

Seminar Series: Dialogue on UN operational activities for development

Preparations for the 2012 QCPR

Retreat: UN development system: looking to the future¹

Venue: Tarrytown House Estate and conference Centre
49 East Sunnyside Lane, Tarrytown, NY 10591
8-9 June 2012

PROGRAMME

Almost every report on reform of UN operational activities for development in the past sixty years has attempted to address the challenge of how to make the system as a whole more than its individual parts. How important is this objective for the UN development system when assessed against new and emerging development challenges and development cooperation actors and growing diversity among developing countries? What are the key challenges facing the UN development system in transition country settings? What role should the UN development system have in middle-income countries with well-developed state capacity? The retreat is expected to contribute to the development of recommendations for the second report of the Secretary-General for the 2012 QCPR to be submitted to Member States in September following the substantive session of ECOSOC.

Friday, June 8

Afternoon

4:30 p.m.	Departure from New York
6:30 p.m.	Check-in at Tarrytown House
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Reception
8:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Welcoming Remarks H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President of the General Assembly H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations
8:30 – 10:00 p.m.	Dinner and Keynote Address “United Nations development system: <i>looking to the future – opportunities and challenges</i> ” Bruce Jenks, Senior Fellow, Harvard University, former UN Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Bureau Director for Resources Mobilization and Strategic Partnerships

¹ The key background documents for the retreat will be the reports of the Secretary-General on 2007 TCPR implementation and funding respectively. These documents will be available in an advanced unedited version on the ECOSOC website as of 6 June 2012.

Q&A Session

Moderator

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

Saturday, June 9

Morning

8:00 a.m.

Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Selected findings of reports of the Secretary-General for the 2012 QCPR:

- ❖ Analytical report on the implementation of the 2007 triennial comprehensive policy review (TCPD)
- ❖ Analytical report on funding of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for the year 2010

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

9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Session 1

Improving coordination of UN operational activities for development: *key strategic issues*

Opening Remarks

John Hendra, Deputy Executive Director of UN Women, Chair of the UNDG Assistant Secretary-General Advisory Group and former UN Resident Coordinator in Vietnam, Tanzania and Latvia

Moderator

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

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Session 2

Key challenges in promoting coherence among the United Nations peacekeeping, political and development pillars in transition countries: *lessons learned*

Opening Remarks

Youssef Mahmoud, Senior Adviser at the International Peace Institute and former Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT)

Moderator

H.E. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations

Afternoon

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Lunch

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Session 3

Growing diversity among developing countries: role of the United Nations development system in middle-income countries

Opening Remarks

Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen, Deputy Executive Director, UNFPA

Moderator

H.E. Juan Antonio Yañez-Barnuevo, former Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and former Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Summary and Closing

H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President of the General Assembly