



**Inter-Regional Workshop  
Experiences and Lessons Learned from ECOSOC National Voluntary  
Presentations  
2-4 December, 2015**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

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| <b>Day 1</b>             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 8.30-8.45                | <b>REGISTRATION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 8.45-9.00                | <b>UNDSS security Briefing</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Opening<br>9.00-9.30     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Remarks (Ms. Claire Bernard, Deputy Director General, Sustainable Development and Social Planning, Planning Institute of Jamaica)</li> <li>• Introductory Remarks (Mr. Navid Hanif, Director OESC/DESA)</li> <li>• Welcome Remarks, (Dr. Elsie Laurence-Chounoune, UNDP Deputy RR and UNRC a.i., Jamaica)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                          | <b>PART I: The NVP Experience</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9.30-10.00               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the ECOSOC AMR/NVP (Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, OESC/DESA)</li> <li>• Workshop objectives, agenda, process considerations, expected outcomes (Mr. Alan AtKisson, Facilitator)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Session I<br>10.00-12.30 | <p><b>Lessons learned from the NVP exercise</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Discuss the overall experience of performing ECOSOC national reviews, and their contribution to the assessment of progress towards the IADGs/MDGs by policy-makers and the international community.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Mr. Alan AtKisson</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Do Hung Viet, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission to the UN, Vietnam</li> <li>• Mr. Belachew G. Gutulo, Counsellor, Permanent Mission to UN, Ethiopia</li> <li>• Ms. Madina Ednan Karabaeva, First Secretary, Permanent Mission to the UN, Kyrgyzstan</li> <li>• Mr. Easton Williams, Director, Social Policy, Planning and</li> </ul> |
| <b>COFFEE</b>            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|                                       | <p>Research Division, Planning Institute, Jamaica</p> <p><b>Key questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did the ECOSOC NVP exercise facilitate the exchange of lessons learned and good practices?</li> <li>• How effective were the roles of reviewers and other stakeholders?</li> <li>• Was there scope for cross-country comparison?</li> <li>• Did the Presentations generate momentum for scaling-up action to realize the UN development agenda?</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 12.30-13.30                           | <b>LUNCH</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>Session II</p> <p>13.30-15.30</p>  | <p><b>NVP reviews: what were the missing elements?</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Discuss strengths and gaps of national-level aspects of the NVP exercise in its different steps: preparation, review and follow-up.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Jennifer Jones, Independent Consultant on Monitoring and Evaluation, Jamaica</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Luis Alexandro Diaz Silva, Director Social Division, Ministry of Planning, Chile</li> <li>• Mr. John Ngure Kabutha, formerly NVP consultant, Kenya</li> </ul> <p><b>Key questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To what extent the NVP guidelines and exercise encouraged a more holistic approach to the MDGs?</li> <li>• Did the NVP exercise provide a mechanism for nation-wide consultation, coordination and follow-up?</li> <li>• Did it create opportunities for broad-based engagement, policy dialogue and learning?</li> <li>• Did it contribute to accelerate implementation at the country level?</li> </ul> |
| 15.30-15.45                           | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>Session III</p> <p>15.45-17.30</p> | <p><b>NVP effects on national policy-making and review processes</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Discuss the extent to which the NVP exercise contributed to significant changes in national development strategies, policies and programmes and/or facilitated their alignment with the IADGs/MDGs.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Cuauhtémoc León, Co-Facilitator</p> <p><i>Presenters</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Rocío Pérez Mendoza, Director for Economic and Social Affairs, Mexico</li> <li>• Mr. Adeyemi Fajingbesi, Economic Policy Analysis Centre,</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|                                      | <p>Nigeria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Wanchat Suwankitti, Senior Policy and Plan Analyst, Head of Social Policy Monitor Unit, NESDB, Thailand</li> </ul> <p><b>Key questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the NVP reviews provide an opportunity to revamp MDG-based policies and programmes?</li> <li>Did they lead to changes in national policies, programmes, and/or priorities?</li> <li>To what extent the NVP exercise helped integrate ECOSOC policy recommendations into national planning?</li> <li>Did it lead to new approaches to national policy-making and review?</li> <li>Did it enhance the role of data/evidence for policy review and formulation?</li> <li>What institutional arrangements and mechanisms were set in place for the NVP reviews (e.g. consultative mechanisms, committees, etc.)? Did they outlast the NVP?</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b><u>Day 2</u></b>                  | <b>PART II: Institutional and Capacity Issues in National Reviews</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>Session IV</p> <p>9.30- 10.15</p> | <p><b>IADGs/MDGs as Framework to Measure and Review Development Progress</b></p> <p><b><u>Objective:</u></b> Discuss special characteristics of the IADGs/MDGs — or any other goal-based framework (such as the SDGs) — with regard to measuring and reviewing progress as a basis for policy-making; examine what analytical tools and evidence-based methods countries have been using previously to circumvent any limitations; and address the role of big data.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Ivo Havinga, Chief, Economic Statistics Branch, Statistics Division/DESA</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Bimerew Alemu Dessie, Strategic Planning and Management Office Coordinator, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ethiopia</li> </ul> <p><b>Key questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To what extent did NVP countries use the IADGs/MDGs template to review and assess progress?</li> <li>What analytical frameworks/tools did countries use for national planning and NVP reviews (e.g. environmental impact assessment tools)?</li> <li>What kind of evidence-based framework, methods and data set did</li> </ul> |

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|             | <p>countries use for policy formulation and review? What was the quality and reliability of data and indicators?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What were the key strategies used by NVP countries to cope with data gaps in measuring and analysing progress?</li> <li>• To what extent NVP national reviews build on knowledge and data available in the UN system and other stakeholders?</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 11.00-11.30 | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Session V   | <b>Capacity gaps to conduct goal-oriented reviews of progress</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11.30-13.00 | <p><b>Objective:</b> To identify key capacity gaps that emerged from the NVP exercise to conduct goal-oriented, evidence-based and participatory reviews of progress.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Marco Sanchez, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, DPAD/DESA</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Oscar Leonardo Enríquez Sánchez, Economist and Ministerial Delegate National Secretary of Planning and Development (SENPLADES), Ecuador</li> <li>• Mr. Kenneth Owusu, technical Advisor, National Development Planning Commission, Ghana</li> <li>• Mr. Easton Williams, Director, Social Policy, Planning and Research Division, Planning Institute of Jamaica</li> </ul> <p><b>Key questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What were the most critical capacity gaps that countries faced in conducting the NVP exercise?</li> <li>• How did countries cope with those gaps and what are the relevant lessons learned in this regard?</li> </ul> |
| 13.15-14.15 | <b>LUNCH</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Session VI  | <b>Institutional setting for integrated policies</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 14.15-16.00 | <p><b>Objective:</b> To discuss the extent to which existing institutional arrangements have facilitated (or hindered) integrated approaches to national evaluation of progress and planning.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Navid Hanif Director, OESC/DESA</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Alan AtKisson, Independent Advisor to DESA: tools and DESA pilot case experiences in Belize and Togo</li> <li>• Ms. Mirna Mariscal Ayaviri, Director of Macroeconomic Analysis, UDAPE, Bolivia</li> <li>• Mr. Ivo Havinga, Chief, Economic Statistics Branch, Statistics Division/DESA – the critical importance of data: the System of</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|                                        | <p>Environmental-Economic Accounting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Chinuukhei Bat-Erdene, Counsellor, Permanent Mission, Mongolia</li> </ul> <p><b>Key questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the key institutional challenges to more integrated approaches to national planning and review?</li> <li>• What kind of institutional infrastructure and governance mechanisms would be needed to facilitate these approaches?</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b><u>Day 3</u></b>                    | <p><b>Lessons Learned from Parts I and II</b></p> <p><b>PART III: Looking Forward: Key Practices and Tools</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>Session VII</p> <p>9.00-9.45</p>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ousmane Diallo, Consultant, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)</li> </ul> <p><b>Break-Out Session (five groups)</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Summarize, synthesize, and prioritize key “lessons learned” from the NVP process (Parts I and II)</p> <p><i>Moderation:</i> Mr. Alan AtKisson (English), Mr. Cuauhtémoc León (Spanish)</p> <p><i>Process:</i><br/>Smaller groups will reflect together on the previous two days of presentations and discussions, and begin to distil a set of proposed key messages to be communicated from the workshop to the international community. Break-out groups will be by region and/or choice of working language preference — English, Spanish, and Russian</p> |
| <p>9.45-10.00</p>                      | <p><b><i>Part III Begins</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Objective of Part III:</u></b> To examine existing and new practices and tools to review and analyse progress as a basis for sustainable development policies; and discuss how these tools can be adapted to address national capacity gaps and needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote address – Mr. Lenni Montiel, ASG, DESA</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>Session VIII</p> <p>10.00-11.15</p> | <p><b>Informing development policies: an integrated assessment tool package</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Review available tools and discuss relevant experience and “lessons learned” from prior use in a national reporting context.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, OESC/DESA</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|             | <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Diana Alarcon, Chief, Development Strategy and Policy Unit, DPAD/ DESA - Integrated assessment: balancing physical limits, economic determinants and social aspirations</li> <li>• Mr. Mark Howells, KTH - Fine tuning the promotion of renewable energy: an integrated assessment for Mauritius</li> <li>• Mr. John O'Toole, Senior Interregional Advisor, DSPD/DESA</li> <li>• Mr. Eduardo Zepeda, Interregional Advisor, DPAD/DESA</li> </ul> <p><b>Key questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How and to what extent the integrated assessment tool package can address capacity gaps that many NVP countries face?</li> <li>• How can they be adapted to specific national and regional circumstances?</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 11.15-11.30 | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Session IX  | <b>Economy-wide modelling and micro-simulation to inform development policy</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 11.30-13.00 | <p><b>Objective:</b> Discuss the experience of the specific application of these methodologies and begin to identify issues that can be carried forward into future applications.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Diana Alarcon, Chief, Development Strategy and Policy Unit, DPAD/ DESA</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Marco Sanchez, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, DPAD/DESA - The economic driver of development: economy-wide modelling and microsimulation</li> <li>• Mr. Rafael Osorio, Applied Economic Research Institute (IPEA), Brazil- The use of microsimulation and social impact analysis to inform social policies</li> <li>• Mr. Eduardo Zepeda, Interregional Advisor, DPAD/DESA - Systems Dynamic Energy Modelling- DESA's approach (evidence from Bolivia and Uganda)</li> </ul> <p><b>Key questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can these models be used to integrate global mandates and regional and national priorities into national development plans?</li> <li>• To what extent do these models support a balanced approach to the three dimensions of sustainable development?</li> </ul> |
| 13.00-14.00 | <b>LUNCH</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| 14.00-14.30 | <p><b>Review of Key Messages</b></p> <p>The results of the morning's small group break-out sessions, synthesized into summary form, will be reviewed, validated, and discussed by the plenary.</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Mr. Alan AtKisson</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Session X   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 14.30-15.30 | <p><b>Wrap-up and Way Forward</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> to determine whether the overall objectives of the workshop have been met and identify the type of support that countries would need moving forward.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Lenni Montiel, ASG/DESA</p> <p><i>Open floor discussion</i></p> <p><b>Key questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have we met the objectives of the workshop?</li> <li>• Do we have a better understanding of capacity gaps in effectively reviewing and advancing progress towards sustainable development at the national level?</li> <li>• What areas of further support might be required by countries from DESA and other partners going forward?</li> </ul> |
| Session XI  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 15.00-15.30 | <p><b>Closing Statements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Lenni Montiel, ASG/DESA</li> <li>• Ms. Sharon Miller, Director, Economic Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (MFAFT), Jamaica</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |