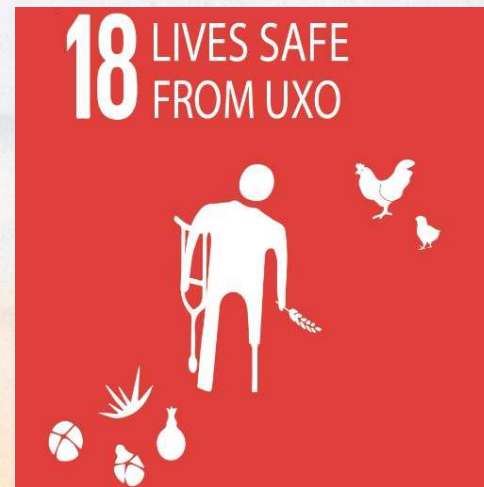


## Analysis of goals and targets:

- a snapshot of the status of the goals and targets;
- achievements and good practices;
- the impact of country interventions at home and abroad;
- gaps and challenges;
- SDG interlinkages;
- emerging issues;
- future implementation plans.

source: UN DESA (2018)

# Highlight of national priorities & SDG nationalisation



SDG 18



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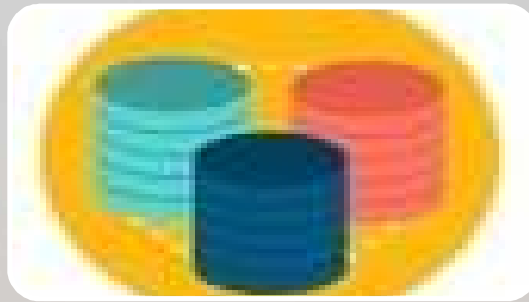


# Challenging areas in SDG implementation



## DATA & MONITORING

Data disaggregation  
Data collection & analysis  
Financial resources



## FINANCE

Resource mobilization  
Diminished ODA  
Engagement of private sector



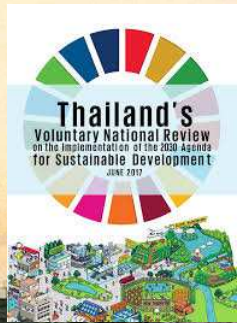
## AWARENESS

Low, especially at grassroots level  
Need for capacity building

# VNR examples



Azerbaijan: Panel discussions gathering academia, civil society, women, youth and parliamentarians. Government plans to work with the media to establish an **interactive web-platform** designed to promote awareness on the SDGs and support monitoring



Thailand (2017): Provides a good overview on each goals, including highlighting best practices. It also depicts the relevance of different stakeholder group. (94 pages)

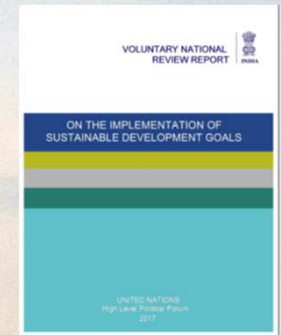


# VNR examples



Australia (2018): whole of society approach throughout the consultation process. The Government partnered up with different stakeholders to broaden the reach of the consultation

India (2017): multi-disciplinary VNR Task Force to coordinate the review and process documentation and include perspectives and progress on the various programmes and initiatives from the sub-national level, state and union territory governments



Sri Lanka (2018): whole of Government approach by establishing an inter-ministerial Task Force (TF) to guide the consultation process. Government multi-stakeholder consultations were held at national, provincial, and district levels. A Multi-stakeholder Task Force (MSTF) was established to coordinate the process.

Thank You

