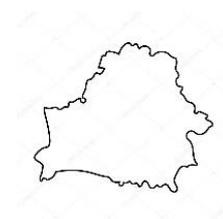


The VNR in a Nutshell – National Strategies for SDGs.

Belarus

Capital	Minsk
Population	9.507 million
Area (in sq. km)	207,595
Language(s)	Russian, Belarussian
National poverty line	5.7
Human Development Index	0.796
Gross national income (GNI) per capita	163.6 PPP
International	860
Tourist Arrivals (2015) (000)	

Sources: UNDP, World Bank, UNWTO



The recognition of the role of tourism in sustainable development and the emphasis placed in the SDGs on the development of public policies for sustainable tourism is a landmark breakthrough that provides a unique opportunity for all governments to create a sound and favourable policy foundation.

The first two years of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda have shown that countries are making headway in aligning national strategies, adapting institutional frameworks and adjusting policies to realize the SDGs.

The countries' efforts have been reported in the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), presented by UN Member States during the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in 2016 and 2017.

Title of VNR: National Report of the Republic of Belarus on Implementation of the Agenda in the Field of Sustainable Development for the Period up to 2030.

Presenter for VNR: Mr Mikalai Dzivakou, Counsellor of the Directorate General for Multilateral Diplomacy Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus

National Thematic Focus:

- SDG 1- No Poverty
- SDG 2- Zero Hunger
- SDG 3 – Good Health and Well Being
- SDG 5- Gender Equality
- SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- SDG 14 – Life Below water

Institutional Arrangement:

Led by The National Council for Sustainable Development, who is coordinating all the activities related to the SDG headed by the National Coordinator. The President of Belarus has initiated the post of National Coordinator who will lead the National Council for Sustainable Development. The Council is coordinating the activities of 30 profiled governmental bodies on national and regional levels. This successful platform will ensure that the progress is achieved with regard to the implementation of SDGs.

SDG Incorporation to National Framework:

In Belarus, the SDGs are linked to two key documents: 1) the 2015 National Strategy for Sustainable Social and Economic Development (NSSD-2030), a roadmap for transformation of the national economy through 2030, and 2) the December 2016 Social and Economic Development Programme.

The Government is preparing an updated NSSD which will incorporate the specific goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda, taking into account the national system of sustainable development indicators.

All Government development plans and programs (both ongoing and those yet to be formulated) during the period until 2030 will be revised, harmonized and aligned to support achievement of nationalized SDGs.

Tourism Ministry /NTA portfolio:

[Sports and Tourism Ministry of Belarus](#)

Tourism and SDG in Belarus:

Opportunities

- Partnerships



In Belarus the Public-Private Partnerships are actively implemented in areas such as energy, transport, habitation, social infrastructure, education, health, sport, tourism and culture.

Resources and Useful Links

[Belarus VNR](#)