2014 ECOSOC High Level Segment Open Call for Oral and Written Statements

The NGO Branch of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs is pleased to announce an open call for oral and written statements for the 2014 ECOSOC High Level Segment (HLS) for NGOs in ECOSOC consultative status.

Submissions will be open between 17 March 2014 and 28 March 2014.

The HLS will include sessions on the Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) and the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF). The theme for the AMR segment this year will focus on “Addressing on-going and emerging challenges for meeting the Millennium Development Goals in 2015 and for sustaining gains in the future”. The DCF will advance global dialogue on the future of development cooperation in the post-2015 era, as outlined in the DCF Support Strategy for the 2012-2014 DCF cycle. The HLS will be held on 7 - 11 July 2014 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

This is a unique opportunity for organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC to be heard at ECOSOC deliberations, as well as to contribute to issues of critical concern to the global development agenda. It will also provide a platform to participate in the discussions and process for elaborating the post-2015 United Nations development agenda.

The AMR will provide an opportunity to:

- Take stock of progress as well as obstacles in the context of the final year of implementation towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;
- Offer policy recommendations for accelerating progress with a view to addressing and overcoming ongoing and emerging challenges; and
- Define a path that sustains development gains into the future.

What is the format?

The AMR session will consist of panel discussions and dialogues on related issues. In addition, ten countries (Bolivia, Gambia, Georgia, Kuwait, Mexico, Qatar, Sudan, Thailand, United Kingdom and the Observer State of Palestine) have volunteered to give National Voluntary Presentations (NVPs). NVP countries will report on their progress in implementing the IADGs, including the MDGs.

The AMR session will be held in conjunction with the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) ministerial level meeting.

What is the expected outcome of the event?

- A Ministerial Declaration on “Addressing on-going and emerging challenges for meeting the Millennium Development Goals in 2015 and for sustaining gains in the future”;
• Policy recommendations to guide development actions at the national, regional and global levels;
• Concrete initiatives and partnerships to promote implementation of the goals and commitments related to MDG acceleration and to sustain MDG achievement.

Who will participate?

Ministers of Economic Planning, Development Cooperation and Foreign Affairs; Executive Heads of the UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes; and a diverse group of civil society, academic and private sector representatives.

The 2014 DCF will aim to:

• Assess how a global partnership for development beyond 2015 could work in practice.
• Examine implications of a post-2015 development agenda for development cooperation.
• Identify ways to enhance national and global accountability and effective monitoring of development cooperation.
• Advance policy dialogue and concrete actions by Southern development cooperation partners on commons issues and challenges

What are the Focus areas of the DCF?

The preparations for the Forum are focused on three interlinked strands of work, defined in the Support Strategy for the 2012 to 2014 DCF cycle:

• the future of development cooperation
• global accountability in development cooperation
• South-South and triangular cooperation

For more information on the 2014 ECOSOC High Level Segment, please visit: http://www.un.org/en/ecosoc/

How can NGOs participate?

In accordance with ECOSOC resolution 1996/31 and at the recommendation of the ECOSOC Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and with approval of the ECOSOC, organizations in general and special consultative status are encouraged to make oral presentations to the Council. In addition, ECOSOC resolution 1996/31 also includes a provision for NGOs in general, special, or roster consultative status to submit written statements relevant to the work of ECOSOC on subjects in which the organization has a special competence.
Oral Statements

Submission of requests for oral statements is open from 17-28 March.

NGOs in general and special consultative are encouraged to submit a brief summary of an oral statement to be heard at the 2014 ECOSOC High Level Segment. Please note that due to the high volume of organizations requesting to speak at the event, we are unable to guarantee your participation. The authority to decide on the list of speakers rests with the President of ECOSOC. The request should be submitted online at CSO Net by using your organization's username and password. The deadline for oral statements is 28 March 2014.

Please click here to submit a request for making an Oral Statement

Written Statements

Submission of requests for written statements is open from 17-28 March.

NGOs in general, special, or roster consultative status are encouraged to submit written statements on the themes of the HLS, including the AMR segment mentioned above. NGOs submitting written statements must adhere to the following guidelines:

- A written statement must be submitted in either English or in French;
- A written statement submitted by an NGO in general consultative status should not exceed 2,000 words;
- A written statement submitted by an NGO in special consultative status should not exceed 500 words;
- A written statement submitted by an NGO in roster consultative status should not exceed 500 words.

Written statements should be submitted online at CSO Net by using your organization's username and password. The deadline for written statements is 28 March 2014.

To submit a written statement, please first Sign In to CSO Net. Once signed in, visit the 2014 ECOSOC High-Level Segment event page and click on "Written Statement".

If you need to verify your organization's login and password, please contact the NGO Branch through our Contact Us page.