

Australia's interventions from the floor

Day Two Session Two - Improving the governance and coordination of the UN development system

Key points:

- First to thank to all the speakers – it is so useful to have very eminent panellists thinking about these elements and it is very exciting to have such a range of practical and concrete ideas regarding how to better improve the role of the Executive Boards and the ECOSOC OAS. Particularly to better engage people from the field and from multi-country office and Funds and Programs regional hubs to get best practice examples.
- In my intervention I wanted to pick up on the intersection between how to enhance political engagement and how this is linked to policy engagement and timing. It is clear that the timing of the segment against the reporting of the Funds and Programs can be better aligned to ensure a more substantial consideration of up to date data in ECOSOC. However also if we would like greater PR engagement in these issues we need to consider how this work is sequenced to make it possible to build political and substantive topics up to develop leadership groups up around reform – so for example what are the bright lines of reform work that need to be pursued and supported by engagement at the highest levels.
- Similarly in areas like the Joint Boards – using this opportunity to focus on the areas of work that can only be progressed by collaboration, for example what does quality diversified presence look like, what does accountability look like, what does financing reform look like.