

Operational Activities for Development Segment

Session 6: Informal Session on addressing root causes of conflict and of humanitarian crises to achieve sustainable development

UK Intervention

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Madame Chair, ASG Fernandez-Taranco, Excellencies,

Thank you for your reflections so far on how we can improve UN coordination, which is crucial for maximizing the UN's collective impact. And thank you for your efforts in the field to deliver real change on this agenda.

To get the UN to 'Deliver as One', we need to create the right incentives for UN staff. As has been said, donors clearly have a role to play in this, through providing flexible funding – both at the HQ and country level. The UN could also do more. As highlighted in the UN's Integration Review, this includes championing staff who successfully collaborate and measuring progress in-country through Integration Scorecards. What more can be done to create the right *incentives* in-country to break down the perceived barriers between UN entities?

The Peacebuilding Fund is one of the UN's best tools for addressing the root causes of conflict. What is one example that we can point to in order to best demonstrate its impact at country level? And how is the PBF looking to develop its global Monitoring and Evaluation framework to demonstrate success and build evidence of effective work – particularly on upstream conflict prevention, where there is an evidence gap.

Furthermore, what more can be done to increase awareness across humanitarian operations of the benefits of working with development and peace pillars?

And finally, the Secretary-General identifies a "my agency first" culture in his QCPR report. Part of this is due to UN staff often staying with the same agency for large proportions of their careers. What more can we do to enable and encourage cross-pillar mobility of UN Staff?

Thank you very much.