UN VOLUNTEERS

NATIONAL SITUATION ANALYSIS ON VOLUNTEERISM
for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

CALL FOR DATA AND EVIDENCE
Deadline for submission: 15 September 2018

ABOUT the NSA

BACKGROUND

The 2015 Report of the UN Secretary-General (A/70/118) presented the **plan of action** to integrate volunteering for the next decade and beyond.

In line with paragraph 115 of this report, the **United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme** is calling UN Member States to contribute with their **National Situation Analysis** (NSA) on volunteerism as part of the implementation of the plan of action.

Note Verbale (Reference: UNV-2017/01) and Technical Note on this were sent through the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York in 2017.

PURPOSE

The NSA aims at:

- **Generate** evidence and data on the scale, scope and impact of volunteerism as well as a body of knowledge on volunteerism;

- **Inform** discussions at national, regional and global levels on mainstreaming volunteerism as a cross-cutting means of the implementation for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

OUTCOME

Based on the NSAs submitted, UNV will facilitate preparation of five regional synthesis reports as an input to the 2019 regional consultations in preparation for the global technical meeting in 2020.

STEPS to the completion of the NSA

FOCAL POINT

Identify a focal point in charge of volunteerism issues to manage the NSA process; if no such focal point can be identified, please contact the Plan of Action Secretariat at unv.poa@unv.org to discuss how the Secretariat can be of assistance.

DOCUMENTS

Provide the focal point with the Note Verbale (Reference: UNV-2017/01) dated 25 July 2017 and the Technical Note (version 24 June 2017) mentioned above; *For copies of these documents, contact the Member State's Permanent Mission to the United Nations or unv.poa@unv.org*

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Engage relevant ministries, national agencies, volunteer involving organizations, civil society, academia and the private sector in the development of the National Situation Analysis (*This can be done through existing consultative mechanisms in the country e.g. Voluntary National Review).

GUIDELINES, GUIDING TEMPLATE and SUBMISSION

Conduct the National Situation Analysis responding to the guiding questions for analysis in the Guidelines and Guiding Template attached;

Member States may invite UNV and volunteer involving organizations to support the NSA preparation – e.g. Facilitation of multi-stakeholder consultation processes;

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GUIDELINES to facilitate the completion of the NSA in the following three key areas

Policy and legislation, leadership and resources

- How do values, traditional and cultural norms inform volunteerism in different contexts that contribute to peace and development?
- What are the critical conditions that allow volunteerism to leave a positive mark on peace and development?
- What does the above knowledge reveal about the future promotion of volunteerism?

examples
Favourable policies and regulatory frameworks, national plans, special awards, celebrations, committed leadership in government, or civil society.

Functioning schemes and organisations at the national and subnational levels

- What does volunteerism add to development that paid work does not?
- What values does volunteerism add to development process and its outcomes?
- How does volunteerism make development more efficient, effective and sustainable?
- What contributions does volunteerism make at the individual, community and national development levels?

examples
Promotion of volunteerism, youth initiatives, campaign, community initiatives etc related to mutual support, citizenship, employability, non-discrimination, support of vulnerable groups, etc...

The state of impact assessment, monitoring and evaluation of volunteer initiatives

- Do you have mechanisms/tools to measure contributions of volunteers? (for example, do you use the ILO Manual on the Measurement of Volunteer Work?)
- If mechanisms/tools exist, what type of data do you generate?

examples
Number of volunteers, hours volunteered, economic value of volunteerism, barriers and incentives to volunteerism, motivations, etc

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