



**Expert Group Meeting**  
**2015 and 2016 ECOSOC Cycles**  
**UN Women Conference Room**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Floor- Daily News Building**  
**4-5 December 2014**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Thursday, 4 December**



10:45-11:00 Registration

**Opening: Welcoming Remarks by Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, OESC/DESA**

11:30-12:00 **Opening Remarks**

Chair: **Mr. Thomas Gass**, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, DESA

**H.E. Mr. Martin Sajdik** (Austria), President of the ECOSOC

**H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi** (Italy), Chair, GA Second Committee

**Ms. Lakshmi Puri**, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women

**Session I Round Table: Transitioning Towards a New Development Framework: Changing Mindset**

12:00-13:30 Moderator: **H.E. Mr. Masood Khan**, Permanent Representative (Pakistan)

Presenters:

- **H.E. Mr. Tekeda Alemu**, Permanent Representative (Ethiopia)
- **H.E. Ms. Maria Emma Mejia Velez**, ECOSOC Vice President and

Permanent Representative (Colombia)

- **H.E. Mr. Od Och**, Permanent Representative (Mongolia)
- **H.E. Dr. Mwaba Patricia Kasese-Bota**, Permanent Representative (Zambia)

Interactive discussion

Key Issues: This session will undertake a broad examination of the implications and challenges of transitioning to and delivering on a more integrated and universal development framework based on the SDGs. It will examine the broader perspectives and interpretations of a universal agenda and their implications in terms of practical changes and adaptation of existing institutional, policy, and accountability systems at the global, regional and national levels. The session will also discuss the role of ECOSOC and the HLPF under its auspices, in supporting the transition towards a universal development agenda.

### 13.30-14.30 Lunch

## Session II What's Needed: Institutional Structures and Behaviours for Transformation

14.30-16.15 Moderator: **Mr. Thomas Gass**, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, DESA

Presenters:

- **Prof. Steven Bernstein**, Associate Chair and Graduate Director, Department of Political Science and Co-Director of the Environmental Governance Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto
- **Ms. Marion Barthalemy**, Chief, Intergovernmental Support Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, DESA
- **Mr. Felix Dodds**, Fellow at the Global Research Institute at the University of North Carolina an Associate Fellow at the Tellus Institute
- **Ms. Aleesha Taylor**, Deputy Director, Education Support Program, Open Society Foundation

Interactive discussion

Key Issues: Strong institutions are not only necessary to plan and manage development; they are also needed to anticipate, reduce or avoid risks that could undermine development and cost lives. This session will take a broad look at the institutional implications, both at the global, regional and national level of an inclusive, universal, and sustainable agenda. It will examine what kind of changes and adaptation in institutions and structures would be needed at various levels to enable strong, coherent and integrated policies to address emerging challenges and support the national implementation of the SDGs. The session will also examine the institutional changes that would be needed to reconcile and integrate the development agenda.

### 16.15-16.30 Coffee Break

### Session III What's Needed: Building the Policy Framework

16.30-18.15 Moderator: **Mr. Peter Hazlewood**, Director for Ecosystems and Development, World Resources Institute

Presenters:

- **H.E. Mr. Lazarous Kapambwe**, Advisor to Chairperson of African Union
- **Ms. Christine Brautigam**, Director, Intergovernmental Support Division, UN Women
- **Ms. Ebba Dohlman**, Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary-General, Policy Coherence for Development, OECD
- **Mr. David Norman**, Senior Manager, Sustainable Development Policy, SABMiller

Interactive discussion

Key Issues: This session will focus on the broad range of critical policy issues that need to be taken into account in supporting the transition to and implementation of the SDGs. It will explore what kind of changes and adaptations in existing policy frameworks would be needed to support the implementation of an SDG-based development agenda. In particular, the session will explore tools and approaches that would account for the complex inter-linkages, synergies, spill-overs and trade-offs between different policy choices underpinning the delivery of the SDGs, while ensuring mutually reinforcing and coherent policy outcomes at the global, regional, national and local levels.

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**Friday, 5 December**

### Session IV Round Table: Multi-stakeholder Partnerships for Delivering on the Post-2015 Development Agenda

10.00-12.20 Moderator: **H.E. Mr. Oh Joon**, ECOSOC Vice President and Permanent Representative (South Korea)

Presenters:

- **H.E. Mr. Lazarous Kapambwe**, Advisor to Chairperson of African Union
- **Mr. Amir Dossal**, Founder and Chairman, Global Partnerships Forum
- **Ms. Melissa Powell**, Head of Partnerships and Strategy, United Nations Global Compact
- **Mr. Alessandro Motter**, Senior Advisor, IPU

Interactive discussion

Key Issues: This session will focus on specific roles and responsibilities that different development actors will need to assume in partnership with national governments, acting individually or collectively, to ensure the delivery of an ambitious, integrated and inclusive post-2015 development agenda. The session will examine the key features for a multi-stakeholder framework that would account for the differentiated roles and levels of responsibilities of different actors in a variety of development contexts. It will also examine how such frameworks could build on existing mechanisms and governance structures to ensure robust partnership arrangements commensurate with an ambitious, universal, people-centred, sustainable development agenda. The issues around strengthened governance and oversight for such frameworks will also be considered.

## 12.20-14:30 Lunch

### Session V Round Table: Monitoring and Accounting for Development Results

14:30-17:00 Moderator: **H.E. Mr. Vladimir Drobnyak**, ECOSOC Vice President and Permanent Representative (Croatia)

Presenters:

- **Mr. Scott David**, Executive Director, Law, Technology & Arts Group, University of Washington Law School
- **Mr. Jos Verbeek**, Lead Economist, Development Prospects Group, World Bank
- **Ms. Francesca Perucci**, Chief, Statistical Services Branch, Statistical Division, DESA
- **Mr. Marc Levy**, Deputy Director, Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), Earth Institute, Columbia University

Interactive discussion

Key Issues: This session will discuss the design of monitoring and accountability mechanisms based on existing models, to ensure delivery of results. It will examine how to best define different levels of accountability for players with varying degrees of responsibilities for the goals and targets, without compromising the principles of universality, flexibility, country ownership and the sharing of development experience. The session will also explore ways to ensure accountability for frameworks that are legally binding and non-binding, and the differentiated role of ECOSOC, HLPF and other inter-governmental mechanisms.

## Wrap-up and Next Steps

17.00:17.30

- **Mr. Thomas Gass**, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, DESA
- **H.E. Mr. Vladimir Drobnyak**, Vice President ECOSOC (Croatia)