## TRANSITION WORKSHOP FOR THE 77TH OPGA

Environmental, Development and Economic Issues

### Lessons from previous sessions

Strategy Document (strategic direction to teams, OPGA, and partners)

Division of Labour (focal points and substitutes)

### Functioning and working methods

- Flow of information
- Clearance process (statements, briefs, talking points)

Innovation to advance the agenda (e.g. Multistakeholder Spotlights and new formats of engagement)

Build relationships with MS at PR and delegate level (consensus and participation in events)

Utilize PGA travel for advocacy and link to strategic priorities

### Understanding the work of OPGA

Event management

Political and Logistical

Sound intergovernmental background

Understanding the audience of the PGA

- Membership
- Public
- Interest groups

Pace of work

# Sustainable Development in the 77<sup>th</sup> Session of the GA

#### Priority issues

- Build momentum on key issues
- International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development"
- Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework
- Culture and Sustainable Development
- Challenges of Middle-Income Countries
- Financing for Development
  - Debt Reform
- Accelerating financing for risk prevention and de-risking investment (application of a thinking resilience approach to the financial sector)
- LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, MICS
- Multidimensional Vulnerability Index
- Our Common Agenda
- Morning Dialogues



- Summit of the Future
- Political Declaration on Future Generations
- Intergovernmental Process draw on the summaries from the Thematic Discussions
- Fit in to broader narrative throughout the session

### Looking towards UNGA78 High-Level Week

- SDG Summit
- Summit of the Future (TBC)
- High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development
- HLM on Universal Health Coverage
- Coherent, inspirational and action-oriented narrative

### Key relationships

- EOSG Sustainable Development and OCA Teams
- GA/ECOSOC relationship
  - Monthly Coordination Meetings
  - Joint Briefing of the Presidents (early January)
- Second Committee Bureau
- Regional Groups and negotiating blocks
- Engagement with Secretariat, UN agencies, funds and programmes for technical support
  - DESA Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development
  - DGACM
- Engagement with wide cross-section of stakeholders

### Core Skills and Qualities for OPGA Staff



Cope well with stress



Ability to see big picture and long-term impact



Build and maintain effective relationships, form strategic partnerships



Relate and communicate with a wide range of people



Problem solving in a challenging environment and operate effectively under pressure



Manage workload, prioritize tasks



Operational decision-making skills