

## South-Asia Consultation on the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Sustainable Development Goals and the Means of Implementation Nagarkot, Nepal 26-28 August 2014

### PROGRAMME

#### Day 1: 26 August 2014

09:00 – 09:30	<b>Registration</b>
09:30 – 10:30	<p><b>Inaugural session</b> Welcome remarks by <b>Mr. Jamie Mcgoldrick</b>, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative Nepal</p> <p><b>Opening Statements by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Nagesh Kumar</b>, Director, UN ESCAP South and South-West Asia Office</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Anuradha Rajivan</b>, Advisor, Strategy and Policy Department, Asian Development Bank</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Caitlin Wiesen</b>, Manager, UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynote address: H.E. Mr. Arjun Thapa</b>, SAARC Secretary General</p> <p><b>Inaugural Address by H.E. Dr. Govind Pokharel</b>, Vice-Chairman of National Planning Commission, Govt of Nepal</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00 – 13:00	<p><b>Session 1: Achievement of MDGs in South Asia and priorities for Post-2015 Development Agenda</b></p> <p>Session 1 will review progress towards the achievement of the MDGs in the Asia-Pacific region, with particular focus on South-Asia. Country experiences on customization/localization and good practices to accelerate MDG progress will be discussed along with existing and emerging development challenges. Discussion will draw from the findings and messages of the <i>ESCAP/ADB/UNDP Regional MDG Report 2012/2013-Asia Pacific Aspirations: Perspectives for a Post 2015 Development Agenda</i>.</p> <p><b>Chair: Mr. B.N. Satpathy</b>, Sr. Adviser &amp; Additional Secretary, Planning, Commission, India</p> <p><b>Introduction of the theme by:</b>  <b>ESCAP: Mr. Syed Nuruzzaman</b>, Chief Countries with Special Needs Section  <b>UNDP: Ms. Alessandra Casazza</b>, Policy Advisor, MDGs and Inclusive Growth  <b>ADB: Ms. Vivian Francisco</b>, Strategy and Policy Officer  <b>Panellists: Ms. Karin Fernando</b>, Senior Researcher, Centre for Policy Analysis, Sri Lanka</p> <p><b>Sharing of country perspectives by SAARC Member States</b>  Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Open discussion</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Summary by the Chair</b></li> </ul>

13:00 – 14:00

*Lunch break*

14:00 – 15:30

**Session 2: The Open Working Group Proposals: Proposed Sustainable Development Goals**

Sessions 2 and 3 will discuss the position of SAARC countries on the sustainable development goals (from 1 to 7) proposed by the Open Working Group and their relevance in addressing development issues in South Asia. This session will also draw from other major global and regional recommendations.

**Chair: Mr. Mohammad Ismail Rahimi**, Director-General of Policy and Result Based Monitor, Ministry of Economy, Afghanistan

**Introduction of the theme by:**

**UNDP: Mr. Joseph D’Cruz**, Cluster Leader, Inclusive Growth

**Panellists:**

**Ms. Baela Raza Jamil**, Director Programmes, Idrara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi (ITA), Pakistan

**Ms. Pooja Parvati**, Research Manager, Wada Na Todo Abhiyaan and Oxfam India

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*Coffee Break*

15:45 – 17:15

**Session 3: The Open Working Group Proposals: Proposed Sustainable Development Goals contd.**

This session will continue discussion of the Open Working Group proposals focusing on goals 8 to 16 as well as other major global and regional recommendations, and it will discuss their relevance in addressing development issues in South Asia. Countries will also discuss a common position for a SAARC perspective on a set of goals and targets for sustainable development

**Chair: Ms. Thinlay Yangdon**, Senior Planning Officer, Policy & Planning Division, Ministry of Finance, Bhutan

**Introduction of the theme:**

**ESCAP:**

**Panellists:**

**Mr. Pema Wangchuk**, Executive Director, Loden Foundation, Bhutan

**Mr. Ahmed Anwar Abdul Azeez**, Environment Analyst, Maldives

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*A survey questionnaire will be circulated by organizers at the end of the first day for completion by the participants*

19.30—21.00

Welcome reception hosted by the SAARC Secretariat

**Day 2: 27 August 2014**

09:00 – 10:15

**Session 4: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for development-Part 1: Financing for Development**

This session will draw from the proposed OWG Goal 17 on global partnership for development and means of implementation especially focusing on financing for development, and from the ICESDF report on Sustainable development Financing, and will explore options to expand financing opportunities for post 2015. The premise is that development finance is not constrained by shortage of funds but the lack of appropriate motivation and instruments to better direct funds for development. The session will also examine potential sources of funds, domestically and internationally, from public and private sources, and identify constraints to expanding development finance beyond ODA, including inefficiencies in raising and using funds, design and regulatory issues that impede the use of new financial instruments for durable development results. The session will provide perspectives and insights from South Asia for the 2014/15 Regional MDG Report

**Chair: Ms. Fathimath Ghina**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of foreign Affairs, Maldives

**Introduction of the theme by:**

**ADB: Ms. Anuradha Rajivan**, Advisor, Strategy and Policy Department,

**Dr. C.P. Chandrasekhar**, Professor, Centre for Economic Studies & Planning  
Mrawaharlal Nehru University, India

**Mr. Sucharita Mukherjee**, Chief Executive Officer, IFMR Holdings, Vice-Chair, IFMR Trust

**Panellists:**

**Dr. Hiramani Ghimir**, Executive Director, SAWTEE

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**Session 5: OWG Goal 17- Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for development-Part 2: Technology and Innovation**

This session will discuss the proposed Goal 17 by the OWG on global partnership for development and means of implementation especially focusing on technology transfer and innovation, capacity building and related issues and will seek the views of member states on these highly pertinent issues for implementation and provide insights for the 2014/15 Regional MDG Report. It will also review the role that institutions such as WTO, WIPO, UNFCCC play in this respect and examples from across the region will be shared in lowering the cost of technology transfer, easing access to and supporting technology development and innovation.

**Chair: Mr. Purushottam Ghimire**, Joint Secretary, National Planning, Commission Secretariat, Nepal

**Introduction of the theme by:**

**UNDP: Ms. Alessandra Casazza**, Policy Advisor, MDGs and Inclusive Growth

**Panelists:**

**Ms. Umme Salma**, Research Associate, Centre for Policy Dialogue

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**Session 6: Data, Monitoring and Accountability: National Frameworks**

How can SDGs be integrated into national development plans and subject to parliamentary monitoring? Can people-led monitoring and accountability should be a central feature of a new Development Agenda? How to address the data and statistics requirements for such monitoring? This session will aim at mapping experiences in South Asia of effective monitoring and review mechanisms, reviewing lessons learned from monitoring the MDGs. The session will provide perspectives and insights from South Asia for the 2014/15 Regional MDG Report

**Chair: Ms. Karin Hulshof**, Regional Director, **UNICEF ROSA**

**Introduction of the theme by:**

**ESCAP: Mr. Yanhong Zhang**, Officer-in-Charge, Population and Social Statistics

**Panelists:**

**Dr. Mohd. Sahil Ali**, Research Economist, Centre for Study of Science, Technology & Policy, (CSTEP), India

**Mr. Thoriq Hamid**, Programme Manager, Transparency Maldives

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**Session 7: Regionalization of the Post-2015 Development Agenda and Regional Monitoring Frameworks**

SAARC had also adopted the SAARC Development Goals coterminous with MDGs with 2015 deadline. This session will aim at mapping experiences in South Asia of effective monitoring and review mechanisms, reviewing lessons learned from SAARC experiences in regional monitoring of the SAARC Development Goals, and discussing how regional accountability frameworks could be considered for monitoring implementation of the new development agenda post-2015 at subregional (SAARC)

and regional (ESCAP) levels. The session will provide perspectives and insights from South Asia on a sub-regional accountability framework for the 2014/15 Regional MDG Report.

**Chair: Mrs. J.M.S.D. Rathnayake**, Additional Director-General of National Planning, Sri Lanka

**Introduction of the theme by:**

**SAARC Secretariat: Mr. Dhan Bahadur Oli**, Director (SGO & IPA)

**Panellists:**

**Dr. Yam Bahadur Thapa**, Founding Director and former Chairman Renaissance Society Nepal

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**Session 8: SAARC Partnership for the Post-2015 Development Agenda**

Further enhancement of regional cooperation and integration in South Asia can play an important role in achieving the Post-2015 Development Agenda by working on mutually agreed/beneficial project-based cooperation at regional/sub-regional level through SAARC and its establishments, including Regional Centres, Specialized Bodies, Apex Bodies and Recognized Bodies. Regional cooperation can also play an important role in addressing the challenges of finance, technology as also in addressing the challenges of food and energy security and disaster risk reduction in enhancing resilience. The session will provide perspectives and insights from South Asia on regional/sub-regional project-based cooperation through SAARC mechanism and partnership to achieve post-2015 Development Agenda.

**Chair: Ms. Shanchita Haque**, Director, Economic Affairs Wing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Introduction of the theme by:**

**SAARC Secretariat: Mr. Dhan Bahadur Oli**, Director (SGO & IPA)

**Discussant:**

**Ms. Liah Ghazanfar**, Director, Feminine Solidarity for Justice Organization, (FSJO) Director, Feminine Solidarity for Justice Organization (FSJO)

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