

# About SDGs and quiet revolutions

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# Pragmatic dreamers

Dreaming a rights based dignifying life for all, free from fear, to be enjoyed fully by everyone already during the next generation

Recognition that planet boundaries cannot be dealt solely at national level should reinforce the UN legitimacy in obtaining a clear and universally valid mandate for the implementation of the post-15 agenda (example data revolution)

UN defines a strategic approach on how to support countries and regions in defining their regulatory and operational actions (baseline data for Sustainable Development Goals implementation)

UN calculates the overall means of implementations needed for a data revolution, communicate it to global citizens to convince them about the need to assure funding sources that go beyond countries contributions. This will help setting the UN free to fulfill its universally valid mandate

**Time needed for this presentation 8 – 12 minutes**

# A quiet revolution (for the reform of UN development system)

At the 2015 summit Heads of States will launch the SDGs and will give clear indications about the areas in which the UN should take a lead (example data revolution).

Use, while amending them, existing vehicles. In 2016 at General Assembly level, an enhanced QCPR resolution would define how the UNDS should evolve from the current setting to fulfill its system-wide mandate, since there is no need to rebuild the entire system.

Key is that the CEB evolves into a managerial entity that defines a binding system-wide strategy to be presented to and approved by the ECOSOC. The current UNDOCO becomes the operational arm of the CEB. Using a new generation of UNDAFs in support to countries leadership, the RC/country teams elaborate the UN strategy to implement the system-wide mandate (data revolution) at national level, including financial requirements.

Requirements are aggregated and prioritized. A global funding mechanism (innovative sources of finances) enables to implement the system-wide part of the UN mandate both at global and country levels. The High Level Political Forum assures the review at country level and the necessary dialogue with the global citizens.

**Time needed for implementation 8 - 12 years (two or three 4 years cycles)**

# Dreaming a quiet revolution (1)

In a world where instability, fear and mistrust are growing, incarnating the UN core values of multilateralism is today more than ever essential for our future. While anchored in the Charter, the UN legitimacy is challenged by the difficulties the system is facing in adapting its response to rapidly evolving contexts. Assuring a certain degree of UN independence will be crucial when facing a universal and therefore supranational challenge. This is defined by increasingly clear planet boundaries while facing a rapidly growing consumption pattern, which is accompanied by raising inequalities.

A system-wide funding that goes beyond country based core and earmarked contributions will be an important way assure the independence needed, provided that the UN system does its homework. For this to happen global citizens must be convinced about the capacity of the UN to deliver on a basis of a crystal clear and universally valid mandate, which is going to be defined by Heads of States when spelling out the Sustainable Development Agenda end 2015.

# Dreaming a quiet revolution (2)

To assure ownership and mutual responsibility, there is a need to convince citizens and get their buy-in. Instead of calling for a complete reshaping of the UN operational system which is anyway mostly unlikely to happen, entities need to simply accept the fact that there is a role that the UN has to play beyond the entities specific mandates. They have to accept to empower the CEB and the RC/Country teams to fully play that role while being fully accountable to respectively the ECOSOC, countries, regions and citizens where the UN is active.

Moreover, to keep citizens and taxpayers convinced that it makes sense to invest in the work of the UN, a reviewing mechanism that will help to set a dialogue around the results achieved need to be strengthened. To stay informed about successes and challenges relating to the implementation of the post-15 agenda, the analysis on how far the UN is contributing at systemic level must be added in.

All this assuming that we seriously want to assure a dignifying life for all, free from fear, already within the next generation.

**Thank you for your attention**