

## Module 1 Programme – 21 May 2024

A Collaboration of the Swiss Government,  
UNITAR and UN DESA

# Accelerating Action for the Sustainable Development Goals

Training Series in preparation for the General Assembly's 2024 Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) of Operational Activities for development of the United Nations system

21 May – 02 October 2024

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# Module 1

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| <b>Date</b>                             | Tuesday 21 May 2024  |
| <b>Title</b>                            | Navigating the Future: Context and priorities for the QCPR   |
| <b>Objective</b>                        | This training module will introduce the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (UNDS), including the enhanced role of the resident coordinator system and other elements of the recently concluded repositioning exercise. It will provide the context for the QCPR and give an overview of the changes made by the UN development system in the last QCPR cycle. The module will also discuss priority areas for the 2024 QCPR and how the UN system is scaling up support for SDG acceleration, including through the implementation of the 2023 SDG Summit Political Declaration, focusing on six key transition areas: (1) food systems transformation; (2) energy transitions and access; (3) digital connectivity; (4) education and skills gaps; (5) decent jobs and social protection including healthcare; and (6) triple planetary crisis: climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. |
| <b>10:00 am</b><br>–<br><b>10:15 am</b> | <b>Opening Remarks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Marco Suazo</b>, Head of Office, UNITAR New York Office</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Adrian Hauri</b>, Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations</li> </ul>  |
| <b>10:15 am</b><br>–<br><b>10:30 am</b> | <b>Keynote Address (video message):</b><br><br><i>Accelerating action for the SDGs: the UN Development System's efforts to scale up and target support.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed</b>, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group</li> </ul>  |
| <b>10:30 am</b><br>–<br><b>11:20 am</b> | <b>Guiding operational activities for development: Overview of the QCPR Evolution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Navid Hanif</b>, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)</li> </ul><br><b>Q&amp;A</b>  |

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| <p>11:20 am<br/>–<br/>12:50 pm</p> | <p><b>Panel: Priorities for the next QCPR to accelerate the SDGs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How can the UN development system best support the acceleration required to achieve the 2030 Agenda?</i></li> <li>• <i>What substantive support priorities can be envisaged for the next QCPR cycle (2025-2028), particularly in the light of multiple global crises such as accelerating climate change?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Åsa Persson</b>, Research Director and Deputy Director of the Stockholm Environment Institute and member of the Independent Group of Scientists (virtual)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Helena Fraser</b>, Director, Policy and Programming Branch, Development Coordination Office (DCO)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Arun Jacob</b>, Senior Adviser, Climate Action Team, Executive Office of the Secretary General (EOSG)</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Neil Pierre</b>, Director a.i., Office for Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> |
| <p>12:50 pm<br/>–<br/>1:00 pm</p>  | <p><b>Closing remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Marco Suazo</b>, Head of Office, UNITAR New York Office</li> </ul>  |

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## QCPR Training Series for the 2024 General Assembly

### Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review

## Modules / Calendar

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| <b>Module 4</b> ..... | <b>02 October 2024</b> |

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## Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR)

### Module 2: Scaling up UNDS support for countries to achieve the SDGs

In the light of significant global changes since the current QCPR resolution was adopted in 2020, this module will examine the areas in need of continued focus to ensure full implementation of the repositioned UN development system and the revitalized Resident Coordinator system. This module will focus on the implementation of the reform measures in practice and examine the essential steps needed to accelerate progress towards achieving the SDGs. The first panel will center on harnessing the support of the UN development system across global, regional, and country levels to facilitate key transitions while ensuring that no one is left behind. The second panel will focus on progress and challenges in UN country team configurations and the reform of business operations to maximize the impact of the UN system.

### Module 3: Funding UN operational activities for development and financing the SDGs

This module will delve into critical aspects of the funding for UN operational activities for development and financing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The scene is set by outlining the insights and outcomes provided during this 2024 ECOSOC operational activities for development segment (OAS) and its implications for the 2024 QCPR. The module will present an overview of system-wide funding trends and the renewed Funding Compact. This conversation will deepen participants' technical understanding of the structures of different funds, as well as conditions around the funding. Additionally, participants will discuss how collaboration with International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and multilateral development banks (MDBs) can be further leveraged to bolster financing and coordinate activities in support of SDG acceleration. Looking ahead to 2028, participants will explore what is needed to finance significant SDG acceleration and ensure sustainable funding patterns.

### Module 4: Looking forward to the 2024 QCPR

The final module of the UNITAR QCPR training series for delegates provides an overview of key highlights from previous modules and outlines the pathway to the 2024 QCPR. In this context, it will present a concise overview of the key outcomes of the recent Summit of the Future, the 2024 Financing for Development Forum (FFD) and the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), elucidating the implications for the 2024 QCPR. Moreover, this module will delve into the lessons learned from the 2020 QCPR negotiations, drawing upon the experiences from the 2020 QCPR negotiation process. Additionally, Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Development Coordination Office will share valuable perspectives derived from the implementation of the QCPR 2020, along with recommendations aimed at strengthening the system in the future. Finally, there will be an update provided by the drafters of the 2024 QCPR on the status of preparation.







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Navigating the Future: Context and priorities for the QCPR

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Scaling up UNDS support for countries to achieve the SDGs

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Looking forward to the 2024 QCPR

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