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# QCPR Informal Dialogue: Review of Secretary-General's recommendations for the 2012 quadrennial comprehensive policy review of UN operational activities for development

Venue: Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations  
325 East 38<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY  
5 October 2012  
3-6 p.m.

## PROGRAMME

The first-ever quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) of the General Assembly of operational activities for development of the United Nations system will be launched on 15 October 2012.

The year-long substantive preparations of the Secretary-General for the upcoming QCPR deliberations have been extensive involving some 9 background studies; commissioning an independent evaluation of the delivering-as-one pilot initiative as well as an independent review of the existing institutional framework for independent system-wide evaluation of UN operational activities for development; conducting four surveys of programme country governments, UN Resident Coordinators and country team members, UN Operations Management Teams at the country level and civil society organizations working closely with UN entities at the country level, respectively; and organizing approximately 50 formal and informal consultations with Member States and the different working mechanisms of UNDG.<sup>1</sup>

To date the Secretary-General has submitted four QCPR-related reports for consideration of Member States with the fifth one on funding for UN operational activities for development for the year 2011 to be made available by the end of September.

TIME	SESSION
3:00 - 3:25 p.m.	<b>Welcome remarks</b>  H.E. Yusra Khan, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations  H.E. Paul Seger, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations  Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator of UNDP and Chair of UN Development Group

<sup>1</sup> All QCPR-related reports/documents can be downloaded from the QCPR website of DESA: [www.un.org/esa/coordination/2012qcpr.htm](http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/2012qcpr.htm).

**3:25 - 3:45 p.m. Recommendations of the Secretary-General for the 2012 QCPR**

Navid Hanif, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UNDESA

**3:45 - 5:50 p.m. INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE**

*Moderator: Mr. Kristinn Sv. Helgason, Chief a.i., Development Cooperation Policy Branch, UNDESA*

*The lead discussants and participants in this informal workshop are encouraged to share their initial perspectives on the recommendations contained in the three main sections of the second report of the Secretary-General for the 2012 QCPR:*

*(a) Funding for UN operational activities for development*

*Lead discussants:*

- *Mr. Fabio Moreira Carbonell Farias, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations*
- *Mr. Magnus Lennartsson, Minister, Economic and Social Affairs, Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations*

*(b) Functioning of the UN development system*

*(UN Resident Coordinator system, UNDAF, simplification and harmonization of business practises, transition from relief to development)*

*Lead discussants:*

- *Mr. Joshua Mwangi Mugodo, Minister Counsellor I, Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations*
- *Ms. Claude Lemieux, Counsellor, Development Affairs, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations*

*(c) Progress in enhancing development effectiveness*

*(Capacity development, gender equality and women's empowerment, South-South cooperation, regional coordination, results-based management and planning, evaluation)*

*Lead discussants:*

- *Ms. Ekaterina Fotina, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Russia to the United Nations*
- *Mr. Vincent Herlihy, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations*

*The afternoon session will be organized around the three above topics, with two lead discussants first sharing their views followed by general discussion.*

*The lead discussants and participants, could, in particular, share their preliminary views on whether the recommendations in the Secretary-General's report address critical dimensions to enhance the effectiveness of UN operational activities for development; identify gaps in the recommendations, if any; and point out issues to be further clarified or deliberated.*

*The two lead discussants will have some 7 minutes for their remarks followed by 20-30 minutes for general discussion among participants on each of the three topics.*

**5:50 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Closing remarks**

Navid Hanif, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UNDESA

Yvonne Lodico, Head of the UNITAR New York Office