

REGIONAL MINISTERIAL CONSULTATION

Monitoring and Accountability for the Post-2015 Development Agenda – The Regional Dimension¹

15-16 (a.m.) September 2014
Palais des Nations, Geneva, Room XVII

Preliminary Outline of Agenda

Monday, 15 September 2014

10:00 – 11:00	<p>OPENING</p> <p>Mr. Michael Gerber (Chair) Ambassador, Special Envoy for Global Sustainable Development, Switzerland</p> <p>H.E. Martin Dahinden State Secretary and Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC</p> <p>Ms. Amina J. Mohammed Special Adviser of the UN Secretary-General on Post-2015 Development Planning</p> <p>Mr. Christian Friis Bach Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe</p> <p>Ms. Cihan Sultanoglu Chair of the Regional UNDG Team for Europe and Central Asia UNDP Regional Director for Europe and CIS</p> <p>Mr. Csaba Kőrösi Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations Co-Chair of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>H.E. Rashid Meredov Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs of</p>
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¹ The Regional Ministerial Consultation has been prepared by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Regional UN Development Group (R-UNDG) for Europe and Central Asia.

	<p>Turkmenistan</p> <p>Ms. Sascha Gabizon Executive Director of WECF - Women in Europe for a Common Future (<i>tbc</i>)</p>
11:00 – 13:00	<p><u>Panel 1:</u>² OPTIONS FOR A MULTI-LAYERED ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM FOR THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA</p> <p>In the ongoing deliberations on the post-2015 development framework, there is an emerging view that the accountability mechanism for the post-2015 development agenda should be multi-layered. The panel will discuss what an overall accountability mechanism involving the national, regional and global level could look like, and what the role of the regional level in this mechanism should be.</p>
15:00 – 16:30	<p><u>Panel 2:</u> LESSONS FROM EXISTING MECHANISMS</p> <p>The panel will discuss lessons from existing review or accountability processes that can inform the design of post-2015 accountability. For instance, progress on sustainable development was reviewed in the past under the auspices of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD). Monitoring and accountability under the MDG framework has been carried out through various mechanism and procedures. Moreover, peer review mechanisms are considered to be an effective instrument to strengthen accountability in a multilateral context with strong ownership by participating governments. Some examples are the Universal Periodic Review conducted under the auspices of the Human Rights Council, the OECD Peer Reviews, ECOSOC's Annual Ministerial Review, the WTO Trade Policy Review Mechanism and the UNECE Environmental Performance Reviews.</p>
16:30 – 18:00	<p><u>Panel 3:</u> LINKAGES WITH NATIONAL AND GLOBAL ACCOUNTABILITY</p> <p>Regional reviews need to be anchored at the national level and feed into the global level. The panel will discuss ways to link accountability at the different levels in an effective and productive manner. A key pillar of the overall system will be national accountability. National SDG reports, prepared by governments and supported by the UN Country Teams and the UNDG agencies as appropriate, could play a key role in the review process and provide important inputs to the regional review. National parliaments could also be involved. Reviews at the global level will be carried out by the High-level Political Forum.</p>

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10:00 – 11:30	<u>Panel 4:</u> SCOPE AND PROCESS OF REGIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM
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² The panels are organized as multi-stakeholder panels, including representatives from governments, civil society, international organizations and academia. The interventions by panellists are followed by an interactive discussion from the floor.

	<p>The panel will discuss what should be reviewed at the regional level, and who the actors on both ends of the accountability process should be. There are different possibilities in terms of substantive and geographic scope of the regional process. Also, accountability can take different forms and modalities, ranging from more basic monitoring to more comprehensive reviews. In addition, an important question is the role of the UN system and other stakeholders (civil society, private sector, academia) in the process.</p>
11:30 – 12:45	<p>KEY MESSAGES: CHAIR’S SUMMARY</p> <p>The Chair will present the key messages from the meeting, followed by comments from the floor that will be taken into account in the final version of the Chair’s summary.</p>
12:45 – 13:00	<p>CLOSING OF THE MEETING</p>
