



Expert Group Meeting

“Social Development and Agenda 2030”

United Nations Headquarters, New York

21 – 23 and 26 – 27 October 2015

Provisional agenda (Part I)

Wednesday, 21 October 2015

9:00 – 9:30 **Registration**

9:30 – 10:00 **Opening Session** (UNHQs - DPI briefing room)

Welcome remarks

Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD), UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

Objectives of the meeting

Overview of the 2030 Agenda: the role of the intergovernmental mechanisms

Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (intervention to be made from 11:30 – 11:45 am)

Participant introductions

Part I: Analysing Sustainable Development Goals with a social lens

- a) Analysing the 17 Sustainable Development Goals with a social lens, and identifying several options for reviewing the progress of their social dimensions in order to achieve inclusive social development objectives;
- b) Identifying areas that require greater policy coherence to effectively address inter-linkages and create synergies among the three dimensions;

10:00 – 12:00 **Session I: Session I: Eradicating poverty** (UNHQs -DPI briefing room)

*This session will focus mainly on **Goal 1** (End poverty in all its forms everywhere) and **Goal 2** (End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture) but also address their interlinkages with other Goals.*

Guiding question:

- *What are the strengths and weaknesses of the \$1.25 a day extreme poverty measurement to monitor extreme poverty?*
- *How to assess progress in halving people living in poverty in all its dimensions?*
- *Which approaches to the design and implementation of social protection systems/measures have shown results with respect to the coverage of the most vulnerable and excluded, including people living in extreme poverty?*
- *How to address food insecurity, hunger and malnutrition as an integral part of policies and strategies to eradicate extreme poverty, improve well-being of people, and reduce vulnerabilities and enhance resilience?*

Moderator: Rolph van der Hoeven

Addressing Multi-dimensionality of Poverty under the New Agenda: An alternate approach to measuring extreme poverty

Nanak Kakwani, Professor at University of New South Wales (Sydney), and former Director of International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG)/UNDP in Brazil and visiting researcher at Institute of Applied Economic Research (Ipea) in Brazil

Assessing Progress to Achieve Progress: The case of poverty reduction

Sanjay Reddy, Associate Professor of Economics, The New School for Social Research

Designing and Implementing Social Protection Systems and Floors

Vinicius Carvalho Pinheiro, Deputy Director, International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for the United Nations (New York)

Carla Muscavi, Director, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (tbc)

Discussion

12:30 – 13:00

Wrap-up and recommendations for a strategic guidance

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch break

15:00 – 17:00

Session II: Reducing inequality within countries (UNHQs - Conf. F)

*This session will focus mainly on the social dimensions of **Goal 10** (Reduce inequality within countries) but also address their interlinkages with other Goals.*

Guiding questions:

- *What are the underlying drivers of inequalities, and how can these be addressed?*
- *How are multiple dimensions of inequalities interlinked with each other (in terms of policies institutions, and actors)?*
- *What policies are conducive to reducing inequality? What are their weaknesses, limitations and the potentials for further reducing multiple inequalities?*

- *What are the competing notions and policies and how can we resolve the tensions and create synergies among them?*

Moderator: Sanjay Reddy

Addressing the Social, Economic and Political Dimensions of Inequality

Deborah Rogers, President, Initiative for Equality (IfE) and Affiliated Researcher, Stanford University Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (IRiSS)

Missing Elements: How to strengthen measures to reduce inequality in its all dimensions

Cecilia Rossel, Professor at the Social and Political Science Department of the Catholic University, Uruguay.

Can the SDGs Contain the Growing Income Inequality in the World?

Rolph van der Hoeven, Professor at the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), of Erasmus University, The Hague, and former Manager of the technical secretariat of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization

Addressing Inter-linkages among Inequality, Employment and Social Protection

Saurabh Sinha, Chief, Employment and Social Protection Section, UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Making Institutional Complementarity for Equal Opportunity and Equalities of Outcomes

Ilcheong Yi, Research Coordinator, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)

Discussion

17:00 – 17:30 Wrap-up and recommendations for a strategic guidance

Thursday, 22 October 2015

9:30 – 10:45 **Session III: Promoting employment and decent work for all** (Conf. F)

This session will focus mainly on the social dimensions of Goal 8 (Promote full and productive employment and decent work for all) but also address their interlinkages with other Goals.

Guiding questions:

- *How to highlight the importance of productive employment and decent jobs at the center of sustainable development?*
- *Has the linkage between policies and strategies to promote productive employment and decent jobs and those to reduce poverty, hunger, vulnerabilities weakened under the new Agenda? If so, how to strengthen it?*
- *How to enhance the labour participation of women, youth, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, and older persons?*

- *How to create linkages with other goals (i.e., goal 5) to achieve full employment and decent work for all?*

Moderator: Saurabh Sinha

Productive Employment and Decent Work for All as a Catalyst to Create Synergies among Three Dimensions of Sustainable Development

Vinicius Carvalho Pinheiro, Deputy Director, International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for the United Nations (New York)

Promoting Productive Employment and Decent Jobs: What should be done about informal employment?

Gordon Betcherman, Professor, School of International Development and Global Studies, University of Ottawa

Labour and Productive Inclusion Policies and Programmes: A regional experience"

Simone Cecchini, Social Development Division, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Enhancing the Labour Participation of Women: Work family balance and unpaid work

Bahira Trask, Professor and Chair, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware (family)

Discussion

10:45 – 11:15

Wrap-up: Discussion of policy-relevant conclusions

11:15 – 12:30

Session IV-1: Improving the quality of life and well-being for all (through investing in human capacity and social capital) (Conf. F)

*This session will focus mainly on **Goal 3** (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages), but also address its interlinkages with other Goals, in particular, poverty, inequality and education goals.*

Guiding questions:

- *What are existing strategies that are proven to be effective in achieving universal health coverage?*
- *What is required in moving towards universal health coverage to reduce inequity?*
- *To what extent does income inequality impact well-being?*
- *What is the linkage between inequality and various indicators of well-being?*

Moderator: Azza Karam

Achieving Universal Health Coverage

Werner Obermeyer, Deputy Executive Director, World Health Organization (WHO) Office to the United Nations

Inequality and Well-being

Hyun H. Son, Principal Evaluation Specialist, Independent Evaluation Department, Asian Development Bank

Equity, Universal Health Coverage and Children

Kumanan Rasanathan, Senior Health Specialist, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Discussion

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Lunch

15:00 – 17:00

Session IV-2: Improving the quality of life and well-being for all (through investing in human capacity and social capital) (Conf. F)

*This session will focus mainly on **Goal 4** (Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all) and **Goal 6** (Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all), but also address their interlinkages with other Goals, in particular, poverty, inequality, employment and health goals.*

Guiding questions:

- *Building on the progress made so far in achieving education Goals, what actions need to be taken in order to include those who are left behind?*
- *How to create a better synergy between universal policies and targeted strategies in order to reach the most vulnerable population? (i.e. universal access to quality primary and secondary education vs social protection/social transfer programmes)*
- *How to strengthen the linkage between the Goal and targets related to water and sanitation and other Goals?*
- *How to address inequality of opportunities in accessing quality basic services (education, safe drinking water and sanitation)?*

Moderator: Cecilia Rossel

Investing in Human Capacities and Social Capital in Sub-Saharan Africa from an Equity Perspective: The challenges of poverty and security

Fatou Sarr Sow, Professor, Maître de conférence à l'IFAN - Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar

Leaving No One Behind in Education: A key issue for inclusive social development

Marie Paule Roudil, Director, UNESCO Liaison Office to the United Nations

Moving from the MDGs to the Sustainable Development Goals: Implications for Education Equity and Learning

Changu Mannathoko, Senior Education Adviser, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Towards Universal Access to Water and Sanitation

Jose Gestí Canuto, Water and Environmental Specialist, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Discussion

17:00 – 17:30 Wrap up and recommendations for a strategic guidance

Friday, 23 October 2015

9:30 – 11:00 **Session V: Society for All** (UN Secretariat Building Room S-2723)

*This session will focus mainly on **Goal 11** (Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable), and **Goal 16** (Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all), but also address their interlinkages with other Goals.*

Guiding questions:

- *How to make cities more sustainable? How to ensure that all people are included as citizens?*
- *How to ensure the participation of the most vulnerable groups and communities in the decision-making processes that affect their lives?*
- *How to enhance the capacities of institutions at the national and local level to be more inclusive and participatory, and to promote sustainability?*
- *How can we assess the inclusiveness of a society?*

Moderator: Minu Hemmati

Creating new socio-ecological systems as a way of building a more inclusive and sustainable city

Debra Roberts, Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department, eThekweni Municipality, Durban, South Africa

Yamina Djacta, Director, UN-Habitat New York Office

Creating an Inclusive Society: Evidence from social indicators and trends

Roberto Foa, Harvard University

Promoting Participation as a Means to Build Inclusive Societies

John Mathiason, Adjunct Professor, Cornell Institute for Public Affairs, Cornell University

The Role of Faith-based Actors in Patterns of Inclusion and Exclusion

Azza Karam, Senior Advisor, Culture Coordinator, UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion and Development, UN Population Fund (UNFPA)

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Wrap up and recommendations for a strategic guidance

11:30 – 12:45

Session VI: - Reducing vulnerabilities and building resilience (UN Secretariat Building Room S-2723)

*This session will focus mainly on **Goal 1** (End poverty), **Goal 7** (Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all), **Goal 12** (Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns), **Goal 13** (Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts) and address the interlinkages between social and environmental dimensions.*

Guiding questions:

- *What are key areas that address both social and environmental dimensions simultaneously (i.e. sustainable jobs, social protection, etc.)?*
- *How to build resilience of the most vulnerable groups and communities against economic, social and environmental shocks?*
- *How to integrate climate-related risks into existing policies and strategies (poverty reduction strategies, labour market, education, health, urban planning policies, etc.)*
- *What are existing strategies to reduce vulnerability to natural disaster?*

Moderator: **Patrik Anderson**, Chief, Social Integration Section, Social Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Key Challenges in Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals: Addressing the interlinkages

Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary-General, Head of the New York Office, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Engagement and Communication for Implementation and Review

Minu Hemmati, Senior Associate, CatalySD Group, London/Berlin

Policies and Strategies to Reduce Vulnerabilities and Enhance Resilience

Almudena Fernández, Policy Specialist- Social Protection, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Discussion

12:45 – 13:00

Wrap up and recommendations for a strategic guidance

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 16:30

Session VII – Part A: Addressing sustainable development from a social perspective – Creating a road map (UN Secretariat Building Room S-2723)

Guiding questions:

1. In which areas does policy coherence need to be strengthened to implement the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development,

- integrating social, economic and environment dimensions in a balanced manner?
2. What steps are necessary to effectively incorporate the social dimension of sustainable development in national planning, policies and strategies?
 3. How can DSPD best support the Commission to guide and promote an, integrated approach to the review of progress in the implementation of the social dimensions of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development?
 - Integrated analysis
 - Review of the progress of social dimensions of SDGs
 - Thematic review

Moderator: **Barbara Adams**, former member of the President of GA CSO taskforce for MDG 2010 Summit, the Coordinating Committee of Social Watch and Civil Society Reflection Group on Global Development Perspectives

Interactive Dialogue

Neil Pierre, Chief, Policy Coordination Branch, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (OESC), UNDESA

Marion Barthelemy, Chief, Intergovernmental Support and Interagency Branch, Division for Sustainable Development (DSD), UNDESA
(**Irena Zubcevic**)

Diana Alarcon, Chief, Development Strategy and Policy Unit, Development Policy and Analysis Division (DPAD), UNDESA

Jorge Bravo, Chief, Population and Development Section, Population Division, UNDESA

Peter Chowla, Financing for Development Office, UNDESA

Luis Gonzalez Morales, Statistics Division/SDG Team, UNDESA

Monica Nogara, Capacity Development Office, DESA

Ryo Nakamura, Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests

Bette Levy, Treasurer, NGO Committee on Social Development

Margo LaZaro, Co-Chair of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development

Daniel Perell, Representative, the Baha'i International Community New York Office, and member of the NGO committee on Social Development

Members of the Bureau of the 54th session of the Commission for Social Development

Group of friends on the priority theme of the 54th session of the Commission

16:30 – 17:00 Wrap up and recommendations for developing a strategic guidance

17:00 – 17:15 Closing remarks – **Ms. Daniela Bas**, Director, DSPD



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Monday, 26 October 2015

10:00 – 10:15 **Registration**

10:15 – 10:30 **Opening Session**

Welcome remarks

Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development
(DSPD)

Objectives of the meeting

Participant introductions

Part II: Analysing Sustainable Development Goals from social group’s perspectives

- c) Reviewing how to address specific needs of (or how to involve) vulnerable social groups, in particular, youth, older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, as cross-cutting issues in the implementation of the 17 SDGs, and
- d) Examining how to harmonise the implementation of the SDGs with the implementation of and follow-up to existing policies and instruments related to social groups (i.e., conventions, treaties, youth policy, etc.) into 17 Goals.

10:30 – 12:30 **Session VIII-1: Addressing specific needs of vulnerable social groups – Persons with disabilities**

- Based on lessons learnt, how to effectively mainstream disability in development and to achieve the SDGs for persons with disabilities?
- How to ensure effective attention to issues of significance to persons with disabilities that are not explicitly recognized in the SDGs goals and targets?
- How to ensure effective integration of national institutions/mechanisms working on the disability issues as well as persons with disabilities in the implementation of the SDGs.

- Engaging persons with disabilities and their organizations in the design, implementation and monitoring of the implementation of the SDGs.

Moderator: **Akiko Ito**, Chief, Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, DSPD

Tiziana Oliva, International Director, Leonard Cheshire Disability

Marcia H. Rioux, Distinguished Research Professor, School of Health Policy and Management (Graduate Programs in CDS and Health Equity), York University, Toronto

Marcie Roth, Director, Office of Disability Integration & Coordination, US Department of Homeland Security, FEMA

12:30 – 13:00 Wrap up and recommendations for developing a strategic guidance

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch

15:00 – 16:30 **Session VIII – 2: Addressing specific needs of vulnerable social groups – youth, older persons and family**

- SDG1 “End poverty in all its forms everywhere” and inequalities in later life and policy implications, particularly in relation to pensions including a gendered focus.
- How to ensure effective attention to issues of significance to older persons and youth, which are not explicitly recognized in the SDGs goals and targets?
- SDG 5 and the role of families in combating discrimination, violence, harmful practices against women and girls.
- Engaging civil society organizations led by, and working with families, older persons, persons with disabilities and youth in the design, implementation and monitoring of the implementation of the SDGs.

Moderator: **Renata Kaczmarska**, Focal Point on the Family, Social Integration Branch, DSPD

Bahira Trask, Professor and Chair, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware (family)

Liam Foster, Lecturer in Social Work, Department of Sociological Studies, The University of Sheffield, UK (ageing)

Ravi Karkara, Senior Advisor Strategic Partnership and Advocacy to the Assistant Secretary-General/Deputy Executive Director, UNWomen (Youth)

16:30 – 17:00 Wrap up and recommendations for developing a strategic guidance

Tuesday, 27 October 2015

10:00 – 11:30 **Session IX: Common strategies for ensuring “no one is left behind” in the implementation of SDGs**

- How can we ensure that no one is left behind?
- What are common strategies across social groups to harmonize the implementation of the SDGs with the implementation of and follow-up to existing policies and instruments related to social groups?
- How to integrate them at the national, regional and international levels?
- How to engage all stakeholders, Member States, international and regional organizations, the UN system, social groups, families, and cooperatives?

Moderator: **Jean-Pierre Gonnot**, Chief, Social Integration Branch, DSPD

Round table discussion:

Elsa Stamatopoulou, Director, Indigenous Peoples' Rights Program, Institute for the Study of Human Rights (ISHR), Columbia University

Bahira Trask, Professor and Chair, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware (family)

11:30 – 12:30

Session VII – Part B: Road map to support the Commission for Social Development in addressing specific needs of vulnerable social groups as cross-cutting issues

Guiding questions: How can we best support the Commission to integrate, as a cross-cutting issue, effective attention to the specific needs of vulnerable groups in the implementation of the new Agenda for Sustainable Development?

Moderator: **Daniela Bas**, Director, DSPD

Interactive dialogue:

Commentators:

Jane Stewart, Director, ILO New York Office

Bette Levy, Treasurer, NGO Committee on Social Development

Daniel Perell, Representative, the Baha'i International Community New York Office, and member of the NGO committee on Social Development

12:30 – 12:45

Wrap up and recommendations for developing a strategic guidance

12:45 – 13:00

Closing remarks