

COMPARATIVE REGIONAL ANALYSIS ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN THE ARCTIC ZONE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, BASED ON THE METHODOLOGY OF THE VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEW

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Nowadays, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which were adopted by the United Nations (UN) in 2015, are pronounced worldwide. The research conducts the comparative analysis on the UN SDGs achievement of the Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug, the Republic of Sakha and the Murmansk region by using the methodology of Voluntary Local Review (VLR). VLR is a concept that is used to ensure that cities are meeting the demands of the Sustainable Development Goals. A Voluntary Local Review takes the necessary steps to monitor local achievements of a given city, to understand how well the Sustainable Development Goals are being implemented. Four SDGs were chosen to conduct the analysis that are related to the quality of education (SDG 4); the state of the decent work and economic growth (SDG 8); the specifics of infrastructure, industry and innovation (SDG 9); as well as the modern conditions of sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11). This paper provides specific details of each of the selected region and determinate the current regional challenges. The article concludes with results of the comparative analysis to show what progress had been made on the achieving of the selected Goals by the Agenda 2030.