General information

The full UNDG membership has grown to 32 funds, programmes, agencies, and offices, plus five observers that play a role in development. The group meets at least three times yearly to decide on issues related to country level coordination to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, including the MDGs.

The Administrator of the UN Development Programme (UNDP) chairs the UNDG. The United Nations Economic and Social Council and the United Nations General Assembly provide oversight and mandates for the UNDG.

Development paradigm and aid effectiveness

UNDG focus on achieving the Internationally Agreed Development Goals, including the MDGs. UNDG has committed to report on its performance against Paris Declaration indicators; develop comprehensive guidelines linking aid effectiveness commitments, UN reforms and national development strategies; and leverage its unique legitimacy, neutrality and objectivity to strengthen mutual accountability between development partners.

Members of the UNDG

UNDP (United Nations Development Programme)
UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)
UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund)
WFP (World Food Programme)
OHCHR (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)
UN Women (United Nations Women)
UNOPS (United Nations Office for Project Services)
UNAIDS (Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS)
UN Habitat (United Nations Human Settlements Programme)
UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime)
WHO (World Health Organization)
DESA (Department of Economic and Social Affairs)
IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development)
UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)
UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)
FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)
UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organization)
ILO (International Labour Organization)
UNDPi (United Nations Department of Public Information)

Regional Commissions (ECA, ECE, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA - rotating annually)
OHRLLS (Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries & Small Island Developing Countries)
SRSG/CAC (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict)
UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme)
UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)
OSAA (Office of USG - Special Advisor on Africa)
UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organization)
WMO (World Meteorological Organization)
ITU (International Telecommunications Union)
World Bank (observer)
UNFIP (United Nations Fund for International Partnerships) (observer)
OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) (observer)
Spokesman for the Secretary-General (observer)
Director, Office of the Deputy Secretary General (observer)

More info

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