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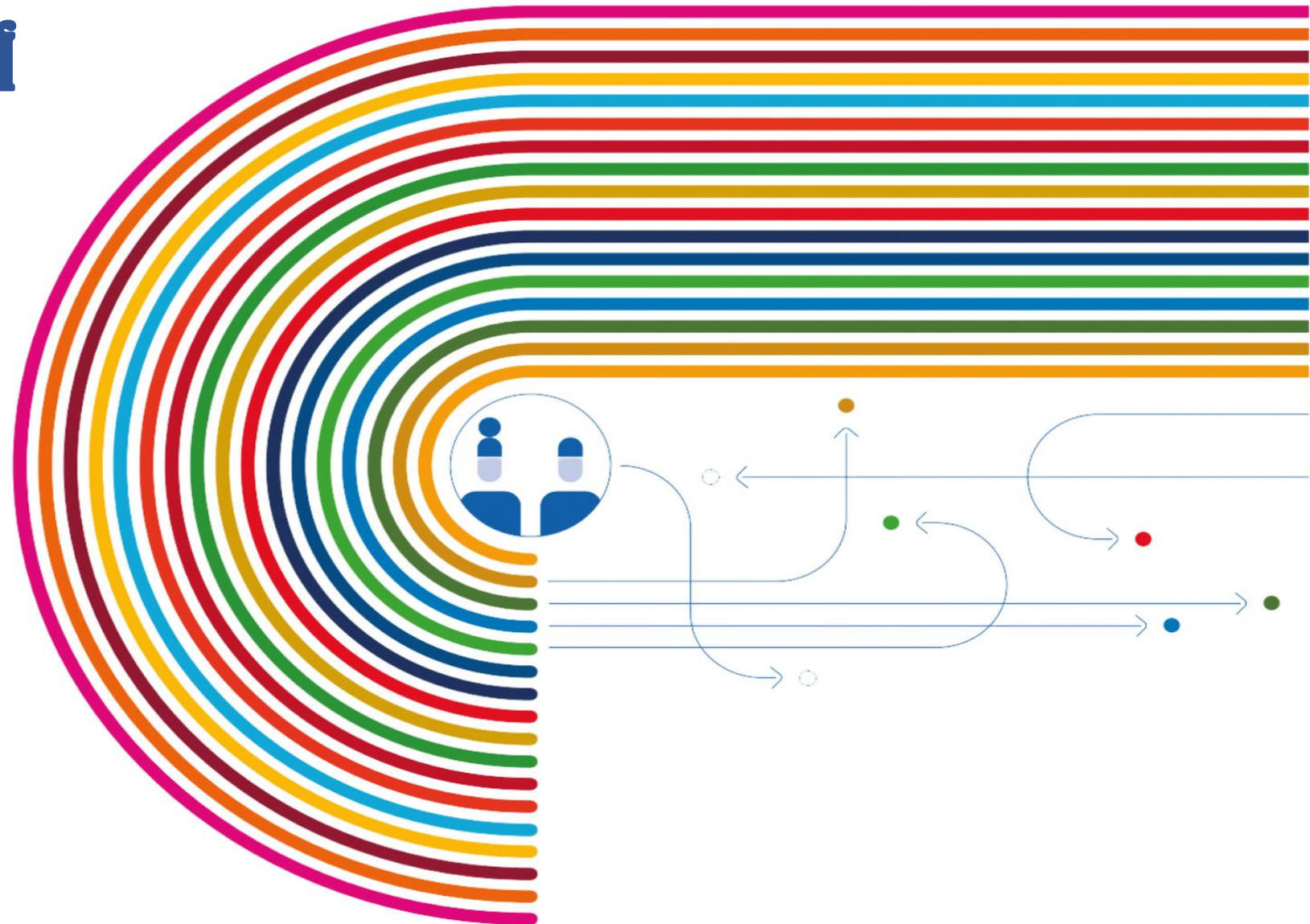
Human Rights and Voluntary National Reviews

New practical tool

to support Member States in integrating human rights into the development of Voluntary National Reviews on the 2030 Agenda.

Why was this guidance developed?

- Complementary resource to the regularly updated UN DESA [Handbook for the Preparation of Voluntary National Reviews](#) and the UN Secretary-General's [Voluntary Common Reporting Guidelines for Member States](#).

- Developed to further articulate the entry points for integrating human rights into VNR processes through step-by-step guidance

- An interagency effort, jointly led by UNDP and OHCHR, under the Call to Action for Human Rights with support of the HRM Fund

92%

of SDG goals and targets correspond to international human rights or labour rights.[3]

What is included in the guidance?

➢ **Key guiding international policies and frameworks on human rights and sustainable development**

➢ **Benefits of leveraging the synergies across these complementarity agendas**

➢ **An overview of how the human rights system can contribute to VNR processes and vice-versa**

➢ **Country examples of how VNRs have benefitted from a human rights approach**

➢ **Step-by-step guidance, outlining when and how a human rights approach can be integrated in VNR processes**

➢ **Related resources and tools**

Illustrative country examples

Costa Rica – Integration of UPR recommendations into goals and targets for SDG implementation

Guinea-Bissau – Local consultations in all regions under the Leave No One Behind theme in preparation of the VNR

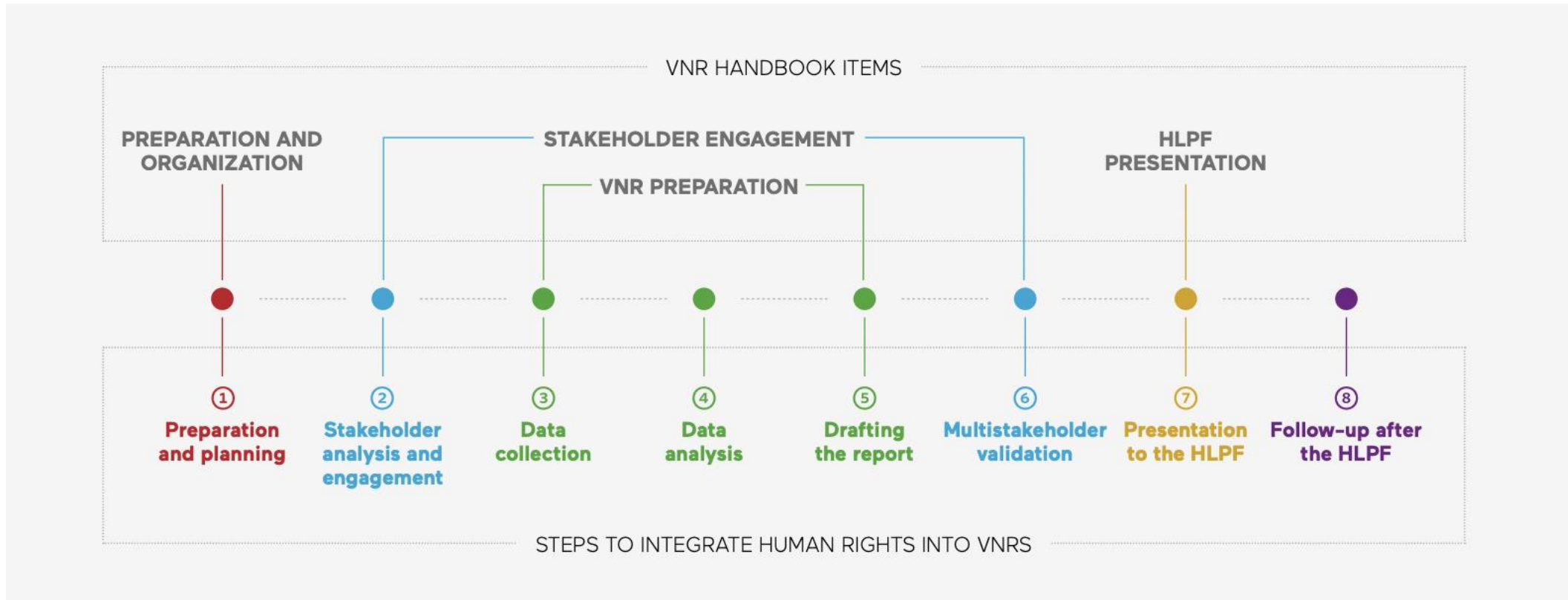**Mongolia – Identifying those most at risk of being left behind and including their views in the VNR**

& more!

Eight steps towards developing a VNR that integrates human rights

① Preparation and planning
② Stakeholder analysis and engagement
③ Data collection
④ Data analysis
⑤ Drafting the report
⑥ Multistakeholder validation
⑦ Presentation at the HLPF
⑧ Follow up after the HLPF

How these steps relate to the VNR Handbook

VNR HANDBOOK ITEMS

PREPARATION AND ORGANIZATION

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

VNR PREPARATION

HLPF PRESENTATION

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STEPS TO INTEGRATE HUMAN RIGHTS INTO VNRS

What's next?

The guidance is available online – support us with dissemination

It will be included in the next VNR Handbook, the SDG Knowledge Hub, and the VNR Platform

Let us know how it helps & where it can be approved

Continue this exchange of experiences and peer support