



## **UNDG meeting**

19 September 2012, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (EST)

DC1 – 21<sup>st</sup> Floor, Hank Shannon Conference Room

### **Annotated Agenda**

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**9:00-9:15**     **[For discussion] Item 1: Introduction by the UNDG Chair** (Helen Clark)

**9:15-10:45**   **[For decision] Item 2: UNDG review of RC system funding modalities** (Hans d’Orville, UNDG Vice-Chair)

**Background:** As called for in ECOSOC resolution 2011/7, the UNDG has commissioned a review of RC system funding modalities, including appropriate cost-sharing arrangements among relevant United Nations organizations. The study has been conducted by the firm Management Systems International (MSI) and seeks to (1) define “coordination costs;” (2) provide an inventory of current expenditures for coordination by UN system entities and development partners; (3) assess capacity requirements; (4) recommend an effective and efficient coordination model; (5) recommend options for system-wide cost-sharing; and (6) propose interim arrangements until the recommendations can be systematically implemented. The UNDG will be briefed on the report and the discussion of the ASG Advisory Group. The UNDG is expected to endorse a process for the successful and timely conclusion of the review.

**Background documents:**

- Decision sheet: UNDG review of RC system funding modalities
- Abstract - MSI study on RC system funding modalities
- Funding scenarios - MSI study on RC system funding modalities
- Consolidated UNDG feedback on draft MSI study on RC system funding modalities
- ToR - UNDG review of RC system funding modalities

**10:45-11:00**   **[For discussion] Item 3: Update on the development of standard operating procedures for Delivering as One**

**Background:** The outcome document of the Fifth High-level Intergovernmental Conference on Delivering as One (DaO) in Tirana, calls on the Secretary-General to mandate the UNDG Chair to “initiate and lead a process of thorough analysis among heads of UN Funds, Programmes and Agencies, in order to come up with proposals for establishing the appropriate framework at the HQ level that will enable UN Country Teams to fully and successfully implement the DaO approach.” This process should lead to the formulation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for UNCTs in countries that wish to adopt DaO.

The Secretary-General has since tasked the UNDG Chair to proceed as recommended. The UNDG ASG Advisory Group thereupon formed the High Level Group (HLG) to oversee the development of the SOPs in full collaboration with relevant UNDG Working Mechanisms and HLCM Networks as well as Regional UNDG Teams. The UNDG is expected to provide feedback to the Chair of the HLG on the update, scope of work and process.

**Background documents:**

- Discussion sheet: SOPs for DaO
- HLG Terms of Reference

**11:00-11:45 [For discussion] Item 4: Draft management response to the Independent Evaluation of Delivering as One (Debbie Landey, Director DOCO)**

**Background:** The Evaluation Management Group (EMG) of the Independent Evaluation of Lessons Learned from Delivering as One presented its report to the President of the General Assembly on 12 June 2012. The Secretary-General has been asked by the Chair of the EMG to provide a management response to the recommendations contained in the report. Since the UNDG coordinates activities related to Delivering as One at all levels, the Secretary-General has requested the UNDG Chair to take the lead in preparing the management response and to ensure that the views of the High-Level Committee on Management and the High-Level Committee on Programmes are sought and included in the response. The Secretary-General will bring the final version of the management response to the attention of Member States during the QCPR deliberations. The UNDG is expected to validate the draft management response and reach agreement on the recommended key messages to be included in the Secretary-General's response to the Chair of the Evaluation Management Group.

**Background documents:**

- Discussion sheet: DaO Management Response
- Draft Management Response
- Draft letter from Secretary-General to EMG Chair
- Summary Report of Independent Evaluation of Lessons Learned from Delivering as One
- UNDG ASG Advisory Group messages on Independent Evaluation draft report

**11:45-12:00 [For discussion] Item 5: Update on QCPR preparations (Navid Hanif, DESA)**

**Background:** The QCPR is the mechanism through which the General Assembly assesses the effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and impact of UN operational activities for development and establishes system-wide policy orientations for development cooperation and country-level modalities of the UN system in response to the evolving international development cooperation environment. The next set of UNDG strategic priorities and the

next UNDG work plan will be fully aligned with the QCPR 2013-2016. The Secretary-General's report on the QCPR provides recommendations for consideration of Member States. The briefing is intended to inform the UNDG of the thrust of the recommendations contained in the Secretary-General's report and the status of the QCPR preparations and next steps in the process.

**Background documents:**

- Discussion sheet: Update on QCPR
- Secretary-General's report on the QCPR – Recommendations
- Overview of recommendations directed at the UNDG in the Secretary-General's report

**12:00-12:15 [For decision] Item 6: Request to establish a UNDG Task Team on Culture and Development (Hans d'Orville, UNESCO)**

**Background:** UNESCO proposes to establish a UNDG Task Team on Culture and Development, which would be time-bound, task-specific and self-serviced in line with the UNDG working arrangements. The UNDG is expected to decide on this proposal.

**Background documents:**

- Decision sheet: UNDG Task Team on Culture and Development

**12:15-12:30 [For discussion] Item 7: AOB**

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