



**Economic and Social Council
Annual Ministerial Review
Global Preparatory Meeting**

Aide Memoire

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Background

internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development

Implementing the

AMR Global Preparatory Meeting

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a) AMR:

the Annual Ministerial Review was conceived not as an end in itself, but as a means to improve accountability of partners on the progress made in implementing the United Nations development agenda and to help speed up implementation by (i) promoting policy dialogue; (ii) enhancing transparency; (iii) encouraging capacity building; (iv) fostering cooperation, and (v.) promoting follow-up to commitments made.

Possible questions for discussion

- *How to strengthen the follow-up to the AMR, particularly national voluntary presentations? How to translate ideas and proposals into concrete action?*
- *How to keep stakeholders from both developing and developed countries engaged? How to promote action in areas where volunteering countries need help from the international community?*
- *What has been the experience of other review mechanisms? What could be next steps?*

b) ECOSOC's role in achieving sustainable development –

Possible questions for discussion:

- *How can the 2008 AMR under the auspices of ECOSOC foster the integration of sustainable development principles in policy-making and development cooperation? Where is its comparative advantage? How can it add value?*
- *How can the AMR help in bringing different actors together? How can the Council secure broad based participation from the private sector and civil society? How should we best use the NGO Civil Society Forum and the innovation fair for this?*
- *How can ECOSOC help in strengthening existing initiatives and in bringing new ones on the way?*