

Experiences on the Implementation of the Delivering as One Initiative in Latin America.

Concept Note

Background

The United Nations launched the “Delivering as One” pilot initiative in 2007 to respond to the challenges of a changing world and test how the UN family can provide development assistance in a more coordinated way. When the Secretary-General launched Delivering as One, the governments of eight countries, Uruguay being one of them, volunteered to become pilots of the initiative. The initiative aims at increasing the UN system’s impact through more coherent programmes, reduced transaction costs for governments, and lower overhead costs for the UN system. Delivering as One focuses on four principles: One Leader, One Budget, One Programme and One Office.

In 2011, the Government of El Salvador was invited by the Government of Uruguay to participate in the Fourth High Level Intergovernmental Conference on Delivering as One in Montevideo, Uruguay. After expressing its initial interest to become a self starter country at this conference, the Government of El Salvador officially announced its interest in becoming a self-started of the Delivering as One initiative in early 2012.

Purpose

Since first expressing interest in 2011, the Government of El Salvador has been working in the necessary reforms needed to become a DaO country. The governments of El Salvador and Uruguay have held numerous meetings at different levels to better understand the lessons learned from the implementation of DaO in Uruguay. The purpose of this side event is to be able to share the experiences from both, Uruguay, a pilot country already implementing DaO, and El Salvador, a self-starter taking the necessary steps to fully become a DaO country.

Having recently drafted its Delivering as One Model and Road to Follow documents, the Government of El Salvador, under the leadership of Minister Jaime Miranda, Minister of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador will be talking about the benefits El Salvador expects from implementing this initiative. Minister Miranda will also be discussing the challenges of the internal restructuring the government is working upon to become a DaO country.

Ambassador Gonzalo Koncke, Permanent Representative of Uruguay will share the implications, benefits, and challenges of being a pilot country for Delivering as One. Being one the eight pilot countries, Uruguay’s lessons are of utmost importance for other self-starter countries like El Salvador.

UNDP will discuss some of the lessons learned from the eight pilot countries implementing DaO. UNDP will also share some of the implications for the system of having: One Leader, One Budget, One Programme and One Office, in particular at the UN Country Team level.