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**Commission on Narcotic Drugs**

**Reconvened Fifty-sixth session**

Vienna, 12-13 December 2013

Agenda item 10\*

**Other business**

**Commission on Crime Prevention  
and Criminal Justice**

**Reconvened Twenty-second session**

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Agenda item 10\*\*

**Other business**

**Advance information on the implementation of General  
Assembly resolution 68/1 on the strengthening of the  
Economic and Social Council\*\*\***

The attached annex on the implementation of the General Assembly resolution 68/1 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council is brought to the attention of the reconvened fifty-sixth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the reconvened twenty-second session of the Commission for advance information.

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\* E/CN.7/2013/1/Add.1.

\*\* E/CN.15/2013/1/Add.1.

\*\*\* As the Council will meet on 16 December 2013, content of the annex may change.



## ECOSOC SUBSIDIARY BODIES

### Implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/1 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council

In 2013, the General Assembly engaged in an extensive exercise on the strengthening of ECOSOC. The review resulted in a series of actions contained in A/RES/68/1 to strengthen ECOSOC. The resolution introduces changes that have implications for the subsidiary bodies of the Council. Among other provisions, the resolution mandates the Council to provide substantive leadership to the system through adoption of an annual theme and immediately stagger the segments of the Council throughout the year. This note provides details on some of the important provisions of this resolution that will have immediate opportunities for the subsidiary bodies to advance their own work in the context of wider process of ECOSOC strengthening.

Segment title	Functions, themes and expected outcomes of the Segment	Expected input by the Subsidiary Bodies	Opportunities for subsidiary bodies
<b>Integration segment</b> (May 2014)	<p><u>Function:</u> To consolidate all the inputs of Member States, the ECOSOC system, the UN system and other relevant stakeholders in order to fulfil the Rio+20 mandate to ECOSOC to promote the balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development.</p> <p><u>Theme:</u> Sustainable urbanization</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> A summary by the ECOSOC President, which will serve as an input to the High-level Segment, including the HLPF.</p>	<p>Addressing sustainable urbanization would entail the consideration of its economic (i.e. employment, revenue generation), social (i.e. social services requirements) and environmental (i.e. energy consumption, transport and building policies, greenhouse gas emissions) implications and connections.</p> <p>The functional commissions and other subsidiary bodies are invited, to the extent possible, to provide inputs on sustainable urbanization around the three dimensions of sustainable development, with recommendations and technical guidance on how ECOSOC can integrate their inputs into the larger picture of sustainable development. The regional commissions are invited to bring regional perspectives on integration to the Council.</p>	<p>In order to provide such inputs, subsidiary bodies could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review working methods and, if needed, consider adding an agenda item to facilitate this input</li> <li>Review agendas to identify opportunities for addressing the theme, particularly from the economic, social and environmental perspective</li> <li>Consider addressing the issue through inter-sessional meetings, if necessary</li> <li>Consider how the theme is addressed from the perspective of cross-cutting issues, such as gender and inequalities, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>High-level segment</b> (7-11 July 2014)	<p><u>Function:</u> The High-level Segment will include the Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) through 2015 and the biennial Development Cooperation Forum (DCF). The three Ministerial days of the HLPF will be held in the</p>	<p>Subsidiary bodies of the Council are invited to address aspects of the AMR theme, as appropriate to their area of specialization, and provide inputs to the Council accordingly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review working methods and, if needed, consider adding an agenda item to facilitate this input</li> <li>Review agendas to identify opportunities for addressing the theme</li> </ul>

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	<p>framework of the High-level Segment.</p> <p><u>AMR Theme:</u> Addressing on-going and emerging challenges for meeting the Millennium Development Goals in 2015 and for sustaining development gains in the future</p> <p><u>HLPF Theme:</u> To be determined.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Ministerial Declaration</p> <p><u>DCF Theme:</u> Trends in international development cooperation: design and implementation of a post-2015 development agenda (tbc)</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> President's Summary</p>	<p>The President of the Council will be sending a separate letter inviting subsidiary bodies to propose areas on which the themes for 2015 and 2016 could be formulated, as requested by A/RES/68/1.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider addressing the issue through inter-sessional meetings, if necessary</li> </ul>
<b>Coordination and management meetings</b>	<p><u>Functions:</u> The former coordination and general segments are merged into coordination and management meetings (CMMs) which will now be held on dedicated days throughout the year at the discretion of the Council. CMMs will review and adopt the reports of subsidiary bodies and address other management issues such as elections.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> resolutions and decisions</p>	<p>As per paragraph 17 of A/RES/68/1, the subsidiary bodies should include in their reports an executive summary, and the reports should be concise, clearly identifying the conclusions and recommendations and issues that may require attention and/or action by the Council.</p>	<p>Subsidiary bodies should take into account the CMM during when their report will be considered by the Council for action, and plan for reporting accordingly.</p>
23-25 April 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elections to subsidiary bodies</li> <li>Reports of subsidiary bodies (NGO Committee, Tax Matters, Cartography, Transport of Dangerous Goods)</li> </ul>		
12-13 June 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gender and women issues (report of CSW + gender mainstreaming)</li> <li>Health issues (UNAIDS; UN task force on NCDs)</li> <li>Reports of subsidiary and expert bodies (Statistics, Social</li> </ul>		

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14-16 July 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development, CDP)</li> <li>- Review of IPOA (6b) and LDC related matters in 13(a)</li> <li>- Regional Cooperation</li> <li>- Palestine and colonial peoples and countries</li> <li>- Reports of subsidiary bodies (NGO Committee, CSTD, CPD, Public Administration, UNFFF, Vienna-based Commissions, Human Rights, Refugees)</li> <li>- Coordination Questions (CPC)</li> </ul>		
17-18 November 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Integrated follow-up to conferences (Report of the CFS Chair)</li> <li>- Report of the CEB</li> <li>- Update on the implementation of resolutions and Ministerial Declarations</li> <li>- Country-specific issues (Haiti, South Sudan)</li> <li>- UN Research and Training Institutes</li> <li>- Reports of Governing Bodies (UN-Habitat and UNEA)</li> <li>- Election to PBC</li> </ul>		