



AMR Global Preparatory Meeting

6 March 2008, 10 am to 1 pm, UN Headquarters, New York

AMR Mandate

The Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) assesses the *progress made towards the MDGs and the implementation of the other goals and targets agreed at the major UN conferences and summits* over the past 15 years, which constitute the United Nations Development Agenda (UNDA). The overall objective of the AMR is to help scale-up and speed-up implementation. Each year the AMR focuses on a specific aspect of the UNDA. *In 2008, the AMR will focus on "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development"*.

AMR Global Preparatory Event

The meeting will provide an opportunity for the Council to *(i) identify next steps that ECOSOC could take in order to make the AMR a central forum for reviewing progress on implementation of UNDA; (ii) identify measures to make National Voluntary Presentations more effective and making them a process of continuous engagement rather than a one off event and; (iii) identify major challenges in the area of sustainable development which require urgent action by Ministers at the AMR July session*. The meeting features opening remarks by Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UN-DESA and two panels. There will be a possibility to engage in an interactive dialogue following each set of presentations.

Panel on AMR: Achieving implementation

The panel will explore *(i) How to strengthen the follow-up to the review (ii) How to keep countries volunteering for national presentations engaged (iii) How to promote action where volunteering countries need help from the international community*. Presentations by Mr. Deutscher, Chair, Development Assistance Committee, OECD and

H.E. Mr. Antonio Pedro Monteiro Lima, Permanent Representative of Cape Verde to the UN, will allow the Council to learn from the experience of the OECD and Cape Verde.

Panel on ECOSOC's role in promoting sustainable development

The panel will address the following questions *(i) How can ECOSOC foster the integration of sustainable development principles in policy-making and development cooperation (ii) How can the AMR help to bring different actors together, including through the AMR innovation fair (iii) How can ECOSOC help strengthen other partnerships for sustainable development?* Prof. Adil Najam, Professor for Global Public Policy and Mr. Olav Kjørven, Director of the Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP will share their views on how to translate the normative sustainable development framework into a framework for action.

Outcome

The summary of the meeting, which will include key policy messages, will constitute an important input into the analytical report of the Secretary-General to be prepared for the AMR July session.

Participation

Senior government officials, international and regional organizations, UN system, civil society, private sector and academia are invited to participate.

Further information

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