



**ECOSOC Dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the UN development system
in the context of the 2030 Agenda
Informal Civil Society Briefing**

**UN Headquarters, New York, Conference Room 1
26 April 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

In accordance to resolution 2014/14, ECOSOC has been convening a transparent and inclusive Dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the UN development system in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly on the interlinkages and the alignment of functions, funding practices, governance structures, organizational arrangements, capacity and impact, and partnership approaches of the UN development system. The outcome of the ECOSOC Dialogue will inform intergovernmental deliberations on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) of operational activities for development, to be undertaken by the General Assembly in the second half of 2016.

The first phase of the ECOSOC Dialogue which took place during the first half of 2015 focused on building a solid understanding among Member States of the current state of play in the UN development system as a whole. The second phase of the Dialogue, which started at the end of 2015 and will end in mid-2016, is expected to result in the development of concrete proposals and options for strengthening the UN development system in response to the requirements of the 2030 Agenda. To support the deliberations of Member States, the ECOSOC Bureau appointed an Independent Team of Advisors to assist in analysing, prioritizing and concretizing options for strengthening the work of the UN development system. The Team is composed of fourteen members from all regions with complementary expertise and from both developing and developed countries. The team also includes non-governmental and non-system expertise through the participation of leaders of several think tank organizations. Two papers presenting the ITA's proposals are already available for consultation [<https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/content/phase-2>], and three more will be released before the Briefing.

The Vice President of ECOSOC had an exchange of views with civil society on the first phase of the Dialogue on 28 April 2015, then on expectations for the second phase of the ECOSOC Dialogue on 10 February 2016. The Vice President would like to engage civil society again, on the work of the Independent Team of Advisors and receive feedback on the ideas, proposals and options proposed by the Team in the papers they have produced.

10.00 – 10.15 a.m.

Introductory statement

H.E. Mr. Alejandro Palma Cerna, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council

10.15 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Feedback from civil society on ITA papers on:

1. Functions and impact
2. Funding practices
3. Governance
4. Partnership approaches
5. Organizational arrangements and capacity