



Three-Seminar Series: Dialogue on UN operational activities for development

Preparations for the 2012 QCPD

Seminar 1: Emerging issues in UN development operations

Venue: Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations
871 United Nations Plaza, 22nd floor meeting room
13 February 2012

PROGRAMME

In the past 60 plus years, the UN development system has been repeatedly challenged to adapt to different priorities in a world undergoing tumultuous changes. Considering the multiple and complex challenges facing the international community, e.g. in the area of sustainable development, some argue that the UN development system is once again at a crossroads. The seminar will explore the likely impact of these emerging issues and global challenges on the future role and organization of the UN development system.

TIME	SESSION
9:30-9:35 a.m.	Welcoming <i>H.E. Miguel Berger, Chargé d’Affaires, Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations</i>
9:35-10:00 a.m.	Opening remarks <i>H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President of the General Assembly</i> <i>H.E. Desra Percaya, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations</i> <i>Helen Clark, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme</i> <i>Sha Zukang, Under Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs</i>
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Is the UN development system at an inflection point? <i>Bruce Jenks, Senior Fellow, Harvard University, former UN Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Partnership Bureau of UNDP</i>



10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Interactive dialogue

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

11:15-11:30 a.m. Coffee break

11:30-11:45 a.m. Emerging issues in post-conflict countries for the UN development system

Rima Salah, former Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF, former Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Chad

11:45 -12:50 p.m. Interactive dialogue

12:50 – 13:00 p.m. Summary and closing

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

Possible discussion questions

The below discussion questions have been developed to facilitate dialogue in the seminar:

1. Which emerging issues/global challenges are likely to significantly impact the future role of the UN development system in international cooperation for development?
2. What are the key drivers of change in (a) international development cooperation and (b) the UN development system?
3. What kind of change in (a) strategic positioning, (b) operational effectiveness, (c) delivery of results and (d) accountability, is needed if the UN development system is to respond effectively to the emerging issues/ global challenges?
4. What are the most important likely shifts in the thematic areas, geographic focus, and modalities for delivery of development cooperation and what do they tell us about the changing role of the UN development system?
5. What are the key UN development system's relative strengths in providing support to countries in transition from relief to development? How should UN's assistance evolve to better support those countries?
6. How is the growth in South-South and triangular cooperation likely to impact the future role of the UN development system?
7. What kind of challenges and opportunities does the expanding role of civil society and private sector organizations in development cooperation pose for the UN development system?