



UNDG meeting

14 November 2014, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM,
DC1-21st Floor Hank Shannon Conference Room, New York

Annotated Agenda

9:00-9:15 [For discussion] **Opening by the UNDG Chair** (Helen Clark)

9:15-10:00 [For discussion] **Item 1: Fit for Purpose for the Post-2015 Agenda:**

- **UNDG mapping and visioning exercise**
(Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen, ASG Advisory Group Chair)
- **ECOSOC dialogue on longer-term positioning of the UN development system** (Thomas Gass, UNDESA)

Background: Through the QCPR and through the global and national consultations on the post-2015 agenda, Member States left no doubt that they would like to see a strong UN development system, one that is relevant, nimble and ready to help countries deliver on their sustainable development priorities. In his report “A Life of Dignity for All”, the UN Secretary-General expressed the commitment of the United Nations system to continue its reform and make itself “fit for purpose” so as to respond to the challenges of the emerging post-2015 development agenda. As a follow-up to the 11 July 2014 UNDG meeting, the UNDG carried out a preliminary mapping of UNDG field presences and coverage of SDGs as well as a UNDG ASG Advisory Group retreat to derive recommendations and options from the review. In parallel, the ECOSOC has requested an inclusive dialogue with Member States and relevant stakeholders on the longer-term positioning of the UN development system taking into account the post-2015 development agenda.

Background documents:

- UNDG ‘Fit for Purpose’ for the Post-2015 Agenda: Concept Note and UNDG ASG AG visioning retreat report (forthcoming)
- DESA Draft Concept Note: Dialogue on the Longer-Term Positioning of the UN Development System taking into account the post-2015 development agenda

10:00-10:30 [For discussion] **Item 2: UNDG engagement in support of the Human Rights Up Front initiative** (Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General)

Background: The main purpose of the Human Rights Up Front (HRuF) initiative is to strengthen the UN system’s ability to effectively prevent and respond to situations at risk of or subject to serious violations of international human rights and humanitarian law. The

HRuF Action Plan provides a framework for a timelier and more predictable UN-wide response to situations of concern by leveraging the mandates, tools and capacities of the entire UN system. The HRuF approach is to be applied both in headquarters and field operations responses. Successful rollout of the HRuF Action Plan at the country level will require strategic and active engagement and support of the UNDG. Informed by updates on progress with the implementation of Human Rights up Front, the UNDG will be provided with an opportunity to discuss its role and entry points for supporting the roll out of the Action Plan at the country level.

Background documents:

- Joint Letter from the Deputy Secretary General and UNDG Chair to RCs (February 2014)
- HRuF Background note for the UNDG Meeting

10:30-11:15 [For decision] Item 3: Reform of UNDG working mechanisms, working methods and membership (Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen, ASG Advisory Group Chair)

Background: At its meeting of 11 July 2014, the UNDG endorsed a set of principles to guide the reform of its architecture, working methods, and membership at the global level with a view to ensuring that it is fit for purpose to deliver on the emerging sustainable development agenda. The UNDG agreed on streamlining its working mechanisms, making them more accountable and field-focused, and on reforming its membership to ensure inclusive representation of the entire UN development system in the UNDG and a more representative yet functional Advisory Group at Principal and ASG level. Based on the agreements reached at the 11 July UNDG meeting, the ASG Advisory Group Chair has worked with the Co-conveners of the UNDG working mechanisms and DOCO on an updated set of working arrangements for the UNDG and its global working mechanisms for consideration and endorsement by the UNDG.

Background documents:

- Draft UNDG functioning and working methods
- Draft UNDG Advisory Group ToR
- Draft UNDG Working Groups ToR

11:15-11:45 [For information] Item 4: Update on the UNDG cost-sharing in support of the RC system in 2014/2015 and preparations for the 2016/17 biennium (Kanni Wignaraja, DOCO Director)

Background: In 2013, the UNDG agreed on a centralized cost-sharing arrangement in support of the Resident Coordinator (RC) system at the global, regional and country level,

to which all UNDG member entities are expected to contribute according to an agreed formula. The arrangement entered into effect on 1 January 2014 for the 2014/2015 biennium. The cost-sharing agreement now needs to be extended for the 2016/2017 biennium to allow for timely inclusion of the required amounts in agency budgets.

Background documents:

- Information sheet on the preparations for the UNDG cost-sharing in support of the RC system in 2016/2017

11:45-12:00 [For information] AOB

- UNDG Plan of Action for Headquarters – progress update

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