



Informal consultation on QCPR status reporting

Background Note for Informal consultation with Member States, 7 February 2024

The Secretariat will hold an informal consultation with Member States on QCPR status reporting, on 7 February 2024, at 10.00 a.m. in the ECOSOC Chamber.

1. Background

In 2024, the General Assembly will conduct the next quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) of the United Nations operational activities for development. In preparation for the QCPR negotiations, the General Assembly, in resolution 78/166, requested the Secretary-General to hold open and inclusive informal consultations with Member States on status reporting on the implementation of the current 2020 QCPR¹, building on an earlier request by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).²

QCPR status reporting: In preparation for the 2024 QCPR, status updates of QCPR implementation will cover all provisions and mandates in General Assembly resolution 75/233, including integrating and mainstreaming provisions and mandates, such as those outlined in the QCPR monitoring and reporting framework³ and those on the acceleration of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals.

Current reporting on the QCPR: Member States currently receive, as official documentation to the ECOSOC, annual reports by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the QCPR, and by the UN Sustainable Development Group's Chair on the Development Coordination Office and the Resident Coordinator system.⁴ The Secretary-General's report is also submitted to the General Assembly. These two detailed reports contain evidence-based assessments of status, results, performance and recommendations on QCPR implementation. A variety of detailed additional documents including addenda, annexes and data is also made available to help oversee and monitor the QCPR implementation (see Annex for a detailed listing).

The Secretariat will hold an informal consultation with Member States on QCPR status reporting on 6 February 2024. Additional informal consultations can be organized as needed. These would be an opportunity for Member States to discuss the information available related to QCPR implementation and guide the Secretariat on priority areas on QCPR status reporting that could be considered within existing resources as a way to best inform Member States in crafting of the 2024 QCPR for its guidance to the UN development system.

Status reporting would aim to complement and not substitute the substantial amount of information and evidence already available to Member States on each QCPR mandate.

Status updates could be provided in different formats including informal briefings, notes and case studies. Updates could also be provided in the context of the planned QCPR Delegate training series to be organized by the Secretariat in 2024, ahead of the start of QCPR negotiations.

Outcome: Following the consultation, the Secretariat will provide a summary of the consultation and incorporate information and guidance into its reporting and capacity building towards QCPR 2024.

¹ General Assembly resolution 75/233

² Economic and Social Council resolution 2023/31

³ The <u>2023 QCPR Monitoring Framework</u> is included as an online annex to the report of the Secretary-General on the **QCPR** implementation

⁴ In 2023 these documents were <u>A/78/72-E/2023/59</u> and <u>E/2023/62</u>





2. Programme

10:00 - 10:03	Mr. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General, UN DESA	Opening and welcome remarks
10:03 – 10:08	Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary- General, UN DESA	Introductory remarks
10:08 – 10:55	Interactive discussions with Member States	
10:55 – 11:00	Mr. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General, UN DESA	Closing remarks

3. Questions for discussion

- 1. What are the most important focus areas on QCPR implementation where status reporting is not currently available and would be most useful to delegations?
- 2. What additional resources do delegations require to actively engage in negotiation of a streamlined new generation of QCPR mandates in 2024?
- 3. What are the steps envisaged to fulfil the current mandate for status updates?





Annex – Informal consultation 7 February 2024

The following table is a non-exhaustive list of documentation currently provided to Member States through ECOSOC and the General Assembly, to oversee and monitor the implementation of the QCPR and related mandates and provisions on operational activities for development.

Information available to Member States	Frequency	Format / Description / Latest
Vice President's Summary of the ECOSOC Operational Activities for Development Segment	Annual	Summary of discussions and outcomes of ECOSOC OAS <u>2023</u>
Pre-Segment Briefings: Briefing on OAS and on the outline of the Secretary-General's and UNSDG Chair's reports	Annual	Informal briefing <u>2023</u>
Pre-Segment Briefings: Briefing by the Deputy- Secretary General of the Secretary-General's report on the QCPR	Annual	Informal briefing <u>2023</u>
Secretary General's Report on the implementation of the QCPR	Annual	Official report 2023
Secretary General's Report: Addendum 1: Funding analysis	Annual	Official report <u>2023</u>
Secretary General's Report: Informal summary and key messages	Annual	Background document / Conference Room Paper <u>2023</u>
Secretary General's Report: Annex 1: QCPR Monitoring Framework	Annual	Implementation monitoring tool 2023
Secretary General's Report: Annex 2: Funding Compact indicators	Annual	Implementation monitoring tool 2023
Statistical annex on funding data	Annual	Official statistics and evidence base 2023
Report of the Chair of the UNSDG on the Development Coordination Office	Annual	Official report 2023
UNSDG Chair's Report: Informal summary and key messages	Annual	Background document / Conference Room Paper <u>2023</u>
UNSDG Chair's Report: Annex 1: Overview of resources of the RC system special purpose trust fund	Annual	Programme budget information 2023
UNSDG Chair's Report: Annex 2: Resident Coordinator System Results Framework	Annual	Implementation monitoring tool 2023
Snapshot of the contribution of the United Nations development system to the SDGs	Annual	Implementation monitoring tool 2023
Questionnaire: Survey of Governments	Annual	Reference document for evidence base 2023
Questionnaire: Survey of Resident Coordinators	Annual	Reference document for evidence base 2023
Questionnaire: Survey of UN Country Teams	Annual	Reference document for evidence base 2023
Questionnaire: Survey of Headquarters of UN development system entities	Annual	Reference document for evidence base 2023
Other informal briefings to Member States and delegations by UNSDG entities and DCO	Various	Various, webinar, in-person, side events, upon request