

**Informal Consultations of the UN General Assembly Plenary on Follow-up to 2005
World Summit Outcome on Development and ECOSOC Reform**

**ISSUES PAPER FOR CONSULTATIONS ON 13 December 2005 ON
DEVELOPMENT FOLLOW-UP**

- How should the General Assembly promote the implementation of the development commitments in the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document, including the MDGs and the other internationally agreed development goals that emerged from the major UN conferences and summits?
- How can the Assembly encourage all relevant actors to fully live up to their responsibilities, within their mandates, to speedily follow-up on the Outcome Document's conclusions?
- How should the General Assembly link with ECOSOC, including its newly defined functions - in particular the Annual Ministerial-level substantive Reviews – to assess progress in the follow-up of the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits? What approach should the Assembly adopt in reviewing ECOSOC's findings in this regard?
- Should the Assembly request a separate report from the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Summit Outcome? Or should it work on the basis of reports generated for ECOSOC or other reports?
- How should the Assembly and ECOSOC work alongside the Regional Commissions and other regional bodies to ensure the coordinated implementation at regional level of our development commitments, not least in Africa?
- What is the best way for the General Assembly to consolidate links with relevant institutions within and outside the UN system?
- How should the Assembly ensure coherence among the various follow-up and implementation processes? Should the Assembly deal with the follow-up to the 2005 World Summit within the follow-up to the Millennium Declaration or under the agenda item on integrated and coordinated follow-up of conferences and summits?

Note: The issues on ECOSOC Reform and the Development Follow-up are different but related. While our discussions on development follow-up will need to pay attention to the role of ECOSOC as part of the overall follow-up processes, we might not need to discuss the specific issues concerning ECOSOC reform - we will return to them on 20 December.