



MDG-F PARTNERSHIPS

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Post-2015 process -consultations

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Abbreviations and Acronyms:

List the main abbreviations and acronyms that are used in the report

EOSG (Executive Office of the UN Secretary General)

FAO

ILO

MDG

UNCT (United Nation Country Teams)

UNDG (United Nations Development Group)

UNGC (United Nations Global Compact)

UNDP (United Nations Development Programme)

UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organisation)

I. PURPOSE

1.1 Please describe the main goals and objectives of the partnership

With coordinated support of the UN system, the intergovernmental processes of the Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals and the Expert Committee on Sustainable Development Financing are intensifying their work for delivering their respective reports to the UN General Assembly by September 2014.

As it was agreed in the Special Event the last 25 September 2013, a synthesis report by the Secretary-General (at the end of 2014) will then form the basis for further intergovernmental negotiations starting late 2014/early 2015, with a framework to be eventually agreed upon by Heads of State in September 2015.

In this context, the UN “Post-2015 One Secretariat” continues playing a key role for supporting a broad-based inclusive process and a coordinated and coherent support from the UN system. The Secretariat consists of a number of different teams and focal points, under the leadership of the Secretary-General’s Special Advisor on Post-2015 and an Informal Senior Coordination Group (ISCG). The “Post-2015 One Secretariat” comprises a team of secondees supporting the Executive Office of the SG’s Special Advisor and serving as a central hub for the “Post-2015 One Secretariat” (the EOSG Team), the project team facilitating and coordinating the UNDG global consultations (UNDP-UNDG Team), staff from DESA and UNDP supporting the UNTT work streams.

The UN system is defining its role on a country-demand-driven basis across themes and global issues that Member States have indicated as relevant during the Special Event on the MDGs and post-2015 agenda. The UN system can provide voices and evidence to the post-2015 intergovernmental process. These actions would be undertaken in partnership with civil society and other stakeholders, including parliaments, business, and civil society.

Under the heading of Dialogues on Post-2015 Implementation, the UNDG proposed 6 areas for consultation around common implementation issues that countries are expected to face (at national and subnational levels) when putting a new development agenda into effect. One of the key issues is engagement with the private sector.

With specific reference to private sector engagement, the Post-2015 Development Agenda presents a historic opportunity for the international community to engage the private sector in a dialogue exploring how businesses can best contribute to global sustainability.

The overlap between public and private interest in sustainable development is becoming increasingly clear, and the development and implementation of the Post-2015 agenda will require an unprecedented level of partnership between business, governments, civil societies and other key stakeholders.

In 2013, the MDG Achievement Fund’s 130 joint UN programmes concluded operations, having helped improve 9 million lives in 50 countries since 2007. UNDP and the Government of Spain announced a new mechanism, the Sustainable Development Goals Fund (SDG-F), focused on the post-2015 development agenda. With an initial expected budget of \$60 million, it will support joint programmes aligning UN expertise with national priorities. It will mainly target middle-income countries, where 70 percent of the world’s poor live, with an increased emphasis on gender equality, sustainable development and public-private partnerships.

In this regard, private sector development for inclusive growth will be one of the SDG-F's key policy areas. By promoting private sector development and encouraging public-private partnerships, the SDG-F's will pursue integrated and multidimensional initiatives to create opportunities for good and decent jobs and secure livelihoods for all, accelerate micro, small and medium size enterprises' growth, ensure country environments that enable business to flourish and promote sustainable consumption and production.

The purpose of an SDG-F partnership within the project on Dialogues on Post-2015 Implementation is to facilitate engagement with stakeholders in the private sector on implementation and partnership modalities. The dialogues will assess and provide recommendations that leverage the roles of governments, the private sector and other key stakeholders to facilitate the actualization of a post-2015 development framework and the ability to achieve goals and targets for that framework. The partnership will also contribute to reinforce the capacities of the EOSG Team within the One Secretariat.

These dialogues build upon the earlier iteration of consultations under the "Building the post-2015 development agenda" project to which SDG-F was a pivotal partner. The earlier consultations facilitated the biggest outreach in the UN's history: so far over 2 million people have expressed their priorities and ideas through 88 national consultations, 5 regional consultations, 11 thematic consultations, via the on-line platform World We Want 2015 and the global MY World survey. The approach used and the success of the outreach signals a new era of global decision-making where we can truly speak of "we the peoples".

Culminating in a final report "A Million Voices: the World We Want" that was launched just before the start of the 68th session of the UN General Assembly, the first phase of consultations has built an effective bridge between the voices from the local level and global decision making. The inputs gathered through the consultations have been welcomed and echoed across the board – from member states and global civil society organizations to the High Level Panel on post-2015. The findings have contributed to key reports and intergovernmental processes, such as those of the High Level Panel, Sustainable Development Solutions Network and the Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals and the Secretary-General's report on progress on the MDGs and the post-2015 agenda.

With support from the SDG-F, the success and approaches used earlier are to be emulated in a more focused set of dialogues under the next phase referred to as the "Dialogues on Post-2015 Implementation".

2. FINANCIAL RESOURCES

2.1 Indicate the overall budget of the partnership and state any budget revisions approved by the appropriate decision-making body (if applicable)

- \$400,000 to facilitate national and global dialogues around the implementation of the Post2015 agenda, including the consultation "Partnerships with the private sector"
- \$159,000 to support the capacities of the One Secretariat

2.2 Provide information on additional financial resources obtained to fund the partnership (if applicable)

3. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

3.1 Describe the primary implementation arrangement used for the partnership, including the human resources allocated (funded by the SDG-F and/or the convener agency)

Coordination Hub

Under the umbrella of the UN Development Group (UNDG) the project team for the Dialogues on Post-2015 Implementation has been established and housed by UNDP. This secretariat serves as the primary coordination hub for the dialogues across the 6 consultative tracks including the issue of engagement with the private sector.

The secretariat is responsible for the Dialogues on Post-2015 Implementation in terms of establishing inter-agency partnerships for the themes, the coordination of national level consultations, oversight on deliverables and financial contributions, and final reporting.

Consultation Tracks

The Dialogues on Post-2015 Implementation are being conducted along two parallel tracks that will converge in a synthesis set of recommendations.

Global Level: For each consultative track 2 to 3 leading agencies and stakeholders, with advisory support structures made up from other UN agencies and external stakeholders including civil society have been established.

These co-leading agencies at the global level will provide the framework for the discussion, facilitate global activities (e.g. global e-discussions) and help synthesize the results of the national level work led by the RCs and the UNCTs. Sponsorship from Member States will be sought, in technical, political and financial terms.

National Level: Guided by the concept notes prepared by co-leading agencies, UN Country Teams through the Resident Coordinator system will engage with their national counterparts in holding further dialogues around the one of the 6 consultative issues adapted to national circumstances. The UNCTs will manage and design the national dialogues including cross-cutting elements such as gender equality, human rights, young people, and inequalities

Links with the EOSG Team within the One Secretariat

Within the One Secretariat, the EOSG Team has the responsibility of: a) providing support the Special Advisor in coordinating the process of developing and building consensus among MS, UN entities, and key external constituencies on a sustainable development framework post-2015; b) serve as central knowledge hub and support to the Special Advisor to strengthen internal coordination; c) follow and analyse intergovernmental processes for the Special Advisor.

In order to facilitate the information flow and maximize synergies, an EOSG Team member will be part of the secretariat serving the Dialogues described above, and the EOSG Team focal point for the private sector engagement will work in close coordination with the coordination hub.

2.1 List any additional inter-agency collaborations that are part of the partnership

The One Secretariat – an interagency model:

The “Post-2015 One Secretariat” consists of a number of different teams and focal points. At the helm are the Secretary-General’s Special Advisor on Post-2015 and the Informal Senior Coordination Group. The ISCG is responsible for the overall coordination of and political guidance to the “Post-2015 One Secretariat”. It is also responsible for advising on the effective, coherent and timely delivery of inputs from the UN system to the intergovernmental processes managed by DESA.

The secretariat has several aspects including a project team facilitating and coordinating the UNDG global consultations as well as staff from DESA and UNDP supporting the UNTT work streams. The Secretariat, through the EOSG Team, provides also technical support to the Secretary-General’s Special Advisor on Post-2015 in her activities and work. It also has expanded support and liaisons with staff from the Millennium Campaign, the office of the Global Compact, the Sustainable Development Solutions Network and the office of the Non-Governmental Liaison Service. Hence, the “Post-2015 One Secretariat” enables the UN to bring together a variety of “action strands” across the post-2015 landscape in order to help enable and drive coherence across the system in support of Member States, working closely with DESA, UNDP and other relevant UN system entities.

The Dialogues on Post-2105 Implementation – interagency engagement:

As noted above, the Dialogues on Post-2015 Implementation are being conducted along two parallel tracks that will converge in a synthesis set of recommendations. For each track, interagency collaborations have been established at the global level to support and lead on the process, and at the national level, UNCTs that are made up of different UN agencies will facilitate and support the dialogues in partnership with national governments and in-country stakeholders.

With specific reference to the track on Private Sector partnerships, this will be led by UNIDO and the Global Compact. Under the guidance of a jointly developed concept note they will lead a global set of activities and consultations with various stakeholders, and incorporate the national level findings into a synthesis report and recommendations on engagement with the private sector.

A summary of the tracks and the interagency partnerships is provided in the table below:

Topic	Co-leads**
Localizing the Post-2015 Development Agenda	UNDP UNHabitat
Helping to Strengthen Capacities and Institutions	UNDP ILO
Participatory Monitoring, Existing and New forms of Accountability	UN Women UNICEF
Partnerships with Civil Society and Other Actors	UN-NGLS UN Millennium Campaign UN Volunteers UNFPA
Engaging with the Private Sector	UNIDO Global Compact
Culture and Development	UNESCO UNFPA

** In addition to co-leads other members of the UNDG MDG TF have expressed interest in support the dialogues by providing expertise to their discussions and participate in the Advisory Committee that the co-leads will create. In the case of the SDFG-F, it will be a collaborating agency in the following consultations: Localizing the Post-2015 Development Agenda, Helping to Strengthen Capacities and Institutions, and Engaging with the Private Sector.

2.2 Please list monitoring or evaluation mechanisms in place to assess progress towards results

A formal set of mechanisms are being developed. In the interim, the post-2015 secretariat has a designated focal point to oversee the coordination on each of the dialogues. Concept notes and work plans with budgets from the national consultations and the global consultation by the co-lead agencies will form the basis of the evaluation of results and deliverables along with expenditure details. A consolidated report will be generated by the post-2015 secretariat for the collective dialogues across the six themes.

4. RESULTS

4.1 Please describe the main activities, outputs and outcomes achieved

Dialogues on Post-2015 Implementation:

- A concept note for the Dialogues on Post-2015 Implementation was developed by the post-2015 secretariat and approved by the UNDG.
- For each of the six themes (including the theme of engaging with the private sector) co-lead agencies were established and concept notes for the global consultations prepared.
- 41 countries have confirmed that they will take on national level consultations (including 5 confirmed for the theme of engaging on the private sector). They are currently developing national workplans for their respective dialogues.
- Co-host countries for each of the six themes are being confirmed. USA and Spain have confirmed for the theme of engaging with the private sector.

Awareness Raising and Strengthened UN System approaches, building on the best practices of previous UN initiatives, such as the join programmes of the MDGF:

- Promote and facilitate more effective engagement of RCs/UNCTs in the global discussion, building on the second phase of UNDG consultations.
- Develop an electronic newsletter for the “Post-2015 One Secretariat” that could be distributed within the UN system (through the UNTT, etc.), including contact details for contributions and queries.
- Provide updates on the work of the “Post-2015 One Secretariat” to the UNTT at meetings (and other meetings as relevant).
- Organize brown-bags / seminars, highlighting different topics within the post-2015 agenda and providing a spotlight for different agencies.
- Support the ISCG in its interaction with Member States and external constituencies.

4.2 Please provide a brief overall assessment of the extent to which the components of the partnership are progressing in relation to the outcomes and outputs expected for the year.

The first phase of UNDG work on the post-2015 agenda can be considered successful. It facilitated open and inclusive discussions on the world that people want with almost 2 million people taking part, including those that are traditionally excluded. It helped to deliver a coordinated UN approach towards the post-2015 agenda. It had strong engagement of member states from the start and helped developing countries to engage in a more balanced process (so far it has helped facilitating 88 national consultations). It has influenced the discussions and thinking of the HLP, the SDSN, and the OWG. It has also been an important input for the UNSG's recent report on the MDGs and the post-2015 agenda.

4.3 Did you face any implementation constraints? How did you solve them?

The post 2015 consultations are by nature multi-stakeholder based and require the integration and sharing of information and approaches across a broad spectrum of perspectives and agendas. Accordingly the approaches to the dialogues have been one where this pluralism is embraced but with the need to balance various agendas objectively.

4.4 Please highlight any other issues that are pertinent to the results being reported on.

5. NEXT STEPS

5.1 Please indicate the actions planned for the partnership.

The Dialogues on Post-2015 Implementation are underway and the interagency teams for each consultative track established.

The next steps are to complete the 6 global concept notes and the accompanying national level concept notes.

At both global and national levels, a series of coordinated activities designed to engage stakeholders and convene with experts will be developed with the intent to develop final reports.

In parallel, further support for the Post-2015 secretariat is being sourced to facilitate its roles and engagement 1) with UN agencies and other organizations and 2) with Member States in the intergovernmental processes.

Additionally, countries are being confirmed to sponsor each of the 6 tracks as hosts to support the process and for further engagement in developing their positions and engaging with other member states.

The SDG-F under its former title of SDG-F supported a similar set of steps through the first round of broad based consultations. Under this proposal, SDG-F support will go towards supporting the capacities

of the post-2015 One Secretariat, targeted support for the dialogue track related to private sector partnerships, and facilitating the overall reporting and dissemination of findings for the entire dialogue series.

5.2 Describe how the partnership will address existing challenges and build on achievements to date.

The Dialogues on Post-2015 Implementation is a continuation of engagement and outreach that builds upon the first phase of consultations, referred to as “Facilitating an evidence base and open dialogue on the post-2015 development agenda”. In phase one, the net was cast widely to engage as many stakeholders through thematic, regional and national consultations coupled with a world wide survey on priorities. The second phase is more focused on how to implement those priorities. As such, the 6 themes selected are a reflection of the implementation considerations needed to operationalize the priorities needed in phase one. The World We Want online platform was a critical component for facilitating conversations and disseminating information in the first phase and will continue to be improved upon and used in the next round of dialogues. Furthermore, the second phase of consultations are being timed to coincide with other ongoing deliberations such as the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, the expert committee on sustainable development financing, and the global partnership on effective development cooperation (post-Busan). In preparation of the September 2014 General Assembly, communication and dissemination strategies are being planned to highlight the collective recommendations generated from the Dialogues on Post-2015 implementation.

5.3 Are there any major adjustments planned in the outcomes, outputs, or activities?

None at this time.

5.4 Please list any plans for communication and outreach of partnership products

One of key objectives of these dialogues is to deliver recommendations that can help inform intergovernmental deliberations. Aligning all of the dialogue deliverables in a timely fashion with key events in the 2014 calendar year is an important consideration in the work planning of activities. While final recommendations will take time to develop, there is a plan in place to write up milestone results to highlight at intergovernmental gatherings and forums in cases where the final reports will not be ready in time.

6. ANNEXES

Please include as annexes:

- Project Document - Facilitating an evidence base and open dialogue on the post-2015 development agenda
- Concept Note - Dialogues on Post2015 Implementation
- Concept Note – Partnerships with the Private Sector
- Concept Note – Post-2015 One Secretariat

Implementing Agency: UNDP						
Partnership Title:						
Outcomes	Outputs (Products)	Main Actions	Activities	Implementing Partners	Budget (in US\$)	
					Budgeted Amount	Expenditure
The UN builds and leads a credible, strategic coalition of partners that can shape the post 2015 development agenda through global, broad mobilization and engagement of government, grassroots, academic, CSO and other stakeholders	Inclusive consultation processes on implementation issues relevant to the post-2015 agenda, including the consultation on partnerships with the private sector	<p>National discussions about the implementation of the Post2015 Agenda</p> <p>Global activities around the implementation of the Post2015 Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Dialogues on the topic: seminars, workshops, surveys... Call for papers and production of knowledge products E-discussions Final global high level meeting Dissemination of the results and lessons learnt 	Global Compact, UNIDO, UNESCO, UNFPA, NGLS, UNV, UNWomen, UNICEF	US\$400,000	
	The UN has a coherent approach to the	Support the functions of the EOSG Team of the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare technical analysis 		US\$159,000	

	Post2015 Agenda	UN Post2015 One Secretariat	<p>around issues relevant to the Post2015 agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach to Member States 			
Total						