

Shaping the Post-2015 Development Agenda: The LDC Perspective



Southern Voice
2015 On Post-MDG International Development Goals



June 24-25, 2013

Day 1: ONE UN Hotel, One United Nations Plaza

Day 2: UN Headquarters, North Lawn Building, Conference Room 3

The International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), LDC IV Monitor, Southern Voice on Post-MDGs, and United Nations Foundation (UNF) will hold a two-day meeting to bring together experts and thought leaders from the global South to discuss the post-2015 and SDGs agenda. By mid-June, several reports on the Post-2015 Development Agenda will have been released, including the High Level Panel on Post-2015, the UNDG consultations, the Regional Commissions, and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network, and the SDGs Open Working Group will have begun its work. This is an opportune moment to gather experts and diplomats to hear observations from global South thought leaders on how ideas presented thus far will affect their countries. These thought leaders can provide local perspectives, independent analyses, and evidence on goal-making and implementation to inform the ongoing discussion.

Purpose of the Meeting

- (1) To collaboratively explore opportunities & challenges to implementing global goals that address both the existing and emerging issues identifiable in LDCs, yet relevant to all countries and fundamental to the post-2015 and SDG discussions,
- (2) To provide expert views and research from the global South to inform the post-2015 and SDGs dialogue.

Objectives

- (1) To improve the understanding of how the interests and concerns of the global South are to be addressed in the post-2015 development agenda including the goals and targets;
- (2) To have clarity regarding how the structural challenges and emerging development issues facing the global South will be addressed in the concept of SDGs;
- (3) And to assess in this context, the role of the global South in ensuring that the post-2015 development agenda is compatible with their interests and concerns.

Moderators

Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Centre for Policy Dialogue, LDC IV Monitor, Southern Voice on Post-MDGs

Dr. Michèle Pierre-Louis, FOKAL Foundation, LDC Independent Expert Group

Day 1 Agenda: Expert Workshop

June 24, 8:30AM-5:00PM, ONE UN Hotel

- Closed workshop of 60 persons
- Participants include thought leaders from IIED's LDC Independent Expert Group, LDC IV Monitor, Southern Voice, and NY-based think tanks and representatives from the UN system and permanent missions

Time	Session
8:30AM – 9:00AM	Registration and light breakfast
9:00AM – 9:10AM	Welcome and Introduction Ms. Minh-Thu Pham, UN Foundation Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, CPD, LDC IV Monitor, Southern Voice Dr. Michèle Pierre-Louis, FOKAL Foundation, LDC Independent Expert Group
9:10AM- 9:45AM	Opening Session Introductory Statement: Ms. Amina Mohammed, Executive Office of the Secretary General (invited) Discussion: What type of world does the group want by 2030? Session Chair: Ms. Minh-Thu Pham, UN Foundation
9:45AM – 11:15AM	Review of Post-2015 Reports: Views from the Global South Dr. Fahmida Khatun, CPD, LDC IV Monitor, Southern Voice Dr. Essam Mohammed, IIED, LDC Independent Expert Group Response: Mr. Homi Kharas, HLP Secretariat (invited) Discussion Session Chair: Dr. Hoseana Bohela Lunogelo, ESRF, LDC IV Monitor Southern Voice
11:15AM– 11:30AM	Coffee Break

<p>11:30AM– 1:00PM</p>	<p>Emerging Issues and Opportunities for the LDCs Dr. YoubaSokona, South Centre, LDC Independent Expert Group Dr. IbrahimaHathie, IPAR-Senegal, Southern Voice Dr. MatthieuBoussichas, FERDI, LDC IV Monitor</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Session Chair: Professor Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, The New School (invited)</p>
<p>1:00PM- 1:45PM</p>	<p>Lunch break and informal discussion</p>
<p>1:45PM- 3:00PM</p>	<p>Urbanization as a Key Transformation in Post-2015 Ms. Andrea Ordonez, FARO Group, Southern Voice Mr. George Varughese, Development Alternatives, Independent Research Forum 2015</p> <p>Session Chair: Dr. Tom Bigg, IIED</p>
<p>3:00PM- 4:15PM</p>	<p>Moderated Discussion- Moving from Analysis to Action: Global Goals and National Implementation Reflection: Dr. HoseanaBohelaLunogelo, ESRF, Southern Voice Reflection: Dr. James Murombedzi, CODESRIA, LDC Independent Expert Group</p> <p>Session Chair: Dr. SaleemulHuq, IIED, LDC Independent Expert Group</p>
<p>4:15PM- 5:00PM</p>	<p>Moderated Discussion- Next Steps: How can these issues be moved forward from here? Reflection: Dr. Michèle Pierre-Louis, FOKAL Foundation, LDC Independent Expert Group</p> <p>Session Chair: Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, CPD, LDC IV Monitor, Southern Voice</p>

Day 2 Agenda: Open Session

June 25, 10:00AM-12:00PM, UN Headquarters, North Lawn Building- Conference Room 3

- Open meeting in UN North Lawn Building, Conference Room 3
- Speakers and panelists will include thought leaders from IIED, LDC IV Monitor, Southern Voice, the USG for LDCs, and Permanent Representatives from Missions.
- Attendance is open to UN member states, development experts and thought leaders, multilateral organizations, the private sector, civil society, foundations, academia, and media.

Time	Session
10:00AM– 10:10AM	Welcome and Introduction Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Centre for Policy Dialogue, LDC IV Monitor, Southern Voice Dr. Michèle Pierre-Louis, FOKAL Foundation, LDC Independent Expert Group
10:10AM- 10:25AM	Opening Address Mr. Gyan Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
10:25AM– 11:50AM	Moving Forward with the Post-2015 Process: Addressing the Interests of Countries with Special Needs Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Ms. Marjon Kamara, Permanent Mission of Liberia (invited)• H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, Permanent Mission of Fiji (invited)• Professor Mustafizur Rahman, CPD, LDC IV Monitor, Southern Voice• Dr. Sarah Ssewanyana, EPRC, Southern Voice• Dr. Saleemul Huq, IIED, LDC Independent Expert Group• Mr. Mariteuw Chimère Diaw, African Model Forest Network, LDC Independent Expert Group
11:50AM – 12:00PM	Closing Remarks and Meeting Conclusion Ms. Amina Mohammed, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (invited) Ms. Minh-Thu Pham, UN Foundation