



Informal QCPR workshop

Dialogue on UN operational activities for development

10:00am – 1:00pm, Thursday, 12 July 2012

Venue: Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations
325 East 38th Street (between 1st and 2nd avenues),
New York City

BACKGROUND NOTE

Introduction

The ECOSOC Operational Activities Segment (OAS) will take place 13-17 July 2012 at United Nations headquarters in New York, bringing together senior representatives from programme and donor countries and the UN development system.

This year, the OAS will focus on the key issues that have emerged in the substantive preparations for the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) of the General Assembly (GA) of operational activities for development of the UN system. The QCPR is the mechanism through which the GA establishes system-wide policy orientations for development cooperation and country-level modalities of the UN system in response to evolving international development trends and emerging issues.

As part of the QCPR preparatory process, a half-day workshop is being organized on July 12, 2012 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the UN, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung New York Office and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in the UN Secretariat.

Some 20-25 participants will take part in the informal workshop, mainly senior policymakers from capitals of developed and developing countries attending the OAS, along with a small number of representatives of Permanent Missions to the UN and UN staff actively involved in the QCPR preparations.

The three main background documents for the workshop are the following:

- ❖ Report of the Secretary-General “*quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system*” (advance, unedited version);
- ❖ Report of the Secretary-General “*Analysis of funding of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for the year 2010*” (advance, unedited version); and

- ❖ Report of a 2012 survey conducted by the Secretary-General of programme country governments on the relevance, effectiveness and efficiency of the UN development system.

These three reports as well as other QCPR-related material can be found on DESA's QCPR home page: <http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/oesc/qcpr.shtml>

Focus

The 3-hour workshop will focus on two main questions:

1. What should be the top priorities for enhancing the relevance, effectiveness and efficiency of the UN development system in the next QCPR cycle (2013-2016)?
2. How can the Resident Coordinator system be improved?

Format

The discussions in the workshop are expected to be informal in nature, with the Chatham House rules applying to the proceedings.

The workshop will be organized around two short sessions, where each will start with brief introductory remarks designed to jumpstart the discussions. Presenters will have 10-15 minutes for their remarks. A moderator will facilitate discussions in each session.

Following the workshop, participants are invited to a light lunch in the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the UN.

Outcome

The outcome of the informal workshop will be a summary report that will be made available to all Member States on the QCPR home page of DESA.



Draft workshop agenda

Workshop moderator:

Werner Puschra, Executive Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, New York Office

TIME	SESSION
10:00 a.m.	Welcome remarks <i>H.E. Desra Percaya, Vice President of the Economic and Social Council, Chair of 2012 Operational Activities Segment and Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations</i>
10:10 – 10:20	Introduction to the 2012 QCPR process <i>Navid Hanif, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs</i>
	Session 1: How to enhance the relevance, effectiveness and efficiency of the UN development system in the next QCPR cycle?
10:20-10:30	Introduction <i>Kristinn Sv. Helgason, Officer-in-Charge, Development Cooperation Policy Branch, UNDESA</i>
10:35 – 11:40	Interactive dialogue
11:40 – 11:50	Coffee break
	Session 2: How can the UN Resident Coordinator system be improved?
11:50 -12:00 noon	Introduction <i>Douglas Lindores, former Chief Operating Officer, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), former Chair, UNDP Executive Board</i>
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Interactive dialogue
1:00 pm	Lunch (hosted by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the UN)