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Strengthening the Regional Dimension of SDG Implementation

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Missed Opportunities

- **UN regional follow-up and review processes are currently under-used in terms of promoting effective SDG implementation.**
- **They should provide opportunities for the assessment of regional challenges and for the development of shared regional targets.**
- **They should also facilitate dialogue, share lessons learned and identify current and past good practice from countries presenting VNRs from the region**

Good Practice Guidance in relation to VNRs

Strengthening stakeholder engagement

- **Sufficient funding should be provided to enable representatives of stakeholder groups to participate in official regional meetings**
- **At the regional level, civil society should also be properly resourced to organize itself across subnational, national and sub-regional boundaries.**
- **Multi-annual funding should be provided to resource permanent secretariats for the new Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanisms**



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Multi-stakeholder partnerships

- Regional Sustainable Development Exchange & Learning Hubs Regional SD exchange and learning hubs should be resourced and established in each region in which diverse stakeholders can participate and develop their capacities to promote more effective 2030 Agenda monitoring and implementation across each region
- Opportunities should be provided for the development of multi-stakeholder partnerships at the regional and national levels.

Outcomes of Regional SD Forums

- A much greater focus should be placed on the outcomes and summary reports of the UN regional sustainable development follow-up and review mechanisms.
- The summary reports should form an important element of the discussions at the HLPE, including key presentations at the official sessions, as well as sharing amongst the MGoS and the interministerial discussions,
- The findings of the regional summary reports should be reflected in the political declaration that is the main outcome of the HLPE.

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