



ANNUAL MINISTERIAL REVIEW

What is the AMR and what will it do?

The Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) is a *new function of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)* mandated at the 2005 World Summit. It assesses the *progress made in the implementation of the MDGs and the other goals and targets agreed at the major UN conferences and summits* over the past 15 years, which constitute the United Nations Development Agenda (UNDA). Each year the AMR focuses on a specific aspect of the UNDA. *In 2008, the AMR will focus on "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development"*.

What can stakeholders expect?

The overall objective is for the AMR to help scale-up and speed-up implementation. Participants will be able engage in *discussions on innovative policies in implementing the internationally agreed development goals, including the MDGs. Participants will be able to learn from each others' experiences* during roundtable discussions and through national presentations, which bring together leading experts and policy makers.

What makes the AMR different?

The AMR is the *only UN intergovernmental platform with multistakeholder involvement which assesses progress made in the implementation of the UN development agenda at the country level*. With its broad-based participation, which includes civil society, the private sector and academia, it is also the *most inclusive global UNDA review forum*. By combining a global review, with thematic discussion and national voluntary presentations the AMR, unlike other reviews, provides a bridge between operational and normative aspects of development.

What will the 2008 AMR look like?

The AMR session will explore the *(1) state of implementation of the Johannesburg Programme of Implementation (JPOI) and Agenda 21; (2) efforts to integrate the implementation of the MDG7 with other MDGs; (3) key challenges in ensuring support for the global consensus on sustainable development at the national level*. Events held around the Review include an AMR innovation fair, showcasing policies and practical approaches, and an ECOSOC NGO Forum held immediately prior to the ECOSOC high-level segment.

What will the preparations look like?

Substantive preparations for the 2008 AMR are well under way. A *global preparatory event* was held on 6 March 2008 in New York. *National meetings* are being held Lao PDR, Kazakhstan, Chile, and Tanzania, all of which have volunteered to share lessons learned in implementing national development strategies during *national voluntary presentations*. An *e-Discussion* was held from 4 February to 14 March 2008. The preparatory meetings' objective is to get a diverse set of inputs. The outcome and key policy messages of the preparatory meetings will constitute an important input into the analytical report of the Secretary-General for the AMR July session in New York.

Where can I get more information?

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