Voluntary Local Review YOKOHAMA

What made Yokohama launch the VLR
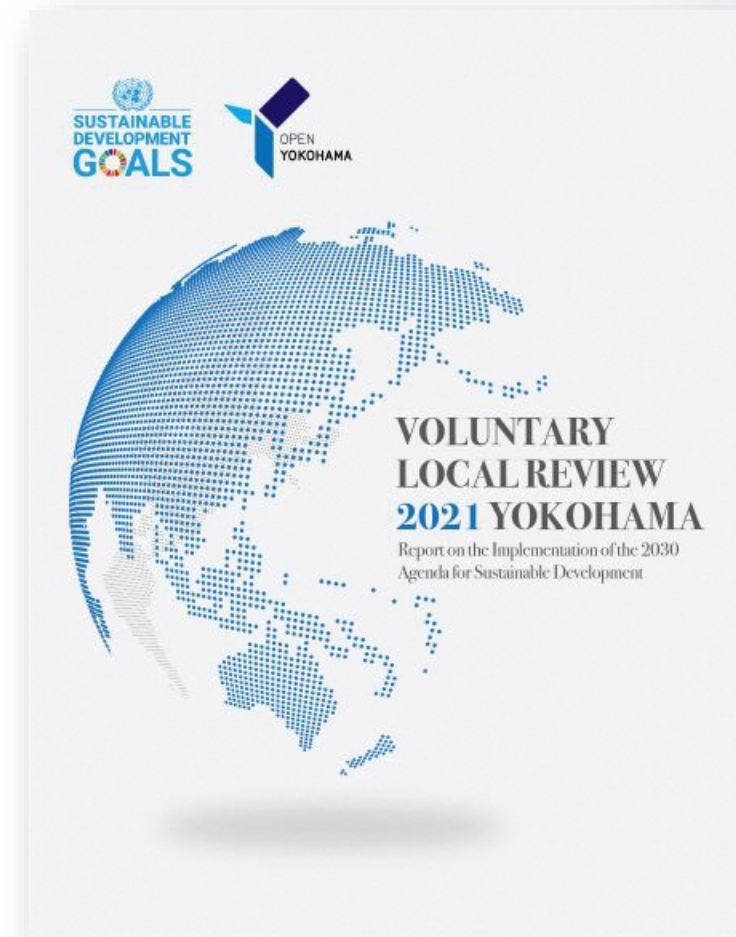
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AGENDA

- ☐ Why VLRs?
- ☐ Preparation
- ☐ Policy and Enabling Environment
- ☐ Methodology to Implement the SDGs
- ☐ Beyond the Report

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

OPEN YOKOHAMA

VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEW 2021 YOKOHAMA

Report on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Why VLRs?

- VLR as a City Management Process

- VLR as a Communication Tool

- VLR as a Global Movement

Why VLRs?

VLR as a City Management Process

- We can use VLRs to verify the progress of SDGs locally and use the data to improve future policy making.

VLR as a Communication Tool

- We can share the systems and know-how we learn and implement, and develop stronger solutions together.

VLR as a Global Movement

- VLRs could become a catalyst to disseminate local voices and actions to the greater world.

Preparation

- Learned from "SDG Leadership Cities"

- Signed "VLR Declaration"

- Referenced Guidelines

- Confirmed with Mayor (Mayor's Commitment)

Learned from "SDG Leadership Cities"

Established by

BROOKINGS

17 Cities from **13** Countries

Signed "VLR Declaration"

Referenced Guidelines

United Nations | Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Global Guiding Elements for Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) of SDG implementation

Introduction

As part of its follow-up and review mechanisms, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development encourages member States to "conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and subnational levels, which are country-led and country-driven" (paragraph 79)[1]. As part of this review, starting in 2016, countries have presented their Voluntary National Reviews (VNR) to the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development.

Local and regional governments are increasingly engaging in their own subnational reviews, so called Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs), which have proven useful for cities and regions to foster SDG localization and demonstrate local governments' capacity and commitments. Unlike the VNRs, local reviews do not directly have an official basis in the 2030 Agenda or other intergovernmental agreements, even though the 2030 Agenda underlines in several places the importance of governments working closely with regional and local authorities on its implementation. However, the process of undertaking these subnational reviews provides multiple benefits to the entities engaging in them and has the potential to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. While subnational reviews of 2030 Agenda implementation contribute to the attainment of the Goals in their own right and have intrinsic value as part of the implementation process, they can also contribute to the national-level Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) and reinforce vertical coherence.

The critical role of local and regional actors was also highlighted by member States in the Political Declaration of the 2019 SDG Summit[2] in which member States committed to empowering and supporting cities, local authorities and communities in pursuing the 2030 Agenda, and recognized their critical role in implementing and realizing the Sustainable Development Goals.

The guiding elements outlined below provide a starting point for local and regional governments considering producing their own Voluntary Local Review and aim to give an overview of useful focus areas for the review process and the eventual report. As such, they are voluntary, as are the VLRs themselves, and they are not meant to be prescriptive nor restrictive. Given the variety of local and regional governments conducting reviews of their SDG implementation, these global guiding elements do not aim at addressing best practices for institutional arrangements, data collection or stakeholder engagement, but merely highlight areas that could be addressed in the process. Hence, the guiding elements aim at providing a low-threshold entry point to VLRs by showcasing a check list of issues that could be addressed. They aim at providing a framework that, building on the SDGs as the common language among all levels of government, enhances the dialogue between VNRs and VLRs and relevant actors at all levels.

Asia-Pacific Regional Guidelines on Voluntary Local Reviews

Reviewing local progress to accelerate action for the Sustainable Development Goals

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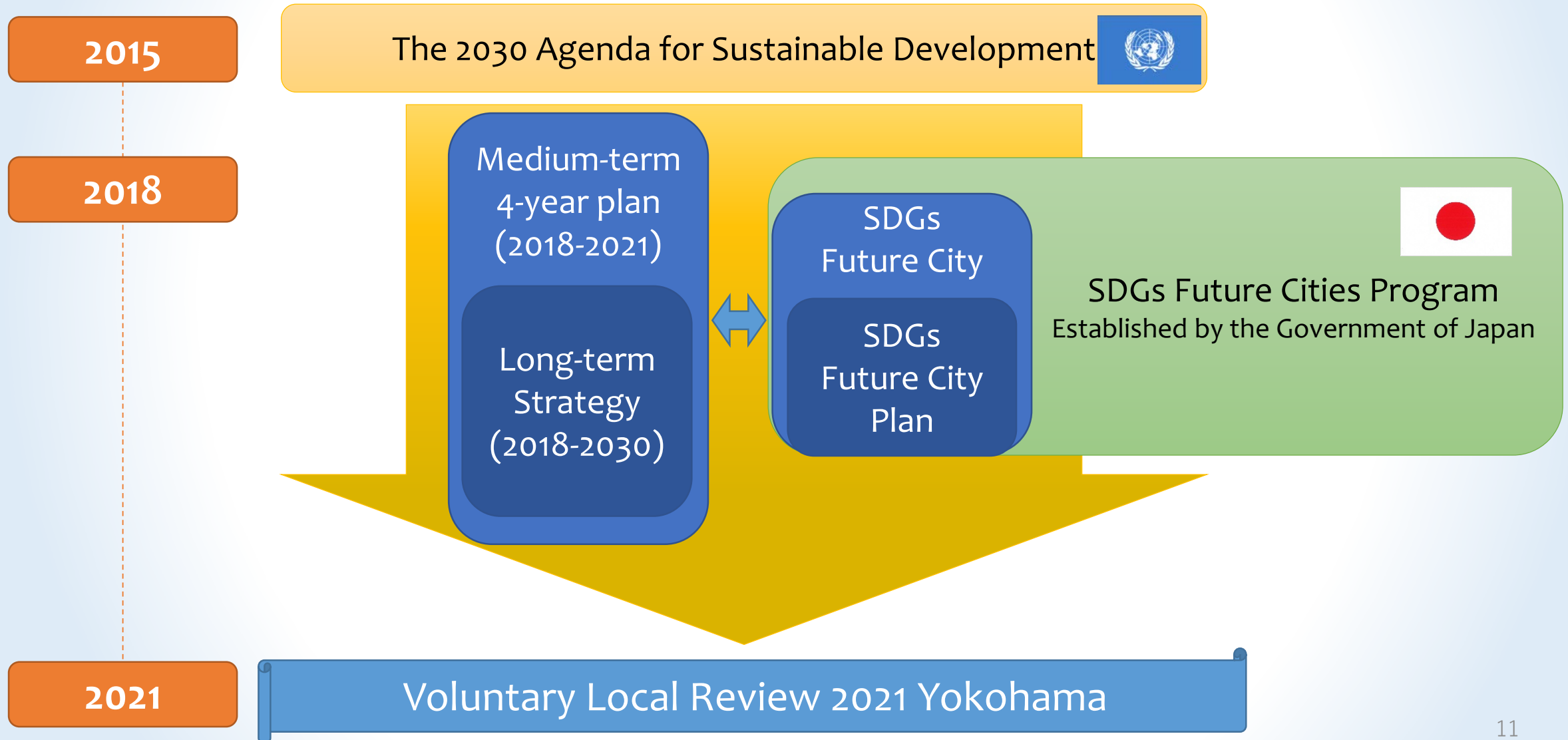
Mayor's Commitment

1. OPENING STATEMENT

Due to globalization, the movement of people across national borders has increased dramatically, and the threat of infectious disease epidemics and transmission has also increased. The spread of the COVID-19 has exposed the problems of a disparate society that is widespread not only in developing countries but also in developed countries. In addition, it has been pointed out that the increase in the world population and industrialization / urbanization may worsen water / food problems and health problems in the future. In order to protect people's health and safety from the threat of pandemics now and in the future, we will not only improve the medical care provision system, but also improve the infrastructure and nutritional status to improve the sanitary environment such as water and sewage and waste treatment in developing countries. In addition, in recent years, large-scale disasters caused by large typhoons, hurricanes, cyclones, and torrential rains have occurred one after another all over the world. It is

Policy and Enabling Environment

- Incorporating SDGs in Local Framework

- Institutional Mechanism

- Structural Issues

Incorporating SDGs in Local Framework

2015

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

2018

Medium-term 4-year plan (2018-2021)

Long-term Strategy (2018-2030)

SDGs Future City

SDGs Future City Plan

SDGs Future Cities Program
Established by the Government of Japan

2021

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Institutional Mechanism

SDGs Promotion Headquarters

Head: Mayor

Joint Secretariat: Climate Change Policy Headquarters, Policy Bureau, International Affairs Bureau

Climate Change Policy Headquarters

- Review the local SDGs model projects
- Promote the SDGs FutureCity

Policy Bureau

- Plan and review the Yokohama Mid-Term 4-Year Plan
- Develop and manage KPIs

International Affairs Bureau

- **Share city's actions with the world**
- **Collaborate with international partners**

Related Bureaus and Ward Offices : Promote related projects

All Bureaus and Ward Offices : Promote SDGs

Methodology
to Implement the SDGs

- Mapping the SDGs into Local Agendas

- Setting KPIs and Reviewing Progress

- Referencing SDGs Local Indicator Lists

Mapping the SDGs into Local Agendas

[6 Strategies of the Yokohama Mid-term 4-year Plan against 17 SDGs]

	Strategy 1	Strategy 2	Strategy 3	Strategy 4	Strategy 5	Strategy 6
1 NO POVERTY					●	
2 ZERO HUNGER	●					
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING			●			
4 QUALITY EDUCATION	●	●			●	
5 GENDER EQUALITY					●	
6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION		●				
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY		●				●

Setting KPIs and Reviewing Progress

MEASURES	KPI	Progress
An Economically strong and creative city	Number of projects created by open innovation	**98%**
	Number of cooperation / collaboration projects with overseas cities, etc.	**75%**
	Tourism consumption	**27%**

MEASURES	KPI	Progress
A Leading environmental city	Community-based flower and green initiatives in 18 wards	**75%**
	Greenhouse gas emissions in the city area	**107%**
	Total amount of garbage and resources	**88%**

MEASURES	KPI	Progress
A City Undaunted by Population Ageing	Number of networks with community-based welfare organizations and institutions through Community Care Plazas, etc.	**85%**
	Cancer screening detailed examination consultation rate	**73%**
	Number of participants in local long-term care prevention activity groups	**119%**

MEASURES	KPI	Progress
A City That Grows by Bringing People and Businesses Together	Average number of passengers per day at stations in central Yokohama	Aggregation currently in process
	Satisfaction with maintenance around the nearest station	**91%**
	The number of housing units supplied in consideration of child-rearing households in public housing implemented by city policy	**86%**

MEASURES	KPI	Progress
A city where everyone can thrive	Percentage of women in managerial positions (section chief level and above) in city offices	**57%**
	Number of Yokohama senior volunteer point participants	**59%**
	Number of people who have improved towards independence in youth independence support organizations	**61%**

MEASURES	KPI	Progress
A forward-thinking resilient city	Number of sections of emergency traffic routes where the risk of collapse of roadside buildings has been eliminated	**90%**
	Maintenance rate of deep-water quay for container boats	**100%**
	Inspection survey using a nozzle camera on the inner surface of a sewer pipe that has passed 30 years	**94%**

Referencing SDGs Local Indicator Lists

Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

	Local Indicators	Current Data (Year, Area)
1.1.1	Continuing to consider candidate indicators	n/a
1.2.1	1.2.1.1 Household percentage by annual income class (• Households less than 1 million JPY (9,091 USD)/ordinary households • Households less than 2 million JPY(18,182USD) /ordinary households • Households less than 3 million JPY(27,273USD) /ordinary households • Households less than 4 million JPY (36,364 JPY) /ordinary households • Households less than 5 million JPY(45,455 USD)/ordinary households)	1.2.1.1 • 3.7% • 12.4% • 26.7% • 40.7% • 52.4% (2018, Yokohama)
	1.2.1.2 Percentage change rate of household ratio by annual income class* (Household percentage by annual income class / Household percentage by annual income class as of 5 years ago) -1) *Changed the calculation method of the index	1.2.1.2 Less than 1 million JPY (9,091 USD): 8.8% Less than 2 million JPY (18,182USD): 4.2% Less than 3 million JPY (27,273USD): 2.3% Less than 4 million JPY (36,364 JPY): 0.7% Less than 5 million JPY (45,455 USD): -0.6%
1.2.2	Continuing to consider candidate indicators	n/a
1.3.1	Continuing to consider candidate indicators	n/a
1.4.1	Water supply penetration rate (Water supply population / total population)	99.999% (2019, Yokohama)

Beyond the Report

- Asia Smart City Conference

- Recognition through Global Platforms

- City-to-City Cooperation

Asia Smart City Conference

YAMANAKA Takeharu, Mayor, City of Yokohama

10th Asia Smart City Conference "Yokohama Declaration"

"VLR is expected to serve as a framework for encouraging the participation of regional stakeholders and regional innovation, and help cities become more sustainable".
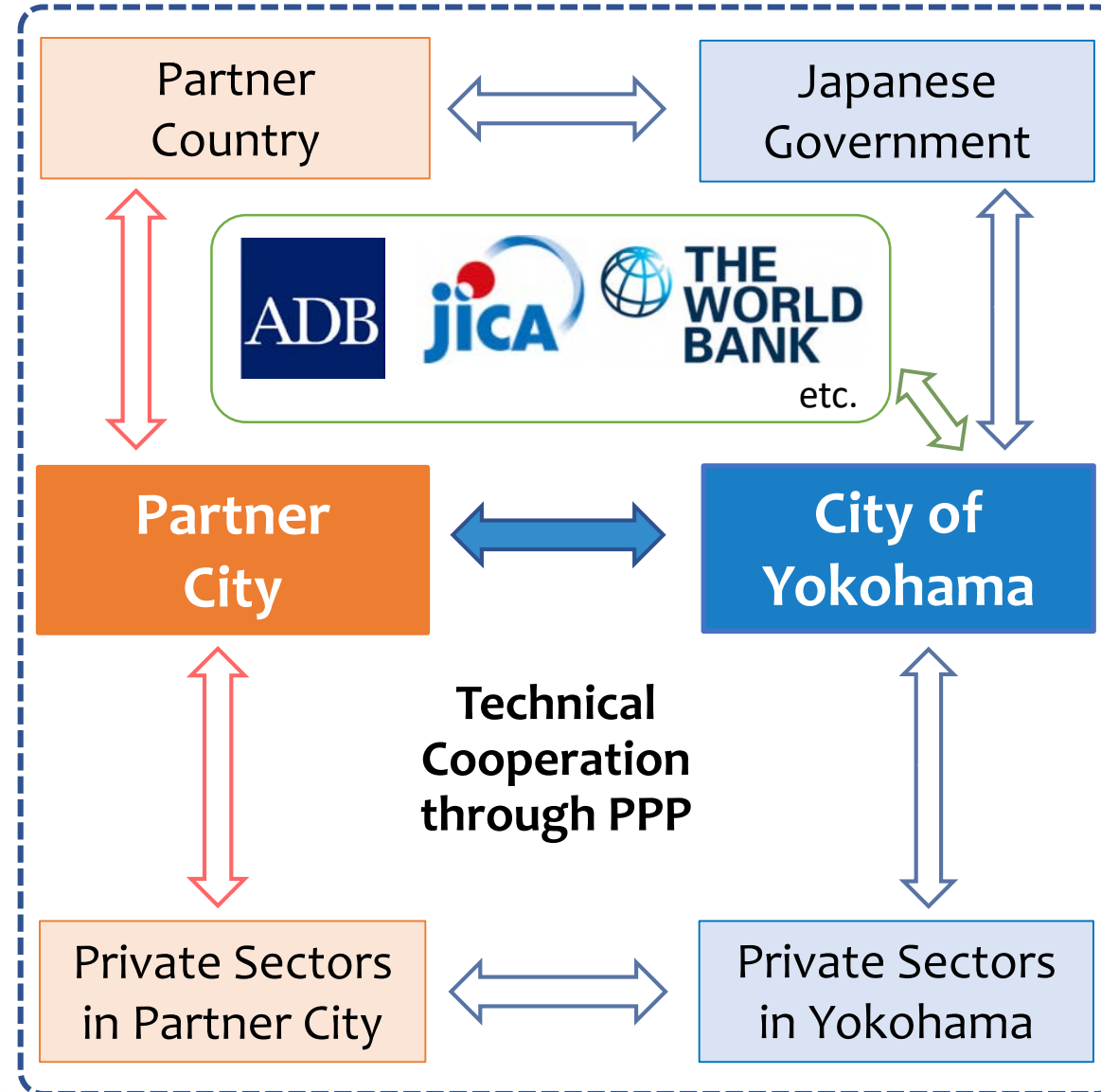
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