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2013 National Voluntary Presentations (NVPs)

Format

The National Voluntary Presentations (NVP) will be during the High-Level Segment held from 1-4 July at the United Nations Palais des Nations in Geneva. The Countries that have volunteered to make presentations are: *France, Peru (tbc), Thailand, and Vietnam*.

The presentations will be paired, with two NVP countries presenting during a two-hour session.

The presentations will focus on key national priorities that the NVP countries would like to present and analyze in order to benefit from the Council's response. A suggested structure for presentations is:

- 1) Key policy successes and lessons-learned;
- 2) Key policy challenges and constraints;
- 3) Emerging challenges and new opportunities; and
- 4) Recommendations for actions to be taken by the presenting country and by regional and international development partners.

The NVPs will be linked to the theme of the 2013 AMR, entitled "*The role of science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals*". Furthermore, the presentations will be well positioned to add value to key ongoing inter-governmental processes, including the *follow-up to Rio+20 and preparations for post-2015 development agenda*. The Rio+20 mandate calls on ECOSOC to play a "key role in achieving a balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development". The ECOSOC Bureau has made integration a priority for the 2013 ECOSOC session. As such, NVP countries are most welcome to offer inputs and share insights regarding integration challenges, opportunities and solutions.

The paired presentations will be according to the slotted schedule (slots are drawn at March planning meeting). One hour per country will be allocated for presentation and discussion, with two hours for each paired session. Government Ministers or senior officials will lead the country's presentation. The head of the NVP delegation will be seated at the podium,

together with the moderator and Secretariat officials. Governments are encouraged to involve in their presentations representatives of other stakeholder groups that participated in national consultation processes who may make brief remarks from the floor.

Each NVP session will be guided by a moderator, including the subsequent interactive discussion launched by the countries' NVP Reviewers/Friends and will draw out common themes and recommendations.

The moderator will also guide the discussion in providing feedback to the two presenting countries and towards highlighting the most important issues or specific questions. The objective is to initiate and stimulate a joint discussion based on the two national reports and compare lessons learned in an interactive and spontaneous manner.

The two NVP countries who are paired together may also exchange their national reports with each other and with the moderator in advance. In this way, they may review each other's reports and contribute more fully to the interactive discussions.

Each NVP country will designate two to three Friends. The Friends are expected to initiate the discussion and set the stage for the interactive exchange.

At the end of each session the moderator will summarize the main conclusions.

The Chair of the NVP sessions will be H.E. Ambassador Nestor Osorio, President of ECOSOC.

There will be a room reserved in the event that NVP countries would wish to meet with their Friends and the moderator for their presentation. This room (NVP lounge) is located next to the ECOSOC Salle at the Palais des Nations and will be available the mornings of 1-4 July from 10am to 1pm.

Venue

United Nations Office, Geneva

Session structure

The proposed scenario will follow.