



UNDG meeting

6 February 2014, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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

Annotated Agenda

- 9:30-10:00** **[For discussion]** **Opening by the UNDG Chair** (Helen Clark)
- 10:00-10:45** **[For decision]** **Item 1: Preparation of CEB Spring Session: Capacity of the UNDG and its fitness for purpose to implement the new sustainable development agenda**
(Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen, ASG Advisory Group Chair)

Background: At its last session in November 2013, the UN Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) agreed that the UN system faces two distinct challenges in providing support to Member States in preparing and, eventually, in implementing the post-2015 development agenda. First, it must achieve a clarity and unity of stance with regard to key issues that will enable it to inform and guide the decisions of Member States; and second, it must ensure that the organizations of the UN system, individually and collectively, are fit for purpose. To this effect, CEB requested the UNDG to elaborate a set of options across global, regional and country levels on how best the UN system can support Member States in implementing sustainable development to be presented at the next CEB session on 8/9 May 2014.

Background documents:

- UNDG Decision Sheet
- Outcome of CEB Retreat on Post-2015 Development Agenda
- Report of the Secretary-General: A life of dignity for all: accelerating progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and advancing the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015
- A Million Voices: the World We Want. A Sustainable Future with Dignity for All
- A New Global Partnership: Eradicate Poverty and Transform Economies Through Sustainable Development. The report of the High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda
- UN Technical Support Team Issues Briefs prepared for the Open Working Group

10:45-11:00 [For information] **Item 2: Preparations for ECOSOC Operational Activities Segment** (Thomas Gass, ASG for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, DESA)

Background: The 2014 ECOSOC Operational Activities Segment (OAS) will take place on 24-26 February and focus on reviewing progress of the implementation of the QCPR as well as the role of the UN development system in a changing development cooperation landscape. While the QCPR resolution focuses largely on 'how' the UN development system should function, the Executive Heads of the funds and programmes will also be invited to discuss the current and emerging substantive priorities of the UN system, particularly in the context of a post-2015 development agenda. There will also be dedicated sessions on the DaO Standard Operating Procedures and on improving results in countries in transition from relief to development.

Background documents:

- ECOSOC OAS Programme
- Secretary-General's Report on the Implementation of the QCPR

11:00-11:15 [For information] **Item 3: Update on implementation of RC system cost-sharing** (Kanni Wignaraja, Director of DOCO)

Background: The centralized UNDG cost-sharing arrangement in support of the Resident Coordinator system has entered into effect as of 1 January 2014 and currently is being implemented in a phased approach. 18 UNDG member entities are expected to contribute. As not all UNDG member entities will be in a position to start contributing to the cost sharing in 2014, a funding gap is expected for the Resident Coordinator system at the global, regional, and country level in the transitional phase in 2014 and 2015, for which the UNDG is seeking continued contributions from member states until the cost sharing modality will become fully operational in 2016.

Background document:

- Status update RC system cost-sharing

11:15-11:30 [For decision] **Item 4: Preparations for First High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-Operation** (Fadzai Gwaradzimba, Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Director, UNDP/BERA)

Background: On 15-16 April, 2014, Mexico will host the first High Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation. The meeting will take stock of commitments made at the Busan High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in 2011, and discuss several forward-looking issues in development cooperation relating to domestic

resource mobilization, middle income countries, South-South cooperation, and the private sector. It is envisioned that a time-bound UNDG task team will coordinate joint UNDG participation in the Mexico HLM.

Background documents:

- UNDG Brief on the Global Partnership
- Revised concept note and outline agenda for the HLM
- Revised roadmap to the HLM

- 11:30-12:20 [For decision] Item 5: UNDG items for approval**
- a. Updated UNDG Work Plan for 2013-2014**
 - b. Delivering as One Standard Operating Procedures Plan of Action for Headquarters**
 - c. Revised RC job description and Guidance on UNCT Conduct and Working Relations**
 - d. Revised Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfer (HACT) Framework**

Background documents:

- a. Decision Sheet Updated UNDG Work Plan 2013-2014
Draft Updated UNDG Work Plan 2013-2014
UNDG Strategic Priorities 2013-2016
- b. Decision Sheet DaO SOPs Plan of Action for Headquarters
Draft DaO Standard Operating Procedures Plan of Action for Headquarters
Standard Operating Procedures for Countries Wishing to Adopt DaO
- c. Decision Sheet RC Job Description and Guidance on UNCT Working Relations
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- d. Decision Sheet HACT Framework
Draft Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfer (HACT) Framework

- 12:20-12:30 [For information] AOB**

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