

Thank you for the opportunity to share a statement on the Angola VNR.

Speaking on behalf of the Africa Regional Mechanism for Major Groups and other Stakeholders

We note the progress reported in health, education, and economic reforms. At the same time, we are concerned about limits to civic space where many civil society actors still face challenges when speaking out, organizing, or seeking justice. These issues affect trust and make it harder for citizens to take part in building a fair and sustainable future.

Meanwhile, I would like to enquire about the following:

1. What modalities did your government adopt to ensure meaningful participation of rightsholder groups; particularly those most affected by development challenges in the elaboration of the VNR?
2. What plans does your government have to follow- up on the presentation of the VNR at national and subnational levels after the HLPF?

And in terms of implementation of the SDGs:

What are the specific initiatives taken to focus on the populations that are often discriminated against; such as women, young persons, older persons, persons with disabilities, LGBTI people, persons discriminated on work and descent, migrants and refugees and also the actions you are undertaking to reduce identified inequality gaps as outlined in your plans toward 2030 to eradicate all forms of inequality?