



UNDG meeting

26 June 2015, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (EST)

DC1-21st Floor Hank Shannon Conference Room, New York

Annotated Agenda

9:00-9:10 [For information] **Opening by the UNDG Chair**

9:10-9:55 [For discussion] **Item 1: ECOSOC dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the UN development system**

- Outcome of the first phase of the dialogue
- Preparations for the second phase

Background: In ECOSOC resolution 2014/14, the Council decided to convene a transparent and inclusive dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the UN development system in the context of the post-2015 development agenda, including the interlinkages between the alignment of functions, funding practices, governance structures, organizational arrangements, capacity and impact and partnership approaches. This is the first time that ECOSOC has been mandated to conduct such an intergovernmental dialogue on reform of the UN development system. The ECOSOC dialogue is being conducted over an 18-month period, with the outcome of the deliberations serving as key input to the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of the General Assembly of operational activities of the UN system in 2016.

Informed by the outcome of the ASG Advisory Group retreat on 25 June, the UNDG is expected to reflect on the first phase of the ECOSOC dialogue, which took place between Dec.'14 – May'15, and to deliberate on UNDG engagement in the second phase.

Background documents:

- Report of the first phase of the ECOSOC dialogue
- Roadmap for the ECOSOC dialogue
- UNDG key messages for the ECOSOC dialogue

9:55-10:40 [For discussion] **Item 2: Getting ready for Post-2015**

- Preparations for the Post-2015 Summit
- Updates from UNDG Working Groups and Task Teams

Background: The United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda will be held from 25 to 27 September 2015, in New York and convened as a high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly. The UNDG is expected to deliberate on its collective engagement and advocacy, including through a joint UNDG side event at the summit. Informed by progress reporting by the UNDG Working Groups and the outcome of the ASG Advisory Group retreat, the UNDG is requested to agree on a set of key deliverables and actions to be taken by the UNDG before the end of the year to ensure UNCTs are ready for the new agenda.

Background documents:

- Zero draft of the outcome document for the Post-2015 Summit
- Draft concept note for UNDG side event at the Post-2015 Summit

- Mid-year progress reports from the UNDG Working Groups
- Overview of upcoming guidance and products for RCs/ UNCTs

10:40-11:10 **[For discussion and electronic decision]** **Item 3: Revised MOU and SAA for UNDG pass-through mechanism, including cost recovery rate for pooled funds**

Background: The UNDG is expected to agree on revised and updated standard legal agreements - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Standard Administrative Agreement (SAA) - for pass-through funding modalities, which the UNDG originally adopted in 2008. Under the direction of the UNDG Fiduciary Management Oversight Group, substantive work on revising the instruments began in late 2013. A key issue that remains to be agreed on is the harmonised cost recovery rate to be applied to inter-agency pooled funds using the UNDG pass through modality. In 2014, the ASG Advisory Group referred the issue to the HLCM Finance and Budget Network (FBN).

The UNDG will be briefed on the outcome of the FBN meeting on 25 June, which is expected to result in a recommendation to the UNDG on the most appropriate cost recovery rate. To allow for sufficient time to consider the recommendation, the UNDG will be requested to endorse the documents electronically after the meeting.

Background documents:

- Decision sheet
- Revised SSA for MDTFs and JPs using pass-through fund management
- Revised MoU for MDTFs and JPs using pass-through fund management
- Options Paper for FBN – harmonized cost recovery rate for UN inter-agency pooled funds

11:10-11:20 **[For decision]** **Item 4: Guidance Note on Human Rights for Resident Coordinators and UN country teams**

Background: The UNDG is asked to endorse the new UNDG Guidance Note on Human Rights for RCs and UN country teams developed under the UNDG Human Rights Working Group (HRWG). The Guidance Note responds to the Secretary-General's Policy Committee decision 2008/18 on human rights and development and other key policy and contextual developments. The new guidance responds to increasing demands from RCs and UN country team leadership for more practical guidance for strategically advancing the human rights agenda at country level, including through mainstreaming human rights in development programming, joint advocacy, facilitating national engagement with UN human rights mechanisms, and addressing human rights violations.

Background documents:

- Decision sheet
- Draft Guidance Note on Human Rights for RCs and UNCTs

11:20-11:30 **[For information]** **Item 5: AOB**

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