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Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable
development goals: What will it take”

2015 National Voluntary Presentations

Guidance note

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National consultations

An initial draft of the national report is the main input for national consultations. NVP countries hold consultative dialogues, in the case of programme countries, national workshops, or undertake multi-stakeholder reviews. Such national consultations aim to contribute to improving public and intra-governmental debate on issues relating to the implementation of the development strategy and priority setting in pursuit of sustainable development objectives.

National consultations assist countries in assessing progress towards their development objectives and the implementation of their national development strategies with the broad participation of key stakeholders. Participants should include policy makers, government representatives and representatives from the non-state sectors, such as think tanks and academia, civil society and the private sector. Such broad participation facilitates management and ownership, the identification of successes and gaps and contributes to sharpening policy recommendations. The workshops can also be used to assess national best practices and lessons learned.

NVPs and the regional dimension

Reviewers

Approximately three NVP reviewers (any Member State or international organisation) will be

Effective followup to the NVP processtakesseveral forms —research, policy analysis, advocacy,

x The report should be accompanied

The report could also address the various policy areas that have been used by other countries in the NVP process and are posted on the Development Strategies that website. These are reflected in section 4 on page 10 of this note

Country Statistical Annex

A statistical annex and graphs could be included to

Reviewers in advance of the presentation. They could also organize a meeting with the Reviewers in order to deepen their engagement with the review and reporting exercise.

The objective of the Reviewers is to initiate and stimulate the discussion based on the national report, setting the stage for further in-depth deliberations held in an interactive manner during the NVP session, immediately following the national presentation. The Reviewers will give comments and pose questions to the presenting country arising from its review process. The comments by the Reviewers should provide feedback to the presenting country and guide the discussion in ECOSOC towards the most important issues or specific questions.³

After the interventions of the Reviewers, the discussion will be opened to all participants to make brief observations or pose additional questions, after which the representatives of the presenting country will be given an opportunity to respond. At the end of the session, the moderator will draw main conclusions.

Speaker		
Presentation	Cabinet Minister (15 minutes)	20 minutes
	1-2 Representative of Civil Society/Private Sector/other stakeholder (optional – 2-3 minutes each)	
Interactive discussion	Up to 3 NVP Reviewers (2-3 minutes each)	40 minutes
	Moderated interactive discussion with the Members of ECOSOC (Interventions limited to 3 minutes each, followed by responses from delegations)	

g. Media

A media series leading up to the presentation should be planned with leading media partners. Newspaper or magazine articles could be written relating to the NVP, to be published in major local and international newspapers and magazines, media interviews and discussions could be arranged involving the delegation to ECOSOC, with the aim to highlight key aspects of the national presentations. Live broadcast of the national presentation at ECOSOC to a local audience should be planned, where feasible. The presentations will also be webcast.

4. Sharing lessons learned and best practices

³ Additional coverage of the 2014 NVPs can be found on the following pages:

<http://www.un.org/press/en/2014/ecosoc6639.doc.htm> and

<http://www.un.org/en/ecosoc/newfunct/amrnational2014.shtm> EMCn/ged

