



NATIONAL VOLUNTARY PRESENTATIONS (NVP)

What is the mandate of the NVP?

The 2005 World Summit mandated the United Nations Economic and Social Council to undertake an Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) of progress made in the implementation of the internationally agreed development goals (IADGs), including the MDGs. Subsequently, the General Assembly recommended holding National Voluntary Presentations during the AMR. Presentations are based on countries' respective national development strategy (NDS) or policies and their implementation.

What will the NVP do?

Countries will present strategies and policies that have worked and those that haven't and identify practical measures on how to respond. They will also present policies and initiatives which merit scaling up or could be replicated. The policies and experiences critically reviewed through the NVP should offer learning tools. The NVP is not merely a presentation nor is it a one time event. It is a process of systematically connecting national level implementation with the normative work of ECOSOC for the benefit of Member States.

Who are the 2010 NVP countries?

In 2010, Australia, Brazil, France, Guatemala, Moldova, Mongolia, Namibia, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Congo, Republic of Korea and the United States will be making National Voluntary Presentations (NVP).

What will the preparations look like?

Preparing for the NVP will entail two key activities: 1) Drafting a National Report as a background document for the national consultative meetings and the NVPs; and 2) National consultative meetings, which are envisaged as high-level multi-stakeholder dialogues with about 80-100 participants from government, civil society

and the private sector. In the run-up to the NVP national consultative meetings are being held in all countries volunteering for NVPs. In developing countries, the UN Country Team, the Regional Commissions and the Bretton Woods Institutions will be involved in the meeting.

Who are the stakeholders?

During the NVP, ministers, senior government officials, international and regional organizations, UN system, civil society, private sector and academia will have the opportunity to share lessons learned on policies and practices. Following each presentation, participants will have the opportunity to engage in a discussion.

What is the focus of the presentations?

National Voluntary Presentations (NVP) enable countries to present an assessment of their progress towards the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals (IADGs), including the MDGs. The presentations focus on the main successes and most urgent challenges faced by developing and developed countries. They highlight what has been done to address constraints and how the international community can best plan its support to achieve the IADGs, including the MDGs.

Where do I get further information?

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