

DRAFT Concept Note

**Regional consultation for Europe in
support of the 2013 ECOSOC Annual
Ministerial Review**

**Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination
Department of Economic and Social Affairs
S-2571
New York, NY 10017 USA**

2 November 2012

Background

The Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) is a key function of the Economic and Social Council established by Heads of State and Government at the 2005 World Summit. It was mandated as an instrument to track progress and step up efforts towards the realization of the internationally agreed development goals (IADGs), including the Millennium Development Goals, by the 2015 target date.¹ General Assembly resolution A/RES/61/16 and A/65/286 provide general guidance on the preparation of the AMR.

The first AMR was held in July 2007 in Geneva and focused on poverty and hunger (MDG1). The following AMR sessions focused on, respectively, goals related to sustainable development (MDG7) in 2008; health (MDG 4, 5, 6) in 2009; gender (MDG3) in 2010, education in 2011, and productive capacity, employment and decent work for sustainable and equitable growth (all MDGs) in 2012.

The theme for 2013 ECOSOC Annual Ministerial Review, to be held in July in Geneva is *“Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development”*

Proposed modalities of the meeting

Format

The meeting is recommended to be held as a one day event, preferably in conjunction with the UNECE upcoming meeting on 9-11 April 2013, in order to attract high

Finally , the event will identify follow-up actions to be undertaken by the relevant stakeholders within the region in furtherance of the particular theme and/or overall review of current policies and practices in the region .