

Meeting of EC-ESA Plus Principals
Tuesday, 19 July 2016, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.
Conference Room 11
Conference Building, UN Headquarters, New York

Provisional Agenda

I. Follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Follow up to the 2030 Agenda is taking place at the national, regional and global levels. At the global level, the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) serves as the central global forum for providing political leadership, guidance and recommendations on implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The theme of this year's Forum is "Ensuring that no one is left behind". The HLPF will look at this theme through the lens of all of the 17 SDGs. Its discussions will be informed by a number of reports and inputs, including:

- The Secretary-General's first annual progress report on the SDGs;
- The Synthesis Report of inputs from ECOSOC functional commissions and other intergovernmental bodies and platforms; Inputs from Regional Forums on Sustainable Development; and inputs from Major Groups and other stakeholders;
- The 2016 Global Sustainable Development Report -GSDR;
- The multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development Goals - STI Forum and
- 22 Voluntary National Reviews.

Principals may wish to engage in discussions on lessons learned in support of the 2016 HLPF and how best ECESA Plus can contribute to the preparation of inputs and activities in preparation of the 2017 HLPF.

II. Follow-up to Addis Ababa Action Agenda

The Addis Ababa Action Agenda provides a new global framework for financing sustainable development, which supports implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Its successful implementation will rely on engagement by all relevant stakeholders in a vibrant and revitalized global partnership. In the Addis Agenda, countries commit to staying engaged through a dedicated and strengthened follow-up process.

In this context, the Addis Agenda established an annual ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up to review the implementation of financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Its first

session was held in April. To support the deliberations of the Forum and of the High-level Political Forum, the Addis Agenda also encouraged the Secretary-General to establish an Inter-agency Task Force to report annually on progress in implementation. The Task Force was convened through ECESA Plus in December last year and has produced its inaugural report in time for the FfD Forum in April.

Principals may wish to focus exchange of ideas on preparations for the 2017 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development and preparations for the 2017 Inter-Agency Task Force Report.

III. Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG indicators

The Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) was created by the Statistical Commission at its forty-sixth session in March 2015. It is composed of Member States and includes regional and international agencies as observers. The IAEG-SDGs is tasked to provide a proposal of a global indicator framework and associated global and universal indicators for consideration by the Statistical Commission at its forty-seventh session in March 2016.

The Secretary-General transmitted the report of the IAEG-SDGs in February 2016 to the 47th session of the Statistical Commission. The report provided an overview of the work of the IAEG-SDGs on the development of a global indicator framework for the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda, as well as a proposal of global indicators for the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.

Subsequently, the Statistical Commission at its March session agreed as a practical starting point on a global indicator framework, developed by the IAEG-SDGs.

The IAEG-SDGs is expected to continue its work based on a work plan agreed recently in Mexico. It will focus on the main steps needed to finalize the classification of the indicators in Tiers, the refinements of indicators where necessary and the revisions of the indicator framework over the years, as requested by the Statistical Commission.

Principals may wish to share their views and perspectives on the future work of the IAEG-SDGs.

IV. Any Other Business

1. Exchange of views on enhancing collaboration among the members of ECESA and other key entities within the UN system.

Related documents

- Note by the Secretariat on the discussion papers on the theme of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, submitted by major groups and other stakeholders (E/HLPF/2016/2)
- Note by the Secretariat on the reports of the regional forums on sustainable development: E/HLPF/2016/3 (E/HLPF/2016/3/Add.1; E/HLPF/2016/3/Add.2; E/HLPF/2016/3/Add.3; E/HLPF/2016/3/Add.4 and E/HLPF/2016/3/Add.5)
- Report of the inaugural session of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (E/FFDF/2016/3)
- Inaugural 2016 Report of the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development – Addis Ababa Action Agenda: Monitoring commitments and actions
- Note by the Secretariat: Synthesis of voluntary submissions by Functional Commissions of the Economic and Social Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums (E/HLPF/2016/5)
- Note by the President of the Economic and Social Council transmitting the Co-Chairs' Summary of the discussions of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation (STI Forum) (E/HLPF/2016/6)
- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Secretary-General on the Sustainable Development Goals (E/2016/75)
- Report of the Secretary-General on the mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system (E/2016/55)