

Interactive dialogue with Major Groups and other stakeholders
from the post-2015 process

Held in Conference Room 4 on Wednesday 20 May from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

The Co-Facilitators will convene an interactive dialogue with Major Groups and other stakeholders in the intergovernmental process to elaborate a post-2015 development agenda on Wednesday 20 May from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. during the session dedicated to follow-up and review of the new development agenda (18-22 May). The session will focus on:

- ❖ Principles, objectives and characteristics of a robust, effective and transparent follow-up and review framework for ensuring implementation of the post-2015 development agenda;
- ❖ Action at various levels—national, regional and global—including the role of thematic assessments of progress, achievements and challenges to implementation;
- ❖ Proposals for conducting reviews and assessments according to recognized process and criteria, taking into consideration existing frameworks and mandates, that respects the balance between economic, social and environmental dimensions, and which is based on solid evidence and data.

To facilitate a truly interactive dialogue, Member States will be invited and encouraged to participate actively throughout the dialogue. Speakers will be asked to respond to the following guiding questions in their interventions:

- ❖ How can actors from Major Groups and other stakeholders best contribute to their own national progress reviews, and what role should the UN system have in supporting countries' assessments of their own progress and challenges?
- ❖ How have Major Groups and other stakeholders been effective at contributing to follow-up and other types of peer/mutual reviews within regional institutions, and what practices should be replicated in other regions?
- ❖ How should the HLPF conduct its own reviews, building upon national and regional review processes, and capitalize on its multi-stakeholder character to benefit Member States?
- ❖ How can the review of the post-2015 agenda build on the intergovernmental processes that already exist and how could all of these processes effectively engage the Major Groups and other stakeholders?
- ❖ At all of these levels, what are some key considerations for addressing the integrated nature of the SDGs and interlinkages between them? How should these dynamics be reflected in thematic reviews?

Following an open call for expressions of interest by Major Groups and other stakeholders, the May stakeholder steering committee has selected speakers representing a broad range of stakeholder perspectives from across the three dimensions of sustainable development, and with respect to geographical diversity and gender balance, to bring their expertise to the dialogue.

Participants are requested to **limit their interventions to 2 minutes each**, and kindly provide a **written copy of their remarks in advance** to lavan@un.org in order to facilitate simultaneous interpretation. Statements will be available on the meeting website.

Agenda:

10:00-10:05	Welcome by Co-Facilitators (5 minutes)
10:05- 12:55	<p>Follow-up and review</p> <p><u>Remarks by representatives from Major Groups and other stakeholders</u> (2 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Agnes Leina Ntikaampi, Illaramatak Community Concerns, as part of Tebtebba Foundation (Major Group for Indigenous Peoples) ● Ms. Kate Donald, Center for Economic and Social Rights ● Ms. Nana Koomah Brown-Orleans, Trade Unions Congress - Ghana (Major Groups for Workers and Trade Unions) ● Ms. Veronica Robledo, WWF Columbia ● Mr. Samuel Mensah-Baah, VSO West and Central Africa <p><u>Responses by Member States</u> (2 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Riitta Reich, Post-2015 Coordinator, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland ➤ H.E. Mr. Hahn Choonghee, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations <p><u>Remarks by representatives of Major Groups and other stakeholders</u> (2 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Cristina Diez, ATD Fourth World (Major Group for NGOs) ● Ms. Arpita Das, Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women, as part of Post-2015 Women's Coalition ● Ms. Betty Wamala Mugabi, Beyond 2015 and World Vision East Africa Region ● Ms. Margaret Batty, WaterAid ● Mr. Ari Eisenstat, DRÆM VENTURES as part of the International Chamber of Commerce

Responses by 2-3 Member States (2 minutes each)

- Mr. Dámaso Luna, Deputy Director General for Global Issues, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Mexico
- Ms. Erlinda Capones, Director of the National Economic Development Authority of the Philippines

Remarks by representatives of Major Groups and other stakeholders

(2 minutes each)

- Ms. Mireia Rozas-Simon, nrg4SD (Major Group for Local Authorities)
- Mr. Joseph Enyegue Oye, Sightsavers Cameroon, as part of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind
- Ms. Farah Eman Mesmar, ActionAid Arab Regional Initiative
- Ms. Sharmila Murthy, Suffolk University Law School & Harvard University (Major Group for Scientific and Technological Community)
- Mr. Francisco Ramiro Cevallos Tejada, Global Campaign for Education

Responses by Member States (2 minutes each)

- H.E. Ms. Bénédicte Frankinet, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations

Remarks by representatives of Major Groups and other stakeholders

(2 minutes each)

- Ms. Eleanor Blomstrom, Women's Environment and Development Organization (Major Group for Women)
- Ms. Meghan Sapp, Euro-African Green Energy (PANGEA), as part of International Chamber of Commerce
- Mr. Pedro German Guzman Perez, People's Coalition on Food Sovereignty/Agrosolidaria, as part of IBON International
- Mr. Stefano Prato, Society for International Development (Major Group for NGOs)
- Mr. Tom Thomas, Praxis Institute for Participatory Practices

Responses by 2-3 Member States (2 minutes each)

- Ms. Alena Whilte, Deputy Head of Division, Ministry of the Environment of Germany
- Mr. Troy Torrington, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Guyana to the United Nations

Remarks by representatives of Major Groups and other stakeholders (2 minutes each)

- Mr. Rodrigo Gouveia, International Cooperative Alliance
- Ms. Tsegga Medhin, The Pearl Leadership Institute, as part of the International Chamber of Commerce
- Ms. Medea Khmelidze, ASTRA Network, as part of the Federation for Women and Family Planning

Responses by 2-3 Member State (2 minutes each)

- Mr. Nauman Bashir Bhatti, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations

General exchange of views (time permitting)

12:55-1:00

Closing Remarks