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Report of the first meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council

Summary

The high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council met when the sustainable development goals and the options for a financing strategy for sustainable development were being formulated. The outcomes of those two processes are expected to form central elements of the post-2015 development agenda soon to be negotiated. At the forum there was a great sense of opportunity and a strong commitment to arrive at an ambitious outcome that would be able to lift countries and people out of poverty and put the world on a sustainable development path.

An integrated approach to sustainable development is essential for the post-2015 development agenda. The agenda should be universal, transformative, inclusive and people centred. It should be built on the principles of human rights and on respect for the Earth and its ecosystems.

Climate change is threatening development and the fate of future generations. New cooperation models and partnerships are crucial. The global community needs to accelerate progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and, later, the sustainable development goals through a revitalized global partnership for sustainable development, and enable all nations to develop sustainably.

The post-2015 development agenda must complete the unfinished business of the Millennium Development Goals. Poverty eradication is a precondition for sustainable development, and sustainable consumption and production is an essential requirement. Economic growth should be inclusive, sustainable and create decent employment, particularly for young people. Inequalities within countries between different segments of the population need to be reduced progressively.



The post-2015 development agenda must focus dedicated attention on and provide support to countries in special situations. A number of small island developing States and least developed countries have enjoyed social and economic progress as a result of effective policy interventions, measures to promote inclusive and gender-sensitive development, and good management of natural capital. Others can learn from their experience. Many of these countries are also highly vulnerable, however, to natural disasters, climate change and other shocks that are outside of their control.

Undertaking a new development agenda requires establishing common understanding and mutual trust. Rule of law, transparent and accountable institutions, access to justice, inclusion and empowerment are essential. Voluntary national reviews to be conducted by the high-level political forum after 2015 can be a valuable tool in supporting the progress of countries towards sustainable development goals. An effective mechanism to review implementation must engage all actors, including civil society, in a meaningful way, in order to strengthen legitimacy and effectiveness. Multi-stakeholder partnerships and voluntary commitments should strengthen implementation by involving a range of relevant stakeholders.

The post-2015 development agenda must be underpinned by the strengthened framework constituted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum, under their respective auspices. It should leave policy space for national and subregional specificities. The high-level political forum will be crucial for promoting and reviewing the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals. It must offer guidance on how to move from global commitments to national implementation and sustainable development results.

A strong interface between science and policy will be very important for the high-level political forum to establish itself as a forum from which relevant policy guidance on sustainable development emanates. The global sustainable development report could be an important tool in setting the agenda of the forum, identifying new challenges and reviewing progress on sustainable development.

Integration should be a high priority for United Nations operational activities in countries. Cooperation among United Nations entities is increasing, but more effort is needed to realize an organization that thinks, plans, programmes, monitors and evaluates as one. United Nations bodies need to have a consistent message for Governments that integrates the various dimensions of sustainable development and, as far as possible, a common reporting mechanism and set of indicators to measure progress on the sustainable development goals.

The international processes on the sustainable development goals, sustainable development financing and technology facilitation will ultimately need to converge in order to set an integrated and inclusive agenda for development beyond 2015. An ambitious global agreement in 2015 on climate change under the auspices of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will also be critically important to the future of sustainable development.

I. Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/290, decided that the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council should be convened annually by the President of the Council for a period of eight days, including a three-day ministerial segment. Pursuant to paragraph 11 (c) of the annex to Assembly resolution 68/1, the three-day ministerial meeting should be held during the high-level segment of the Council.
2. The Council, in its decision 2014/202, decided that the forum should be held from 30 June to 9 July 2014, with evening meetings on Monday, 30 June, and Tuesday, 1 July. The Council also decided that the high-level segment of its 2014 session should be held from 7 to 11 July, and that the three-day ministerial meeting of the forum should be held from 7 to 9 July 2014.
3. The Council, in its decision 2014/208, decided that the theme for the high-level political forum on sustainable development for 2014, to be convened under the auspices of the Council, would be “Achieving the Millennium Development Goals and charting the way for an ambitious post-2015 development agenda, including the sustainable development goals”.
4. The present report contains the proceedings of the first meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

II. Proceedings of the forum

5. During the first meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, the forum held 11 moderated dialogues (1st to 10th meetings), from 30 June to 3 July 2014, and six ministerial dialogues (11th, 13th, 15th and 16th meetings), from 7 to 9 July. A general debate, open to all States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies was also held on 7 and 8 July (12th and 14th meetings).¹
6. The forum also held a dialogue with the Chair of the Board of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns on 30 June (3rd meeting), an interregional dialogue on 3 July (9th meeting) and a multi-stakeholder dialogue on 8 July (15th meeting).
7. At the 7th meeting, on 2 July, following the introductory statement by the President of the Council, Martin Sajdik (Austria), a presentation was made by the Sector Manager of Agriculture and Environment Services, World Bank, Valerie Hickey, on natural capital accounting for sustainable development.
8. At its 13th meeting, on 8 July, following the statement by the President of the Council, the forum heard a statement by the Minister for Environment and Green Development of Mongolia and President of the United Nations Environment Assembly, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Oyun Sanjaasuren.

¹ The proceedings of the general debate are contained in the report of the Economic and Social Council for 2014 (A/69/3).

9. At its 16th meeting, on 9 July, following the statement by the President of the Council, the forum heard a statement by the Deputy Administrator of the National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation, China, Li Pengde.

10. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Wu Hongbo, delivered the key messages contained in the prototype global sustainable development report.

11. A total of 37 side events and related activities, including ministerial-level breakfast meetings and meetings with representatives of major groups and other stakeholders, were held on the margins of the formal meetings of the forum, sponsored by a diverse group of stakeholders, including Governments, agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, international organizations and major groups. The list of side events is available from the website of the forum (<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/secondhlpf.html>).²

Wrap-up session

12. At the 10th meeting, on 3 July, the President of the Council made a statement and highlighted the key messages emanating from the meetings of the forum held from 30 June to 3 July that would be provided to the three-day ministerial meeting of the forum, to be held from 7 to 9 July.

Action taken

13. At its 16th meeting, on 9 July, following the statement by the President of the Council, the forum adopted the draft ministerial declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development (see [E/2014/L.22-E/HLPF/2014/L.3](#)) on the theme “Achieving the Millennium Development Goals and charting the way for an ambitious post-2015 development agenda, including the sustainable development goals”.³

14. At the same meeting, the forum adopted the following theme for the high-level political forum on sustainable development to be convened in 2015 under the auspices of the Council: “Strengthening integration, implementation and review: the high-level political forum after 2015”.

15. Also at the 16th meeting, the forum adopted its draft report ([E/HLPF/2014/L.2](#)) for submission to the Council and agreed to entrust the President of the Council with finalizing the report to reflect all the proceedings of the forum, including the proceedings of the final meeting.

² Major groups, as defined in Agenda 21, are: women; children and youth; indigenous peoples; non-governmental organizations; local authorities; workers and trade unions; business and industry; scientific and technological community; and farmers.

³ Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 67/290, the ministerial declaration is contained in the report of the Economic and Social Council for 2014 ([A/69/3](#)).

III. Dialogues

Moderated dialogue

From the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to the post-2015 period: towards an integrated and universal sustainable development agenda

16. At its 1st meeting, on 30 June, the forum held a dialogue on the theme “From the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to the post-2015 period: towards an integrated and universal sustainable development agenda”, chaired by the President of the Council, who made an opening statement.

17. The dialogue was moderated by the Executive Vice-President and Managing Director of the World Resources Institute, Manish Bapna.

18. The following served as panellists: Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations and Co-Chair, Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, Csaba Körösi; Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations, Bénédicte Frankinet; Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations, Antonio de Aguiar Patriota; and Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (Dhaka) and Chair, Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals, Debapriya Bhattacharya.

19. Following the statements by the panellists, the lead discussant, the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, made comments and posed questions.

20. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the lead discussant and the representatives of Italy, Colombia, Benin, South Africa, Montenegro, Switzerland, Nigeria and Mexico.

21. The representative of the scientific and technological community major group participated in the discussion.

22. The Chair of the Non-Governmental Organizations Committee on Ageing and representative of the International Council on Social Welfare also participated in the discussion.

Moderated dialogue

Means of implementation for sustainable development

23. At its 2nd meeting, on 30 June, the forum held a dialogue on the means of implementation for sustainable development, chaired by the President of the Council, who made an opening statement.

24. The dialogue was moderated by professor of organization and international management at the University of Basel, Switzerland, and member of the faculty at Science Po, Paris, Raymond Saner, who also made a statement.

25. The following served as panellists: Co-Chair, Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, Mansur Muhtar; Director, Economic and Development Unit, Directorate-General for Multilateral and Global Affairs,

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile, Claudio Rojas Rachel; and Chief Responsible Investment Officer, Aviva Investor, Steve Waygood.

26. Following the statements by the panellists, who also responded to the questions posed by the moderator, the lead discussant, Permanent Representative to the United Nations, International Chamber of Commerce, Louise Kantrow (on behalf of the business and industry major group), made comments and posed questions.

27. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the lead discussant and the representatives of Morocco and Peru.

28. The President of the Council made a statement.

Moderated dialogue

How sustainable consumption and production could contribute to sustainable development goals

29. At its 3rd meeting, on 30 June, the forum held a dialogue on how sustainable consumption and production could contribute to sustainable development goals. The dialogue was chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), who made an opening statement.

30. The dialogue was moderated by the Director of Ecosystems and Development, World Resource Institute, Peter Hazlewood, who also made a statement.

31. The following served as panellists: Chair, Committee for Foreign Policy, Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament, Romania, László Borbély; Head of Division, Sustainable Consumer Protection, Product-related Environmental Protection, Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany, Ulf Jaeckel; and President, Global Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Network, and Director, National Cleaner Production Centre, Nicaragua, Cesar Barahona.

32. After the statements by the panellists, the following lead discussants made comments and posed questions: President, Zipcar, Kaye Ceille; Deputy Head, Public Affairs Department, Nestlé, Christian Frutiger; and Head, Global Social Compliance Programme, France, Didier Bergeret.

33. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the lead discussants and the representatives of Benin, Finland, Brazil, Belgium and Norway.

34. The representative of UNEP participated in the discussion.

35. The representatives of the children and youth, and non-governmental organizations major groups also participated in the discussion.

36. The Vice-President of the Council (Republic of Korea) made a statement.

Dialogue with the Chair of the Board of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production

37. At its 3rd meeting, on 30 June, the forum held a dialogue with the Chair of the Board of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production on the theme “Sustainable consumption and production in action: the work of the Board of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns”. The dialogue was chaired by the President of the Council, who made an opening statement.

38. The dialogue was moderated by the Director of Ecosystems and Development, World Resource Institute, who also made a statement.

39. Presentations were made by the following lead discussants: Minister for the Environment, Indonesia, and Vice-Chair, Board of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns, Balthasar Kambuaya; General Director of Industry, Ministry of Environmental and Natural Resources, Mexico, and Chair, Board of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns, Sylvia del Carmen Treviño Medina; Ambassador for oceans, seas and fresh water, Sweden, Lisa Emelia Svensson; and Senior Policy Fellow, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Lewis Akenji (on behalf of the major groups representatives).

40. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the lead discussants responded to the comments made and questions posed by the representative of Brazil.

41. The representative of UNEP also participated in the discussion.

Moderated dialogue

How to improve the conversation between science and policy: scope and methodology for a global sustainable development report

42. At its 4th meeting, on 1 July, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, made an opening statement and presented the prototype global sustainable development report, after which the forum held a dialogue on the theme “How to improve the conversation between science and policy: scope and methodology for a global sustainable development report”. The dialogue was chaired by the President of the Council, who made an opening statement.

43. The dialogue was moderated by a member of the faculty, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile, Claudio Huepe Minoletti.

44. The following served as panellists: Senior Adviser on Finance and Development, South Centre, Switzerland, Manuel Montes; Independent Researcher, Sustainable Europe Research Institute, Austria, Jill Jäger; and Science and Technology Adviser to the United States Secretary of State, E. Williams Colglazier.

45. After the statements by the panellists, the following lead discussants made comments and posed questions: Institute of Developing Economics, Japan External Trade Organization, Keola Souknilanh; and Deputy Director-General, Administrative Centre for China’s Agenda 21, Ministry of Science and Technology, Peng Sizhen.

46. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to the comments made and questions posed by the lead discussants and the representatives of Nigeria, South Africa, Switzerland, the United States of America, Mexico, Germany, Egypt, Belgium and the Sudan.

47. The representative the European Union participated in the discussion.

48. The representative of the scientific and technological community major group also participated in the discussion.

Moderated dialogue

Ideas and trends that can shape the lives of present and future generations

49. At its 4th meeting, on 1 July, the forum held a dialogue on the ideas and trends that can shape the lives of present and future generations, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, Ibrahim Dabbashi (Libya), who made an opening statement.

50. The dialogue was moderated by the Senior Adviser on Finance and Development, South Centre, Switzerland.

51. The following served as panellists: President-elect, International Council for Science, Gordon McBean; and Deputy Director and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria, and Professor, Vienna University of Technology, Nebojsa Nakicenovic.

52. After the statements by the panellists, the following lead discussants made comments and posed questions: Sustainable Futures Commissioner for Wales, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Peter Davies; Ombudsman for Future Generations, Hungary, Marcel Szabó; and a representative of World Future Council, Catherine Pearce.

53. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the lead discussants and the representatives of Malta, Kenya and Ecuador.

54. The representatives of the non-governmental organizations, and children and youth major groups also participated in the discussion.

Moderated dialogue

Island voices, global choices: promoting genuine and durable partnerships

55. At its 5th meeting, on 1 July, the forum held a dialogue on the theme “Island voices, global choices: promoting genuine and durable partnerships”, chaired by the President of the Council, who made an opening statement.

56. The dialogue was moderated by the Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations, Geneva, and Special Envoy of the Prime Minister to Francophone Africa, Amanda Ellis, who also made a statement.

57. The following served as panellists: Minister of Finance and Planning, Cabo Verde, Cristina Duarte; Dean, Faculty of Science, Technology and Environment,

University of the South Pacific, and Chair, University Consortium of Small Island States, Fiji, Anjeela Jokhan; and Regional Director for Oceania and the Pacific, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Taholo Kami.

58. After the statements by the panellists, the following lead discussants made comments and posed questions: Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Finance, Samoa, Peseta Noumea Simi; and Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era, Noelene Nabulivou (on behalf of the women major group).

59. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the lead discussants and the representatives of Fiji, Chile, the Russian Federation, Nauru and Cuba.

60. The representative the European Union participated in the discussion.

61. Statements were also made by the representatives of Catalyst and of the Caribbean Policy Development Centre on behalf of the non-governmental organizations major group.

62. Representatives of the National University of Samoa, the Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organizations and the Samoa Chamber of Commerce also participated in the discussion (via video link).

63. The moderator summarized the discussion.

64. The President of the Council made a statement.

Moderated dialogue

Countries in special situations: building resilience

65. At its 6th meeting, on 1 July, the forum held a dialogue on the theme “Countries in special situations: building resilience”, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, Vladimir Drobnjak (Croatia), who made an opening statement.

66. The dialogue was moderated by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, Margareta Wahlström, who also made a statement.

67. The following served as panellists: Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Bhutan, Dasho Sonam Tshering; Mayor of Teveragh-Zeina, Mauritania, and Chair, African Elected Women Network, Fatimetou Mint Abdel Malick; Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations, Jean-François Zinsou; and Director, Sustainable Development Division, Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea, Italy, Paolo Soprano.

68. After the statements by the panellists, the following lead discussants made comments and posed questions: Deputy Representative, North American Representative Office, Asian Development Bank, Samuel Tumiwa; member of the faculty and Director, Islands and Small States Institute and the Gozo Centre, University of Malta, Lino Briguglio; and Senior Policy Adviser on Post-2015, Islamic Relief, Helen Stawski.

69. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to the comments made and questions posed by the moderator and the lead discussants, as well as the representatives of Morocco, Kenya and the Philippines.

70. The moderator summarized the discussion.

Moderated dialogue

From silos to integrated policymaking

71. At its 7th meeting, on 2 July, the forum held a dialogue on the theme “From silos to integrated policymaking”. The dialogue was chaired by the President of the Council, who made an opening statement.

72. The dialogue was moderated by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Food Security and Nutrition and Coordinator, Scaling Up Nutrition Movement, David Nabarro.

73. The following served as panellists: Executive Director, Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection, and member of the National Planning Commission, South Africa, Joel Khathutshelo Netshitenzhe; Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations and Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, Vladimir Drobnjak; and Chief, Resource Management Division, Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute, Mauritius, Indoomatee Ramma.

74. After the statements by the panellists, the following lead discussants made comments and posed questions: Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations, Ferit Hoxha; Executive Director, Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development International, Nairobi, Ousainou Ngum; and Co-Director, Center for Governance and Sustainability, McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts, United States, Maria Ivanova (on behalf of the scientific and technological community major group).

75. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to the comments made and questions posed by the lead discussants and the representatives of Kenya, Zambia, South Africa, Norway and Côte d’Ivoire.

76. The representatives of the non-governmental organizations, and business and industry major groups also participated in the discussion.

Moderated dialogue

Reviewing progress and implementation: making the most of the high-level political forum reviews after 2015

77. At its 8th meeting, on 2 July, the forum held a dialogue on the theme “Reviewing progress and implementation: making the most of the high-level political forum reviews after 2015”, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, María Emma Mejía Vélez (Colombia), who made an opening statement.

78. The dialogue was moderated by the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations, Masood Khan, who also made a statement.

79. The following served as panellists Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations, Christian Wenaweser; Chair of the Panel of Eminent Persons, African Peer Review Mechanism, Rwanda, Fatuma Nyirakobwa Ndangiza; Economist and Head of the Division of Environmental Performance and Information, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Environment Directorate, Christian Avérous; and Senior Researcher, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Marianne Beisheim.

80. Following the statements by the panellists, the following lead discussants made comments and posed questions: Technical Adviser on Sustainable Development, Directorate of Environment, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Senegal, Baba Drame; and Coordinator, Labour and Environment, Trade Union Confederation of the Americas, Daniel Angelim (on behalf of the workers and trade unions major group).

81. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to the comments made and questions posed by the lead discussants and the representatives of Chile, Kenya, Finland, Zambia, the Russian Federation and Liberia.

82. The representatives of the children and youth, and non-governmental organizations major groups also participated in the discussion.

83. The moderator summarized the discussion.

Moderated interregional dialogue Unlocking and reshaping development and enhancing implementation: the regional context

84. At its 9th meeting, on 3 July, the forum held an interregional dialogue on the theme “Unlocking and reshaping development and enhancing implementation: the regional context”, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Republic of Korea), who made an opening statement.

85. The dialogue was moderated by the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Post-2015 Development Planning, Amina Mohammed.

86. The following served as panellists: Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and current Coordinator of the Regional Commissions, Alicia Bárcena; Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for West Asia, Rima Khalaf; Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Shamshad Akhtar; Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa, Carlos Lopes; and Deputy Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Europe, Andrey Vasilyev.

87. Following the statements by the panellists, the following lead discussants made comments and posed questions: Chief, Sustainable Development and International Cooperation, League of Arab States, Shahira Wahbi; Operations Manager, Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of Social Solidarity Economy, Daniel Tygel (on behalf of the non-governmental organizations major group); and Executive Chair, Commission on Sustainable Development, Mauritius, Mahomed Osmen Casam Mahomed.

88. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to the comments made and questions posed by the lead discussants and the representatives of Zambia, Benin, Cuba, the Republic of Korea, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Russian Federation, Israel, Kazakhstan, Costa Rica, Colombia, Guatemala, Pakistan, Rwanda and Egypt.

Moderated dialogue

Shaping the forum for the post-2015 period

89. At its 10th meeting, on 3 July, the forum held a dialogue on shaping the forum for the post-2015 period, chaired by the President of the Council, who made an opening statement.
90. The dialogue was moderated by the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Post-2015 Development Planning.
91. The following served as panellists: Coordinator for the post-2015 process, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway, Paul Gulleik Larsen; former Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Elizabeth Thompson; Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy, United Nations Development Programme, Michael O'Neill; and Acting Executive Director for Conservation, World Wildlife Fund International, Janos Pasztor.
92. Following the statements by the panellists, the following lead discussants made comments and posed questions: Honorary Executive Director for Operations, Energy and Resources Institute, India, Leena Srivastava; and Executive Coordinator, Caribbean Policy Development Centre, Shantal Munro (also on behalf of the non-governmental organizations major group).
93. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to the comments made and questions posed by the lead discussants and the representatives of Zambia, the Philippines, Ethiopia, Switzerland and Germany.
94. The representatives of the children and youth, and non-governmental organizations major groups also participated in the discussion.
95. The moderator summarized the discussion.

Ministerial dialogue

A universal integrated policy agenda to implement the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and realize the future we want

96. At its 11th meeting, on 7 July, the forum held a ministerial dialogue on the theme "A universal integrated policy agenda to implement the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and realize the future we want", chaired by the President of the Council, who made an opening statement.
97. The dialogue was moderated by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.
98. The following served as panellists: European Commissioner for the Environment, Janez Potočnik; Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Ghana, Nana Oye Lithur; Minister of Environment, Republic of Korea, Yoon Seongkyu; and Under-Secretary for Environment, Land and Sea, Italy, Silvia Velo.
99. After the statements by the panellists, the following lead discussants made comments and posed questions: Minister, Secretary-General of Government, Togo, Palouki Massina; Vice-Minister for Environment, Spain, Federico Ramos de Armas;

Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations, Liu Jieyi; and Secretary-General, Inter-Parliamentary Union, Martin Chungong.

100. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to the comments made and questions posed by the lead discussants and the representatives of Austria and South Africa.

101. The moderator summarized the discussion.

Ministerial dialogue

Weaving regional realities and regional priorities into the post-2015 development agenda

102. At its 11th meeting, on 7 July, the forum held a ministerial dialogue on weaving regional realities and regional priorities into the post-2015 development agenda, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Republic of Korea), who made an opening statement.

103. The dialogue was moderated by the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Interregional Policy Cooperation, Juan Somavía.

104. The following served as panellists: Minister of National Planning and Economic Policy, Costa Rica, Olga Marta Sánchez Oviedo; Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; Special Envoy for Climate Change, Poland, Marcin Korolec; and Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union Commission, Anthony Mothae Maruping.

105. Following the statements by the panellists, the following lead discussants made comments and posed questions: Permanent Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Thailand, Sihasak Phuangketkeow; Foreign Secretary, Bangladesh, Md. Shahidul Haque; United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations; and Global Coordinator, Development Alternatives for Women in the New Era, and Chair, International Studies Department, Miriam College, Philippines, Gigi Francisco (on behalf of the women major group).

106. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to the comments made and questions posed by the lead discussants and the representatives of Chile, the Russian Federation and Zambia.

107. The representative of the children and youth major group participated in the discussion.

108. The moderator summarized the discussion.

Ministerial dialogue

Long-term measures to make poverty eradication irreversible and reduce inequalities

109. At its 13th meeting, on 8 July, the forum held a ministerial dialogue on long-term measures to make poverty eradication irreversible and reduce inequalities, chaired by the President of the Council, who made an opening statement.

110. The dialogue was moderated by the Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund.

111. The following served as panellists: Federal Minister for Family and Youth, Austria, Sophie Karmasin; Minister for Foreign Affairs, Colombia, María Ángela Holguín; Minister of the Department of Social Development, South Africa, Bathabile Dlamini; Executive Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, Kazakhstan, Aida Kurmangaliyeva; and Director-General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Li Yong.

112. Following the statements by the panellists, the following lead discussants made comments and posed questions: Minister of Social Inclusion, Peru, Paola Bustamante; and Executive Director, Oxfam, Ireland, Jim Clarken.

113. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to the comments made and questions posed by the lead discussants and the representatives of Zambia and China.

114. The representative of the non-governmental organizations major group participated in the discussion.

115. The moderator summarized the discussion.

Ministerial dialogue

International cooperation for sustainable development

116. At its 13th meeting, on 8 July, the forum held a dialogue on international cooperation for sustainable development, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Libya), who made an opening statement and presented the messages from the Development Cooperation Forum preparatory meetings.

117. The dialogue was moderated by Member of Parliament, Bangladesh, Saber Chowdhury.

118. The following served as panellists: Minister for Millennium Development Goals Policies and Sustainable Development, Benin, Fulbert Macaire Amoussouga Gero; Minister for Foreign Affairs, Norway, Borge Brende; Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Disaster Risk Reduction and Water, Han Seung-Soo; and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals, Jeffrey Sachs.

119. After the statements by the panellists, the following lead discussants made comments and posed questions: Minister, International Development, Finland, Pekka Haavisto; Deputy Mayor of Kitakyushu, Japan, Hiroshi Imanaga; and Minister of Finance, Timor-Leste, Emilia Pires.

120. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to the comments made and questions posed by the lead discussants and the representative of Chile.

121. The moderator summarized the discussion.

Multi-stakeholder dialogue

Multi-stakeholder partnerships and voluntary commitments for sustainable development: ensuring accountability for all

122. At its 15th meeting, on 8 July, the forum held a multi-stakeholder dialogue on the theme “Multi-stakeholder partnerships and voluntary commitments for sustainable development: ensuring accountability for all”, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Colombia), who made an opening statement.

123. The dialogue was moderated by the Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund, who also made a statement.

124. The following served as panellists: Deputy Secretary for Perspective, Planning and Evaluation, Ministry of Social Development, Mexico, Juan Carlos Lastiri Quirós; Chair, Board of GAVI Alliance, Dagfinn Høybråten; Secretary-General and Chief Executive Officer, CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizen Participation, Danny Srisikandarajah (on behalf of the non-governmental organizations major group); and Member of Parliament, Austria, Petra Bayr.

125. After the statements by the panellists, the following lead discussants made comments and posed questions: Minister for Foreign Affairs, Iceland, Gunnar Bragi Sveinsson; Ambassador and Assistant Director-General, and Head of the Directorate Global Cooperation, Swiss Development Cooperation Agency, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland, Pio Wennubst; and former Chair of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Myrna Cunningham (on behalf of the indigenous peoples major group).

126. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to the comments made and questions posed by the lead discussants and the representative of Canada.

127. The representatives of the following major groups also participated in the discussion: children and youth, workers and trade unions, and non-governmental organizations.

128. The moderator summarized the discussion.

129. The Vice-President of the Council (Colombia) made a statement.

Ministerial dialogue

Preparing the high-level political forum for the post-2015 period: steering implementation of the development agenda and reviewing progress

130. At its 15th meeting, on 8 July, the forum held a ministerial dialogue on the theme “Preparing the high-level political forum for the post-2015 period: steering implementation of the development agenda and reviewing progress”, chaired by the President of the Council, who made an opening statement.

131. The dialogue was moderated by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Thomas Gass, who also made a statement.

132. The following served as panellists: Minister for the Environment, Sustainable Cities and Sustainable Development, Côte d’Ivoire, Rémi Allah Kouadio; Minister

of Environment and Climate Change, Romania, Attila Korodi; Senior Vice-Minister of the Environment, Japan, Shinji Inoue; and Secretary-General, International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions, Joseph Moser.

133. After the statements by the panellists, comments were made and questions were posed by the lead discussant, Chair, Development Assistance Committee, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Erik Solheim.

134. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to the comments made and questions posed by the lead discussant and the representatives of Benin, China, Canada and Switzerland.

135. The representatives of the women and non-governmental organizations major groups also participated in the discussion.

136. The moderator summarized the discussion.

137. The President of the Council made a statement.

Ministerial dialogue

Charting pathways to the future we want

138. At its 16th meeting, on 9 July, the forum held a ministerial dialogue on the theme “Charting pathways to the future we want”, chaired by the President of the Council, who made an opening statement.

139. The dialogue was moderated by Executive Director, World Academy of Sciences, Romain Murenzi, who also made a statement.

140. The following served as panellists: Minister of Development Planning, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Elba Viviana Caro Hinojosa; Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, and Member of the German Bundestag, Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter; and Assistant Minister, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Croatia, Vesna Kos.

141. After the statements by the panellists, the following lead discussants made comments and posed questions: Director-General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Irina Bokova; Director-General, International Development Law Organization, Irene Khan; and Professor and Director-General, European Council for Nuclear Research, Rolf-Dieter Heur.

142. In the ensuing interactive discussion, the panellists responded to the comments made and questions posed by the lead discussants and the representative of Zambia.

143. The representative of the workers and trade unions major group participated in the discussion.

144. The moderator summarized the discussion.

IV. Organizational and other matters

Opening and duration of the meeting

145. The first meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council was held from 30 June to 9 July 2014. A number of formal meetings were held.

146. At the 1st meeting, on 30 June, the President of the Council (Austria) declared open the meeting of the forum and made a statement.

147. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

148. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the following representatives of major groups and other stakeholders: Wales Commissioner for Sustainable Futures (local authorities); representative of the Youth Commission on Global Governance for Health (children and youth), Usman Mushtaq; and founder and current National President of the Niger Delta, Caroline Usikpedo.

149. Also at the 1st meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Agenda

150. At the 1st meeting, on 30 June, the forum adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document [E/HLPF/2014/1](#):

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Achieving the Millennium Development Goals and charting the way for an ambitious post-2015 development agenda, including the sustainable development goals (Economic and Social Council decision 2014/208).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on options for the scope and methodology for a global sustainable development report (General Assembly resolution 67/290), [E/2014/87](#)

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 68/210), [A/69/79-E/2014/66](#)

3. Adoption of the ministerial declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development (General Assembly resolution 67/290).
4. Adoption of the report of the high-level political forum on sustainable development for 2014 convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (General Assembly resolution 67/290).

Conclusion of the meeting

151. At the 16th meeting, on 9 July, the President of the Council made concluding remarks and declared closed the first meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

Attendance

152. The first meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council was open to all States Members of the United Nations and States members of specialized agencies. The meeting was attended by representatives of 108 States Members of the United Nations and States members of specialized agencies. Observers for the European Union, accredited observers for intergovernmental organizations, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and accredited observers for non-governmental and other organizations also attended. The list of participants will be issued in document E/HLPF/2014/INF.1.

Documentation

153. The documents before the forum are listed in the annex to the present report. The informal papers considered by the forum are available from the website of the forum (<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/secondhlpf.html>).

Annex

Documentation

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
E/2014/87	Report of the Secretary-General on the options for the scope and methodology for a global sustainable development report
E/2014/L.22-E/HLPF/2014/L.3	Draft ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2014 session of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council, submitted by the President of the Council, Martin Sajdik (Austria)
E/2014/CRP.1	Economic Commission for Europe input to the high-level political forum on sustainable development and the Annual Ministerial Review of the Economic and Social Council
E/2014/CRP.2	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean input to the high-level political forum on sustainable development and the Annual Ministerial Review of the Economic and Social Council
E/2014/CRP.3	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia input to the high-level political forum on sustainable development and the Annual Ministerial Review of the Economic and Social Council
E/2014/CRP.4	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific input to the high-level political forum on sustainable development
E/HLPF/2014/1	Provisional agenda
E/HLPF/2014/L.1	Report of the Secretary-General on options for the scope and methodology for a global sustainable development report — draft decision submitted by the Plurinational State of Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)
E/HLPF/2014/L.2	Draft report
E/HLPF/2014/INF.1	List of participants