

Meeting of EC-ESA Plus Principals
Monday 10 July 2017, 3:15 – 4:45
Conference Room 5
Conference Building, UN Headquarters, New York

Provisional Agenda

I. Follow-up to major intergovernmental processes

More than 2 years after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, implementation is in full swing and follow up is taking place at the national, regional and global levels. The ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up was held in May 2017 to review the implementation of financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda. In June, the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development resulted in an ambitious Call to Action and over 1,000 registered voluntary commitments. This month, the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) will once again serve as the central global forum for providing political leadership, guidance and recommendations on implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

ECESA Plus actively supported these processes by, inter-alia, preparing background notes for the in depth thematic reviews at the HLPF, organising Regional Forums on Sustainable Development, organising expert group meetings on thematic reviews of SDGs, supporting preparations of voluntary national reviews (VNRs), preparing concept papers for the partnership dialogues of the Ocean Conference, and convening an Inter-agency Task Force to report on progress in implementation for the FfD Forum in May.

Principals may wish to engage in discussions on lessons learned in support of the follow-up to major conferences and forums over the last year, and how best ECESA Plus can contribute in the coming years.

II. Briefing on the Executive Committee established by the Secretary-General

In January of this year, the Secretary-General established a principal-level Executive Committee and a subsidiary Deputies Committee for the Secretariat. The purpose of the Executive Committee is to assist the Secretary General in taking decisions on issues of strategic consequences requiring principal-level attention across all pillars of the UN. The Executive Committee meets weekly under the chairmanship of the Secretary General. The Deputies Committee meets weekly including in preparation for the Executive committee, or more often as needed, under the chairmanship of the Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination.

III. Any other business

Related documents

- Report of the Secretary-General on Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (E/2017/66)
- Reports of the regional forums on sustainable development (E/HLPF/2017/1)
- 2017 Report of the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development – Addis Ababa Action Agenda: Financing for Development: Progress and Prospects
- Key messages from the ECESA Principals Retreat, September 2016
- Memo from the Secretary-General on the creation of the Executive Committee