

Side Event at the 2012 ECOSOC Annual Ministerial Review Towards a Post-2015 UN Development Agenda

Concept Note

Three years from the target date to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, the Annual Ministerial Review provides an opportunity to strengthen the momentum behind efforts to accelerate progress. Member States have also recognized the need to initiate thinking about the post-2015 UN development agenda, building on the experience with the MDG framework. This side event is being organized by the UN System Task Team on the Post-2015 UN Development Agenda, in order to contribute to multi-stakeholder consultations on the agenda.

1. Background

Some Member States have launched national initiatives to feed into the discussions on a post-2015 UN development agenda. A number of civil society organizations, from all over the world, have begun to engage in the discussions. Academic and other research institutions have been particularly active. The private sector is beginning to increase its engagement.

In the Outcome of the 2010 High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the MDGs, Member States requested the Secretary-General to begin making recommendations on how to advance the UN development agenda beyond 2015, in his annual reports on accelerating MDG progress. The Secretary-General made initial recommendations in this regard in his August 2011 Report (A/66/126), with an

