



UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
799 United Nations Plaza, New York NY 10017

Statement by Ms. Cherith Norman,
Minister-Counselor for United Nations Management and Reform
before the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary) Committee
24 May 2016

On

Agenda 134 Program Budget: biennium 2016-2017
Supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda SDG and Addis Ababa Action Agenda

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

I would like to thank the Controller, Assistant Secretary-General, Ms. Bettina Tucci-Bartsiotas, and Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Chairman of the ACABQ for introducing their respective reports on this very important issue.

My delegation strongly supports the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The agreements reached last year are transformative, and provides a framework for Member States, the private sector, and civil society with support from the United Nations to achieve sustainable development goals.

As a result of these agreements, my government is reviewing and reorienting its activities to implement the sustainable development goals at home and to support them globally. In the same vein, we believe the UN should and must do the same type of review and reorient its activities and reprioritize current resources that will further support Member States to achieve the goals.

Mr. Chairman,

Given the late hour in which this item is being introduced this session and the requirement for much more information on what is required for the UN's role in support of the SDGs, we support a more fulsome discussion of this issue in the main part of the 71st session.

We believe that the UN is currently fully capable of delivering the support needed for the sustainable development goals as additional resources were provided to the UN for this purpose in December 2015 as well as the existing resources the UN already has at its disposal for these types of activities.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.