

UN Process for Coordinating the Post-2015 UN Development Agenda

1- MANDATES

Member States have given clear mandates at the MDG Summit in 2010 and at the Rio+20 Conference in 2012 on how the process for preparing for the post-2015 UN development agenda will unfold. In fulfilment of the mandates, the SG has facilitated the emergence of an inclusive consultative process involving all stakeholders, including Member States, the UN system, civil society organizations, voices of the people at the global, regional and national levels, businesses, academia and other parts of the scientific community. The process should eventually lead to the definition of a single and comprehensive post-2015 UN development agenda with sustainable development at its core.

2- LEADERSHIP

Member States: the delivery of a new framework for post-2015 is the prerogative of the Member States, building on agreed norms and principles, while the UN system's responsibility is to support Member States in fulfilling this task with evidence-based analysis and field experience.

The Secretary-General will continue to provide overall leadership to the process, including through the Deputy-Secretary General, and the Secretary-General's Special Advisor on post-2015 Development Planning. The Secretary-General will present his vision for post-2015 in the report to be submitted for consideration by the 68th General Assembly in September 2013 on the occasion of the special event to be held by the President of the General Assembly. The report will be prepared by UN-DESA as per institutional mandate in consultation with the UN System-wide Task Team for delivery to the Secretary-General.

3- WORK STREAMS

Open Working Group: Member States agreed to establish an Open Working Group for the preparation of sustainable development goals, which is to be composed of 30 members to be nominated by Member States from the five United Nations regional groups. The OWG will present a report containing a proposal for sustainable development goals for consideration and appropriate action. The Rio+20 Outcome Document tasked the Secretary-General to provide an initial input to the OWG. This input will be based on consultations with Member States and on the work prepared by a "Technical Support Team".

- Support: provided by a "Technical Support Team" under the umbrella of the UN Task Team and co-chaired by UN-DESA and UNDP.
- Deliverable: a report to be submitted to the 68th session of the General Assembly.

High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda: to advise the Secretary-General on a bold but practical development agenda beyond 2015. The Panel is co-chaired by President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia, and Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom, and it includes leaders from civil society, private sector and government. The Secretary-General is represented ex-officio on the Panel by his Special Advisor on Post-2015 Development Planning.

- Support: provided by an independent secretariat headed by a lead author and reporting directly to the co-chairs.
- Deliverable: report to be submitted to the Secretary-General on 31 May 2013

UN Task Team on the Post-2015 UN Development Agenda: a team of representatives of over 60 UN entities and international organizations was established in January 2012 under the co-chairmanship of UNDP and UN-DESA to coordinate the system and propose a unified vision for the definition of a post-2015 UN development agenda. A subset of the Task Team will provide technical support to the Open Working Group.

- Deliverable: the report of the Task Team “Realizing the future we want for all” was submitted to the Secretary-General in June 2012, and transmitted to the co-Chairs of the High-level Panel thereafter as the key input of the UN system.
- Deliverable: support to the Open Working Group in the preparation of a report on Sustainable Development Goals to be submitted to the 68th General Assembly.
- Deliverable: provide analytical inputs and recommendations for shaping the post-2015 UN development agenda, including regarding monitoring and accountability and reconfiguration of the global partnership for development in the post-2015 era, which will serve as inputs for the annual Secretary-General reports on MDG progress and the vision for the post-2015, as mandated by the 2010 MDG Summit.

UNDG’s national and global thematic consultations, and citizens’ outreach: as part of a UNDG post-2015 project, broad consultations are under preparations. The consultations have three main components, including: i) facilitating national dialogues on post-2015 in fifty + developing countries; ii) convening eleven multi-stakeholder thematic consultations on inequalities; health; education; governance; conflict and fragility; growth and employment; environmental sustainability; hunger, nutrition and food security; population dynamics; energy; and water; and iii) launching an outreach process to citizens and stakeholders in all countries, utilizing all available social media technologies.

- Deliverable: a report on the outcomes of the consultations to be made available to the High-level Panel and to inform the Secretary-General’s report to 2013 General Assembly.

Regional Consultations: regional consultations are organized by the Regional Economic Commissions.

- Deliverable: outcomes of the consultations to be made available to the High-level Panel and to inform the Secretary-General's report to 2013 General Assembly.

Sustainable Development Solutions Network: SDSN is an independent global network of research centres, universities and technical institutions to help find solutions for some of the world's most pressing environmental, social and economic problems. Launched by the Secretary-General and based at the Earth Institute at Columbia University, the Network is directed by the Secretary-General Special Advisor on the MDGs.

- Deliverable: outcomes to be made available to the High-level Panel and to the Secretary-General to inform the Secretary-General's report to 2013 General Assembly.

UN Global Compact: to include the views and contributions of businesses in the post-2015 process, the Global Compact is expanding and strengthening the current network of corporations engaged with the UN on sustainable development initiatives. Inputs on the role of partnership in the post-2015 process will be coordinated by the partnership focal point network of the UN system coordinated by EOSG.

- Deliverable: outcomes to be made available to the High-level Panel and to inform the Secretary-General's report which is to be submitted for consideration by the 68th General Assembly in September 2013.

4- COORDINATION

Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning: a senior dedicated resource at the ASG level to coordinate, on behalf of the Secretary-General, the process of developing and building consensus among Member States, UN actors, and key external constituencies. The Special Adviser serves on the High-level Panel as an ex-officio member, and more broadly represents the Secretary-General on the post-2015 debate, and advises him on all related matters.

- Support: provided by a core team within the EOSG and a substantive support team within the One Secretariat;
- Deliverables: ensure the timely delivery of the HLP report and coordinate inputs provided across all work streams.

Informal Senior Coordination Group: to ensure coherence across the work streams and to facilitate efforts and resources that will be provided by the UN system to the different work streams and their support structures. The group will consist of four ASGs including: the Special Adviser, the ASG for Economic Development in DESA, the ASG for Development Policy at UNDP, and the ASG for Policy and Programme at UN Women,

representing respectively the two co-chairs of the UN task team (UNDP and DESA) and the two co-chairs of the UNDG MDG Task Force (currently UNDP and UN Women)

One Secretariat on Post-2015: In order to enhance the coordination and coherence across work streams, the One Secretariat supports: i) the independent Secretariat of the High-level Panel; ii) the core team of the UN Task Team supporting the Open Working Group; and iii) the cross-UN team supporting the Informal Senior Coordination Group, including the team managing the UNDG project. Each will be substantively independent.

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