

ing reporting, and include developed and developing countries, as well as relevant UN entities; be State-led, involving ministerial and other relevant high-level participants; provide a platform for partnerships; and replace the national voluntary presentations held in the context of the Council's annual ministerial-level substantive reviews, as well as experiences and lessons learned in that context. The reviews should take into account the lessons learned from and the experiences of relevant review mechanisms, including the national voluntary presentations held in the context of the annual ministerial reviews. Acknowledging the importance of the regional dimension for sustainable development, the Ministers invited the UN regional commissions to contribute to the work of the Council and the forum through, inter alia, annual regional meetings with other relevant regional entities, major groups and other relevant stakeholders.

Follow-up to UN Conference on Sustainable Development

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals

The Open Working Group of the General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals, established by Assembly resolution 66/288 [YUN 2012, p. 782] to develop a set of SDGs for consideration and action by the Assembly at its sixty-eight session, held its seventh (6–10 January), eighth (3–7 February), ninth (3–5 March), tenth (31 March–4 April), eleventh (5–9 May), twelfth (16–20 June) and thirteenth (14–19 July) sessions.

The Working Group report, submitted by its Co-Chairs in August [A/68/970 & Corr.1], contained 17 SDGs and targets: Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere; Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture; Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages; Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all; Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls; Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all; Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all; Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all; Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation; Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries; Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable; Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns; Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts; Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable

development; Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss; Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; and Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

The goals and targets would be further elaborated through indicators focused on measurable outcomes, and would take into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and build on the foundation laid by the MDGs. Targets were defined as aspirational global targets, with each Government setting its own national targets.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION

On 10 September [meeting 108], the General Assembly adopted **resolution 68/309** [draft: A/68/L.61] without vote [agenda item 14].

Report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/288

The General Assembly,

Recalling the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”, contained in resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012, in which Heads of State and Government, inter alia, resolved to establish an inclusive and transparent intergovernmental process on sustainable development goals open to all stakeholders, with a view to developing global sustainable development goals to be agreed by the General Assembly,

1. *Acknowledges* the conclusion of the work of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, and welcomes its report;

2. *Decides* that the proposal of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals contained in the report shall be the main basis for integrating sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda, while recognizing that other inputs will also be considered, in the intergovernmental negotiation process at the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing

The Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, established by General Assembly decision 67/559 [YUN 2013, p. 781] to develop options for a sustainable development financing strategy to facilitate the mobilization of resources and their effective use in achieving sustainable development objectives, held its third (3–7 March), fourth (12–16 May) and fifth (4–8 August) sessions [A/69/315], all in New York. On 5 March, it held a joint meeting with the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals.