



ECOSOC Operational Activities for Development Segment 23 - 25 May 2023, ECOSOC Chamber

Programme

Guiding United Nations development system's support in response to interlinked crises and to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals

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In view of time constraints, the general debate will be conducted through written statements. To encourage interactive dialogue, groups and Member States are invited to provide their formal statements on progress in implementing GA resolutions 77/184, 76/4, 75/233 and 72/279 in written forms with the Secretariat (qcpr@un.org) in advance of the Segment. The statements will be posted on the [QCPR website](#). The views and main points presented in the statements will be reflected in the Vice-President's summary of the Segment.

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DAY 1 – Tuesday, 23 May 2023

10:30 – 13:00

1. Opening of the ECOSOC operational activities for development segment and high-level interactive dialogue with the United Nations Secretary-General

Opening

- H.E. Mr. Albert Ranganai Chimbindi, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, responsible for the operational activities for development segment
- H.E. Mr. Brian Christopher Manley Wallace, Vice-President of the United Nations General Assembly
- Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

High-level interactive dialogue with the United Nations Secretary-General

- DCO video

Remarks

- H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Zimbabwe
- H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations: presentation of the report on the implementation of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) and vision for the continuation of United Nations reform and the implementation of the 2020 QCPR.

Chair and Moderator

- H.E. Mr. Albert Ranganai Chimbindi, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, responsible for the operational activities for development segment

Interactive discussion with the Secretary-General

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15:00 - 16:30

2. Report of the UNSDG Chair on the Development Coordination Office

Objectives:

This session will include the presentation and discussion of UNSDG Chair's report on the Development Coordination Office (DCO). It will offer opportunities for a discussion on the results enabled by the reinvigorated development coordination function.

Chair and Moderator

- H. E. Mr. Albert Ranganai Chimbindi, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, responsible for the operational activities for development segment

Presentation: Annual Report of the Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Group on the Development Coordination Office and the resident coordinator system

- H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group

Interactive discussion with the Deputy Secretary-General

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16:30 – 18:00

3. Financing the SDGs: Working with financial institutions and beyond

Objectives:

This session will look at the efforts by United Nations country teams to help leverage financing for the SDGs, including in partnership with international financial institutions, regional and national development banks, and others. It will discuss what measures are needed to further scale up such cooperation, including how to further support countries' efforts in developing and implementing Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs).

Guiding questions:

- *What are the strategies being used by UN resident coordinators and United Nations country teams to scale up cooperation with different types of financial institutions at the national, regional and international levels to finance and collectively deliver on Cooperation Frameworks' agreed results? What are the challenges experienced in doing so?*
- *What can UN entities' headquarters do to enhance how UN country teams benefit from support in collaborating with partners including financial institutions, to leverage financing?*
- *How can United Nations country teams enhance their cooperation with financial institutions to help countries mobilize the resources needed to address the impacts of multiple crises and implement the SDGs?*
- *What has been the experience to date with the elaboration and implementation of the Integrated National Financing Framework, and what challenges need to be addressed to help support these efforts at the country level?*

Chair

- H. E. Mr. Albert Ranganai Chimbindi, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, responsible for the operational activities for development segment

Moderator

- Mr. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), United Nations

Panellists

- Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Vice-Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group (UNSDG)
- Mr. Selwin Charles Hart, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on Climate Action and Just Transition
- Ms. Mireia Villar Forner, Resident Coordinator in Colombia

Interactive Discussion (2-3 minute time limit for statements from the floor)

DAY 2 – Wednesday, 24 May 2023

10:00 – 12:00

4. Dialogue with host Governments, Resident Coordinators and United Nations country teams: Supporting integrated and transformative policies to achieve the SDGs

Objectives:

The session will bring together Member States, resident coordinators and United Nations country teams to discuss how the United Nations development system can best support countries to elaborate innovative, integrated and transformative policies to deliver the SDGs. Looking ahead to the SDG Summit in September 2023, the session will focus on the seven transformational areas critical to SDG acceleration, namely, food systems, climate action and energy, digital transformation, decent jobs and social protection, SDG localization, people in the move/internal displacement, and transforming education.

Guiding questions:

- *With the reforms well advanced in implementation, do we see a shift in the ability of the United Nations development system to help countries put in place game-changing transformative policies?*
- *What else is needed to ensure a more coherent, whole-of-system approach to rescue the SDGs?*
- *How are the global initiatives, such as the 2021 Food System Summit, the 2022 Transforming Education Summit, the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions, and the historic Loss and Damage Fund established at the 2022 UN Climate Change Conference, helping to consolidate the work of the United Nations country teams and resident coordinators, in delivering the Cooperation Framework, in line with national priorities?*

Chair

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Moderator

- H.E. Mrs. Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations

Panellists

- Panel 1
 - H.E. Mr. Alexei Buzu, Minister of Labor and Social Protection, Moldova
 - Mr. Simon Springett, Resident Coordinator in Moldova
 - Ms. Daniela Gasparikova, UNDP Resident Representative of Moldova
- Panel 2
 - H.E. Mr. Dang Hoang Giang, Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations
 - Ms. Pauline Tamesis, Resident Coordinator in Viet Nam
 - Ms. Ingrid Christensen, Director, International Labour Organization (ILO) country office

Interactive Discussion (2-3 minute time limit for statements from the floor)

15:00 – 16:30

5. Boosting tailored United Nations responses to diverse country contexts

Objectives:

The COVID-19 response showed that the UN development system can adapt and deliver better tailored support to country needs, leveraging the new capacities and mechanisms established with the UNDS repositioning. This session will provide space to discuss specific challenges that still need to be addressed in relation to tailored support at country, regional and global levels for the implementation of the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2022-2031, as well as the upcoming renewed Vienna Programme of Action (VPoA) for Landlocked Developing Countries and the SAMOA Pathway for Small Island Developing States, as well as the mapping of UN support to middle-income countries.

Guiding questions:

- *How is the United Nations development system adjusting its support to LDCs to implement the Doha Programme of Action? Have United Nations development system entities integrated the Doha Programme of Action in their strategic plans, programmes and reporting, as well as by assisting resident coordinators to support its mainstreaming into development planning in a coordinated and coherent manner?*
- *How can the United Nations development system best support preparations ahead of next year's Third United Nations Conference on LLDCs and Fourth International Conference on SIDS?*
- *What further adjustments are needed in the United Nations development system's approach to maximize its impact in these different country contexts, under the strengthened leadership of UN Resident Coordinators?*

Chair

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Moderator

- H.E. Mr. Teburoro Tito, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kiribati to the United Nations

Panellists

- Ms. Rabab Fatima, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)
- Mr. Ozonnia Ojielo, Resident Coordinator in Rwanda
- Ms. Inka Mattila, Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Dominican Republic

Interactive Discussion (2-3 minute time limit for statements from the floor)

16:30 – 18:00

6. Funding of the United Nations Development System: Implementation of the Funding Compact

Objectives:

At the core of the Funding Compact is the premise that, with adequate, predictable and sustainable funding, the UN development system delivers better and more efficient results in support of countries' needs and priorities on sustainable development. The reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the QCPR, and of the Chair of the UNSDG on the Development Coordination office, are showing growing evidence that this assumption holds true. Four years after its adoption, and as some targets are expiring, this session is an opportunity to review how the Funding Compact is driving commitments from Member States and the UN Sustainable Development Group towards better results for countries, and what steps can be taken to further accelerate progress in this regard.

Guiding questions:

- *Which aspects of the Funding Compact have delivered on its promise of triggering a change towards better funding practices in support of the Sustainable Development Goals?*
- *Why some components have not seen tangible progress, especially regarding core contributions, and what measures can be put in place to course-correct?*
- *What were the main drivers of success and challenges? What would be the key levers to accelerate progress on the Funding Compact commitments? What indicators are expiring and need to be updated?*

Chair

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Moderator

- Ms. Ulrika Mod er, UN Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy, UNDP

Panellists

- Mr. Oscar Fernández-Taranco, Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Development Coordination Office
- H.E. Ms. Anna-Karin Eneström, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations
- Mr. Stephen Jackson, Resident Coordinator in Kenya

Interactive Discussion (2-3 minute time limit for statements from the floor)

DAY 3 – Thursday, 25 May 2023

10:00 – 11:00

7. Deploying regional assets of the UN development system to support countries to address cross-border issues

Objectives:

The session will discuss how the UN development system's regional assets are applying their capacities to deliver policy advice on cross-border and transboundary issues. The session will examine specific country contexts where new approaches are being implemented to enhance cross regional support (Sahel, Great Lakes, Horn of Africa, Central America).

Guiding questions:

- *How is the UNDS delivering to address critical cross-border and transboundary development priorities?*
- *What innovative approaches have been explored, leveraging the new structures put in place as part of the UNDS reforms.*
- *What are some opportunities, challenges and lessons learned in supporting the 2030 agenda through subregional and regional action? Do these apply across different regional contexts?*
- *What Member State actions can best boost the capacity of the regional UNDS to support countries to respond to cross-border shocks and crises?*

Chair

- H. E. Mr. Albert Ranganai Chimbindi, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, responsible for the operational activities for development segment

Moderator

- Mr. Yacoub El Hillo, DCO Regional Director for Africa

Panellists

- Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Mr. Abdoulaye Mar Dieye of Senegal, Special Coordinator for development in the Sahel
- Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa, UNDP Regional Director for Africa
- Ms. Sara Sekkenes, Resident Coordinator for Lao People's Democratic Republic

Interactive Discussion (2-3 minute time limit for statements from the floor)

11:00 – 13:00

8. Dialogue with Executive Heads: Working as one to help countries respond to today's challenges

Objectives:

This session will discuss the impact of the reform on the UN development system's ability to support countries in responding to current crises while keeping the focus on long-term development goals. It will focus on results of how the United Nations development system is supporting countries in mitigating the worse effects of the current crises such as the food, energy and financial crises as well the climate crisis, including by building on the lessons learned from the support to the COVID-19 response. The session will also examine how the United Nations development system is gearing up to support countries to unlock transformative pathways and build resilience, including in the lead up to the SDG Summit, to accelerate progress on poverty eradication and leave no one behind.

Guiding questions:

- *How are United Nations development system entities adapting their work and business models to help countries accelerate progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?*
- *How are the United Nations development system entities with little or no physical presence supporting United Nations country teams, under the leadership of UN resident coordinators, to foster responses to these crises and in delivering integrated policies to realize the Sustainable Development Goals?*
- *How are United Nations development system entities assisting countries in mainstreaming the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development?*
- *What are examples of entities effectively enhancing cross-pillar collaboration in mainstreaming disaster risk reduction? How are entities using the existing guidance and tools available to integrate disaster risk reduction across their work? What are the opportunities to advance such efforts?*

Chair

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Moderator

- H.E. Mr. Bob Rae, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations

Panellists

- Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction in the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
- Ms. Catherine Russell, Executive Director of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- Mr. Jorge Moreira da Silva, Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)

Interactive Discussion (2-3 minute time limit for statements from the floor)

15:00 – 16:30

9. Supporting just transitions towards the SDGs at the country level

Objectives:

This session will be an interactive dialogue on how the UN development system is integrating approaches at the country level in support of a just transition as an essential component of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The session will highlight challenges and opportunities in supporting countries just transitions, particularly on the interlinked nature of the SDGs, focusing on SDG 7 (affordable and clean energy), SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth), SDG 9 (industry, innovation, and infrastructure), SDG 13 (climate action) and SDG 17 (partnerships for the goals). It will also showcase lessons learned from joint programmes and the role of pooled funding in supporting countries just transitions.

Guiding questions:

- *What are some examples of effective and coherent support by the United Nations development system and country teams to help countries just transitions and what are the main bottlenecks?*
- *How is the United Nations development system preparing countries to fully leverage digital transformation to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals? What are examples of good practices at the global, regional and country levels?*
- *What actions are in place to improve capabilities of the United Nations to better support countries just transitions, such as in data analytics, innovation and digital transformation, strategic foresight and behavioural science?*
- *How are UN development system entities leveraging partnerships in support of a just transition?*

Chair

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Moderator

- Ms. Eduarda Zoghbi, SDG 7 Youth Constituency and Senior Advisor to Student Energy

Panellists

- H.E. Mr. Amrit Bahadur Rai, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations
- Mr. Leonardo Garnier, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General for the 2022 Transforming Education Summit
- Mr. Qu Dongyu, Director General, Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)
- Mr. Edward Kallon, Resident Coordinator in Zimbabwe
- Mr. Ankit Todi, Deputy General Manager, Mahindra Group

Interactive Discussion (2-3 minute time limit for statements from the floor)

16:30 – 17:30

10. Strengthening accountability on system-wide performance and results

Objectives:

This session will discuss how governing bodies across the United Nations development system are supporting the implementation of the United Nations development system reforms and providing guidance that aligns each entities' unique development offerings with integrated support for system-wide results. The session will also be an opportunity for Member States to learn about the System-wide evaluation of the United Nations development system's response to

COVID-19 carried out in 2022, showing how guidance and direction by Member States are translated into action at country level to support countries in their recovery towards the SDGs.

Guiding questions:

- *What actions are UN Executive Boards and Governing Bodies taking that support the repositioning of the United Nations development system? How are they planning to use the UNDS reform checklists?*
- *How can the ECOSOC operational activities for development segment be further strengthened to help improve accountability and oversight?*
- *How are the findings of the System-wide evaluation of the United Nations development system's response to COVID-19 translated into improvements in the implementation of UN development reforms?*
- *How is the United Nations development system ensuring improved transparency and accountability of its collective work at country and global levels, through streamlined access to data on its operations?*

Chair

- H. E. Mr. Albert Ranganai Chimbindi, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, responsible for the operational activities for development segment

Moderator

- H.E. Ms. Nicole Ruder, Head of Multilateral Division and Deputy Director for the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Switzerland

Panellists

- H.E. Ms. Lachezara Stoeva, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations, President of the Economic and Social Council
- H.E. Ms. Maritza Chan Valverde, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations and Vice President of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
- Ms. Sima Bahous, Executive Director, UN Women

Interactive Discussion (2-3 minute time limit for statements from the floor)

17:30 – 18:00

11. Closing

- H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group
- H. E. Mr. Albert Ranganai Chimbindi, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council responsible for the operational activities for development segment