

# ONE DAY INTERSESSIONAL MEETING BETWEEN MAJOR GROUPS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS AND THE OPEN WORKING GROUP ON SDGS

22 November, 2013 (10:00 am – 1:00 pm; 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

UN HQ, New York, NY, Conference Building Room 3,

## ORGANISATION OF FIRST ONE DAY MULTI-STAKEHOLDER EVENT

- **Role of the Secretariat:** UN DESA/DSD will act as the secretariat. The Secretariat will lead the preparation of the two one day interactive events, including by hosting the pre-consultation on its website, and will act as the coordination point with Open Working Group co-chairs and other Member States.
- **Role of Steering Committee:** In order to ensure consistency between the two one-day intersessional meetings, we suggest one single steering committee group to advise on the objective and methodology of the two intersessional sessions and criteria to select panellists. The first multi-stakeholder event will take place on Friday, 22 November just before the fifth session of the Open Working Work on 25-27 November. The second multi-stakeholder event will take place in early 2014 (date to be determined).
- **Role of Co-chairs/Member States:** We suggest OWG Member States should also be invited to participate in the roundtables and other activities organised for these sessions. This will encourage direct and constructive interaction with Member States outside the official spaces.

## TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES

### 1. Selecting a Multi-stakeholder Steering Committee

**Timeframe:** steering committee selected by 15<sup>th</sup> September

- ❖ **Number of members:** 12-16
- ❖ **Criteria for members' selection:**
  - Members will represent up to nine of the Major Groups<sup>1</sup> who express interest plus three to seven others stakeholders from Post-2015 networks and/or those listed in para 16 of Resolution A/67/L.62<sup>2</sup> and they will provide advice on the Format and organizational aspects of the intersessional meetings.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information about Major Groups please follow this link:

<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/orgpartners.html>

<sup>2</sup> '[...] such as private philanthropic organizations, educational and academic entities, persons with disabilities, volunteer groups and other stakeholders active in areas related to sustainable development [...]' See the resolution here:

<http://www.un.org/en/ga/president/67/letters/pdf/Sustainable%20Development%20-%20HL%20Political%20Forum%20-%201%20July%202013.pdf>

- Members will reflect a balanced representation of individuals from northern and southern based organisations<sup>3</sup>, the five regions; gender balance, and other relevant criteria.

#### ❖ **Selection Process:**

Each interested Major Group, Post-2015 networks and stakeholders listed in para 16 of the HLPF resolution (A/67/L.72) will be invited to nominate up to two people (ideally one South/one North; one woman/one man). The secretariat will make a selection from this pool of nomination and in consultation with the above listed stakeholders will choose 12 to 16 members that achieve the criteria above.

## **2. Designing the first multi-stakeholder event**

**Timeframe: From 16 September to 14 October September**

#### ❖ **Identifying the objective and methodology of events:**

Steering committee members will provide ideas on the objective and format of the intersessional sessions taking into account the ideas already gathered by the Secretariat through a crowd sourcing exercise.

Example of event objectives could include: Inform OWG discussions; demonstrate the value of Major Groups and other stakeholders in designing and implementing SDGs; identify innovative ideas, action-oriented suggestions for the OWG process, have virtual global sessions, focus on arts and communications, joint advocacy, specific must haves, roadmap to achieve must-haves.

**Output:** draft event structure.

#### ❖ **Panellists selection and participants criteria**

Steering committee members nominate panellists according to agreed event structure and criteria. Secretariat shortlists panellists taking into account geographical representation and gender balance. Final list is approved by steering committee.

**Output:** draft event agenda and speakers.

#### **Time commitment expected for steering committee members:**

Between September and October, two conference calls (maximum two hours per call). Three rounds of feedback to the draft event programme (e-mail based). A similar amount of time for the second intersessional that will be organised on a date to be confirmed between January and March 2014).

## **3. Identifying participants:**

**Call out for participants' registration: 18 September - 8 October**

**Confirmation of attendance: by 22 October**

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<sup>3</sup> It is advised that priority should be given to Southern based representatives.

### ❖ **Participants**

**Registration for the first meeting will be open to all given that the Conference Room 3 has a capacity of 500 people. Even if all Member States attend we still have 300 seats for Major Groups and other stakeholders. We are seeking resources to finance some participants from the South but no funding has been confirmed yet.**

### ❖ **Invitations and Registration**

The Co-Chairs of the Open Working Group will extend a general invitation to stakeholders including Member States to register their interest in participating in this first intersessional. We expect that a very limited number of participants from the south will be funded [to be confirmed].