

The Permanent Missions of Sweden, Viet Nam and Ethiopia to the United Nations and the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation cordially invite all Permanent Missions and Permanent Observers and UN staff to a discussion about

'Core elements of reform for the UN development system'

Time: Monday, May 19th , 10.30-12.30

Venue: Conference Room 8, NLB

The need and demand for multilateral solutions are greater than ever before. The post-2015 development agenda will place new demands on all actors involved with international development, including the UN. This compels the UN development system to transform itself to be more relevant, effective and coherent, able to deal with its own fragmentation, internal competition and inefficiency.

The 2015 outcome document will almost certainly include a paragraph on UN reform. What should this paragraph contain? There are a lot of discussions ongoing within the UN system about effectiveness and fit for purpose. What are the expectations of member states?

The questions above are discussed in the report released last year by Bruce Jenks and Bruce Jones, "United Nations development at a cross-roads". They argue that a re-positioning of the UN development system is required for the system to adequately address future development challenges. The authors suggest that the time is ripe for a considerable strengthening of the normative agenda of the UN development system.

In the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation's programme on UN development system renewal the same questions are addressed with the aim of putting function and issues at the center of the conversation. The aim is to promote the debate about the function of the UN development system against the backdrop of a rapidly changing world, the emergence of global challenges and increased inequalities.

Program

- Mrs. Annika Söder, Executive Director of the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, former ADG, FAO, and former vice chair of UNDG - Opening remarks and presentation of the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation's programme on UN development system renewal
- Comments from the co-sponsors: Sweden, Viet Nam and Ethiopia
- Mr. Bruce Jenks, former ASG, UNDP, Adjunct Professor, Columbia University and co-author of the report "United Nations development at a cross-roads" – Thoughts about the road ahead as regards renewal of the UN development system
- Mr. John Hendra, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy and Programmes, UN Women – Comments from within the UN system
- Question and answer session

Pre-registration is not required.

For additional information about the issues that will be discussed at the seminar please see the following links:

<http://cic.nyu.edu/content/united-nations-development-crossroads>

(The full report by Bruce Jenks and Bruce Jones)

www.dhf.uu.se (The website of the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation where you will find three Development Dialogue papers on the future of the UN development system)

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