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Ghana to Present Third Voluntary National Review of the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals at 2025 UN High-Level Political Forum.

Ghana will present its third Voluntary National Review (VNR) at the 2025 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. The forum, convened under the auspices of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), provides countries with a platform to share their experiences and progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The decision to participate in the VNR process for the third time underscores the country's unwavering commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In the letter informing the United Nations of its intention, the government expressed its desire to "highlight our successes, confront the challenges we face, and share the invaluable lessons we have learned along the way".

The VNR process is designed to be inclusive and transparent, allowing for the engagement of a wide array of stakeholders to ensure that the review reflects the voices and experiences of all segments of Ghanaian society. This approach aligns with Ghana's commitment to an "inclusive and transparent review process" that will not only chart the country's progress but also "galvanize further action and partnerships" towards achieving the SDGs and the continental development agenda. In line with this, the country would be adopting the approach of including Voluntary Local Reviews, which highlights efforts at achieving the SDGs at the local level. Further, the opportunity would be used to highlight progress on the priority areas of the SDGs.

The 2025 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, scheduled for July 2025, will provide Ghana with a vital international platform to showcase its sustainable development efforts and experiences. As the country prepares for its third VNR, it is poised to build on the valuable lessons and insights gained from its previous reviews, further strengthening its position as a leader in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Signed: Prof. George Gyan-Baffour Chairman, NDPC