



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.

In the follow-up to the 2005 World Summit Outcome, the General Assembly (GA) adopted resolution 61/16 which recommended that AMRs provide an opportunity for countries to make National Voluntary Presentations (NVP). NVP will enable countries to present an assessment of their progress towards the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals (IADGs), including the MDGs. These presentations will be based on their respective national development strategy (NDS) or policies and their implementation.

What will the NVP do?

During the NVP, countries present strategies and policies that have worked and those that haven't and identify practical measures 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 connecting national level implementation with the normative work for the benefit of Member States. The 2008 AMR will focus on "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development".

Who are the 2008/2009 NVP countries?

In 2008, eight countries will make national voluntary presentations - Belgium, Chile, Finland,

Tanzania, Kazakhstan, Lao PDR, Luxembourg, and the United Kingdom. For 2009, Mali, Sudan and the Netherlands have already volunteered.

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. 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 an exchange of experiences in the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals (IADGs), including the MDGs.

What is the focus of the presentations?

The presentations will focus on the main successes and most urgent challenges faced by developing and developed countries and what has been done to address them, what would be necessary for raising resources and attracting investment towards the achievement of the national development strategy or policies and how the international community can best plan its support, improve the effectiveness of aid and predictability of other types of support to countries efforts to achieve the IADGs, including the MDGs.