Post-2015 Development Agenda Orientation and Briefing Programme | New York

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BACKGROUND

Given the complexity and importance of the process to develop the post-2015 development agenda, UNITAR will be organizing a series of technical briefings, starting mid-February 2014 and continuing until September 2014, when intergovernmental consultations on the agenda are to start. The goal is to enable participants to fully familiarize themselves with the process, progress and key outcomes of ongoing discussions between Member States. These briefings will also provide an opportunity to look at some of those aspects on which delegates feel there is insufficient information and/or where they would like to have a more in-depth analysis.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

Strengthen knowledge for evidence-based decision making in the formulation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, and, more specifically,

- Assist participants to access the most up-to-date and essential information coming from the numerous processes that will contribute to the Post-2015 agenda, and key outcomes of ongoing Member States' discussions in various fora, as well as allowing newly arrived delegates to ‘catch up’;
- Provide a dynamic and interactive space where delegates can exchange views on the Post-2015 development agenda and have a more in-depth discussion, as needed.

The briefings will be facilitated by prominent experts and involve peer-to-peer learning and active involvement of members of delegations. An online resource platform will also be available to support the learning experience.
LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After completing the module, participants should be able to:

- Identify the mandates that have provided a foundation for advancing the consultations on the Post-2015 development agenda, as well as other related major intergovernmental processes;
- Describe the ongoing process of consultations on the Post-2015 development agenda, key stakeholders and their respective roles;
- Identify key milestones and expected deliverables to feed into the final intergovernmental decision-making process on the Post-2015 development agenda in September 2015 (the OWG on SDGs, the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, the High-Level Political Forum, structured dialogues on possible arrangements for the technology facilitation mechanism, among others);
- Summarize the current state of the Post-2015 development agenda debate, including areas of consensus, timeline and key outstanding issues.

As a follow-up to the module, participants should be able to have increased “confidence” in:

- Applying the acquired information on the current state of the Post-2015 debate when conveying their country’s national perspectives;
- Evaluating opportunities for their country’s participation in various ongoing discussions, with a view to contributing to the process.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

   1.1 The mandate from the 2010 MDG Summit
   1.2 The mandate from the 2012 Rio + 20 Conference
   1.3 The mandate from the 2013 Special Event on MDGs
   1.4 Other intergovernmental processes with bearing on the Post-2015 development agenda

2. State of the Post-2015 Debate
   2.1 Member States’ consensus to date
   2.2 The Secretary-General’s vision: key messages
   2.3 The priorities of Civil Society and other stakeholders
   2.4 Discussions at the OWG on SDGs, committee on SD financing and dialogues on possible arrangements for a technology mechanism

3. The Roadmap to September 2015 and Institutional arrangements
   3.1 Key milestones, timeline and deliverables
   3.2 Opportunities to participate
   3.3 UN support structures

METHODOLOGY

This “catch-up” module will consist of one face-to-face briefing session that will feature presentations by resource persons followed by a Q&A session and an interactive discussion between the session participants. The session will aim to create a space for peer-to-peer learning and to promote an exchange of views among members of delegations.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

Members of Delegations, other government representatives at the United Nations who would like to improve their knowledge of and access to the most-up-to-date information of the intergovernmental process.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The event is free and open to the delegates to the United Nations. Prior registration is required.

Registration will open at 10.30am on Thursday 20 2014 outside Conference Room 1

For more information:  www.unitar.org/post2015briefing