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Realizing the Sustainable Development Agenda and the role of the United Nations Development System

United Nations Headquarters, New York

10 December 2013, 3:00 pm to 6:15 pm

Conference Room A (CB)

AGENDA FOR AFTERNOON

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15:00

Welcome

Yvonne Lodico, Head UNITAR New York Office

Timo Mahn, Research Coordinator, German Development Institute

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Introduction: The comparative advantage of the UN system in a post-2015 era: Linking together
Development Goals and Operational activities

- *Building on the Achievement of the MDGs, and Moving forward with the “Future We Want”, What is envisaged for the Post 2015 Era?*
- *How are these development visions shaping and how will they be integrated through the UN System?*
- *Taking into account the MDGs, How will the development goals be linked to UN Operational activities?*

Speakers:

H.E. Ms. Koki Muli Grignon, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations

Elliott Harris, Director of the UNEP New York Office and Secretary of the Environment Management Group

Olav Kjørven, Special Advisor to the Administrator on the Post 2015 Development Agenda



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The changing role of the UN Development System at the interface of operational and normative work – A shift to a more integrated approach

- *How can a more system-wide coherence and a more integrated approach within the UN Development system be advanced in a post 2015 world?*

Which implications does this shift bring?

- *What are the results of such a shift in terms of system-wide mandate, funding, functioning, accountability and governance?*

Speakers:

Pio Wennubst, Minister, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations

Timo Mahn, German Development Institute, presentation of paper “Resolution for a quiet revolution: Taking the United Nations to Sustainable Development beyond Aid”

Navid Hanif, Director of the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UN DESA
Implications of ECOSOC Reform in the course of the post 2015 Agenda

Kristinn Helgason, Deputy-Chief, Development Cooperation Policy Branch, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UN DESA: Advancing a Coherent UN System in the Field for Development, the QCPR and Operational Activities

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Conclusion: What are the emerging issues which will likely to impact the UN’s development system in the post 2015 world?

- *Some issues to consider: Impact of Climate Change; the increase in urbanization; the impact of peace and security, and civil strife?*
- *How will the increase in South-South cooperation influence the UNDS?*
- *How should the future role of the UN development system look like?*

Speaker:

- Molly Elgin-Cossart
Senior Fellow, Global Development, Center on International Cooperation, New York University
Former Chief of Staff to the UN Secretary-General’s High-level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda



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