



## **Item 4: Review of UN programme on public administration**

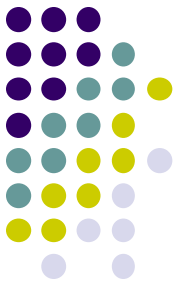
### **Strengthened ECOSOC: key functions and working methods**

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The Council's role has been enhanced as:

- A leadership forum for policy dialogue and recommendations
- The lead entity to address new and emerging challenges
- A forum for the balanced integration of sustainable development
- A platform for monitoring progress in universal commitments, coordination and coherence



## **Key tools to support follow up implementation and review of the new development agenda / foster integration:**

- **Annual main theme**
- **New Integration Segment**
- **Development Cooperation Forum**
- **Operational Activities Segment and Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review**
- **Coordination and Management meetings; Humanitarian Affairs**
- **High-level Political Forum (meeting under the auspices of ECOSOC and the GA)**



# Key functions and working methods

## 1) Annual Main Theme

**Allows for focus on areas that require heightened attention and provides substantive strategic direction**

**Brings together the substantive work of the ECOSOC system, aligned to the main theme**

**Supports integration and connects the analytical inputs with the High-level Segment and HLPF**

**2015 ECOSOC theme: *“Managing the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals: What it will take”***



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## 2) Integration Segment (30 March – 1 April 2015)

Serves as a platform to:

- Consolidate the inputs of Member States, the subsidiary bodies of the Council, United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders
- Promote the balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development by engaging policy makers from various ministries
- Bring together the key messages from the Council system on the main theme and develop action-oriented recommendations for follow up

2015 Integration Segment theme: “Achieving sustainable development through employment creation and decent work for all”



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**ECOSOC will aim to provide system-wide, forward-looking guidance to its subsidiary bodies, and leadership to the United Nations development agenda in an integrated manner through:**

- **New reporting processes**

Action-oriented reviews of the activities, reports and recommendations of the Council's subsidiary bodies. Subsidiary bodies are expected to include in their reports an executive summary, identifying clearly those issues that require action by the Council

- **Increased visibility**

Increase the visibility and impact of its work through broader outreach; Improve its public profile, effectively communicating its role, work and achievements in a compelling manner

- **More efficient oversight**

Annual reports of the subsidiary bodies will be considered at one of the four new Coordination and Management Meetings (CMMs) held throughout the year



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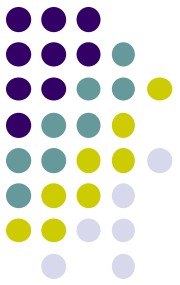
- **The changing development cooperation landscape**

Non-state actors, including civil society, philanthropic organizations and the private sector are growing in importance in international cooperation. Calls for greater accountability of both donors and recipients of aid are currently addressed in ECOSOC's biennial Development Cooperation Forum

- **Greater responsiveness to non-state actors**

ECOSOC is the gateway civil society participation in multilateral dialogue and collaboration. The high-level political forum carry a long tradition of full participation of major groups and other stakeholders

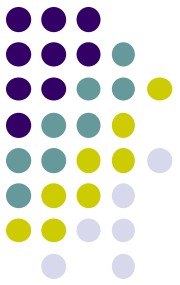




## Linkages with CEPA's work

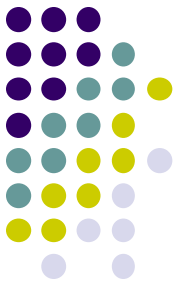
- Develop **new norms and standards** to support countries' efforts to implement an integrated universal agenda
- Provide **guidance on building trust** between governments, institutions and citizens, to facilitate an enabling and inclusive environment for sustainable development
- Guide the **transformation** of existing governance mechanisms and structures to enhance policy coherence and integration across all dimensions of sustainable development = **Mindset change**





## Linkages with CEPA's work (continued)

- Promote the strengthening of existing and establishment of new institutions that are capable of dealing with the complexity of a new development framework (**multi-disciplinary, participatory, anticipatory, connected, collaborative, transparent, accountable, flexible and responsive**)
- Identify new and effective approaches that **facilitate pooling of knowledge, skills and resources** for holistic development and service delivery (local/national/regional/global)
- Forge closer **horizontal and vertical linkages** with ECOSOC Functional Commissions and other bodies and collaboration with the work of the Council and HLPF



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