

General Assembly, 64th legislative session
System-wide coherence consultations
Suggested timeline: January – June 2010

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	February		March		April		May		June	
	1-15	16-30	1-15	16-30	1-15	16-30	1-15	16-30	1-15	16-30
Launch of resumed SWC process (4 February) Co-chairs to circulate workplan (8 February)										
Negotiations on the draft resolution						16-Apr 10 AM; 26-Apr 28-Apr 30-Apr		25-May 10 AM; 26-May 10 AM and 3 PM; 27-May 3 PM		Starting Monday, 14-Jun

Cluster 1										
Strengthening governance of operational activities for development of UN system for enhanced system-wide coherence¹										
Joint plenary session on governance ² and funding	12-Feb									
WG 1 – Governing bodies - equitable participation and decision-making (first meeting on 17 February)										
WG 2 – Governing bodies - functional coherence and secretariat support; approval of common country programmes (first meeting on 18 February)										
Informal-informal consultation(s) on governance (as needed)										
Informal interactive session ³ on independent system-wide evaluation mechanism							6-May 3PM			
GA legislation on (a) governing bodies, (b) common country programmes, (c) independent										

¹ Substantive support to Cluster 1 will be provided by UNDESA, in cooperation with CEB and UNDG.

² The governance section in GA resolution 63/311 includes three main areas: (a) governing bodies, (b) common country programmes and (c) independent system-wide evaluation mechanism.

³ Interpretation is provided in informal interactive sessions.

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system-wide evaluation mechanism										
Cluster 2										
Improving the funding system of operational activities for development of the UN system for enhanced system-wide coherence⁴										
Joint plenary session on funding and governance ⁵	12 Feb									
Plenary session on funding ⁶			15-Mar 3PM							
Informal-informal consultation(s) on funding (as needed)				17-Mar 3PM 25-Mar 10AM						
Working Group on funding (30 March-12 April)										
GA legislation on funding										
Cluster 3										
Strengthening institutional arrangements for support of gender equality and women's empowerment⁷										
Plenary session on composite gender entity		16 Feb								
Informal interactive session on functions and structure of composite gender entity ⁸		19 Feb								
Informal interactive session on governance and funding of composite gender entity		23 Feb								
Informal-informal consultation(s) on gender entity (as needed)										

⁴ Substantive support to Cluster 2 will be provided by UNDESA in cooperation with CEB.

⁵ The same joint session as referred to in Cluster 1 on governance.

⁶ An informal note on funding prepared by the Secretariat will serve as background document for this plenary session.

⁷ Substantive support to Cluster 3 will be provided by the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (OSAGI), the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), coordinated by the Office of Deputy Secretary-General.

⁸ For informal interactive sessions in different clusters, the co-chairs may decide to designate special moderators, as appropriate, to facilitate the dialogue process.

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Plenary session on composite gender entity										
GA legislation on composite gender entity										
Cluster 4										
“Delivering-as-One”⁹¹⁰¹¹										
Informal interactive session on independent evaluation of DaO country pilots				10-Mar 3PM						
Informal-informal consultation(s) (as needed)				12-Mar 10AM; 29-Mar- 3PM						
Cluster 5										
Harmonization of business practices¹²										
Plenary session on harmonization of business practices ¹³							27-Apr 3PM			
Informal interactive session on harmonization of business practices										

⁹ Substantive support to Cluster 4 will be provided by UNEG, in cooperation with UNDG.

¹⁰ In GA resolution 63/311, Member States requested the Secretary-General to urgently undertake arrangements for an independent evaluation of lessons learned of the Delivering as One (DaO) initiative and to inform the GA of the modalities and terms of reference of this independent evaluation at its sixty-fourth session. The Secretary-General in his report A/64/589 has identified two modalities for managing the independent evaluation of the DaO initiative. This informal session is expected to discuss the outcome of the intergovernmental meeting held in Kigali in October 2009 to share experiences among DaO pilot countries in making UN development operations more coherent, effective and relevant, as well as the plans of the Secretary-General for conducting the independent evaluation of this initiative.

¹¹ Discussion on common country programme approval modality will also be added to these sessions.

¹² Substantive support to Cluster 5 will be provided by CEB.

¹³ Simplification and harmonization of business is work-in-progress within the UN development system. This session would provide an opportunity for representatives of the High-level Committee on Management (HLCM) of the CEB to brief Member States on progress in harmonizing business practices across the UN system.