



## Annual Ministerial Review

### Mandate

The Annual Ministerial Review is a direct product of the 2005 World Summit which mandated ECOSOC to convene an annual ministerial-level substantive review (AMR). Going forward and building on the success of the first two AMR sessions, the 2009 AMR will be held during the high-level segment of the annual session of the Economic and Social Council in Geneva, Switzerland. It will focus on "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health".

### Objective

The overall objective of the AMR is to advance and assess progress made in the implementation of the UN development agenda, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), defined through a series of landmark UN conferences and summits held since the 1990s. By serving as a high-level forum for political engagement and knowledge exchange, the Review aims to advance implementation by promoting synergies and linkages, identifying lessons learned and successful practices and approaches which merit scaling-up.

### Preparatory Process

A series of meetings were held at the global, regional, and national level. A moderated **e-Discussion** on global public health was held from 29 January -26 February 2009, marking the start of a series of AMR preparatory events. At the global level, an **AMR Global Preparatory meeting** was held on 31 March 2009, serving as a key input to the Report of the Secretary-General on the achievements in the area of health. Organized by UNDESA, the **regional meetings** are key preparatory activities that focus on a topic related to the AMR theme that is of particular relevance to the region hosting the consultations. On 16-18 March 2009, the Government of Sri Lanka hosted a regional meeting on the theme "Financing Strategies for Healthcare" , the Government of the People's Republic of China was host to the meeting on "Promoting Health Literacy" on 29-30 April 2009, "Preventing and Controlling Non-Communicable Diseases" was held 10-11 May 2009 by the Government of Qatar, the theme "HIV and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean" hosted by the Government of Jamaica was held 5-6 June 2009, and the final regional meeting on "eHealth-Information and Communication Technology for Health" was hosted by the Government of Ghana on 10-11 June 2009. At the country level, Bolivia, China, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Japan, Mali, Sri Lanka, and Sudan will make **voluntary national presentations** on their progress in implementing the internationally agreed development goals, including the MDGs. It is notable that several developed and developing countries have volunteered to make presentations.

### Content

The AMR session will consist of three main elements; (a) A global review of the United Nations development agenda; (b) A thematic review which, in 2009 will focus on implementing the

internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health; and (c) A series of voluntary national presentations.

### **Outcome**

The formal outcome will be a ministerial declaration. In addition, the ECOSOC President will circulate a summary of the AMR discussions during the substantive session.

### **Side events**

The AMR will be complemented by an Innovation Fair, which will provide the opportunity for showcasing examples of best practices and lessons learned which merit replication. In addition, a number of panels, briefings and launches on related themes will also take place at Breakfast, Lunch and in parallel to the official programme of the High-level Segment.

### **Participants**

Member States, UN System Organizations, other major institutional stakeholders as well as non-governmental organizations, private sector representatives, and academics are invited to participate in the meeting in Geneva. Virtual participation via web-cast will also be possible for part of the meeting.