



#### Module 3 - 20 June 2024

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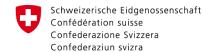
# Accelerating Action for the Sustainable Development Goals

Training Series in preparation for the General Assembly's 2024 Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations system

21 May – 02 October 2024





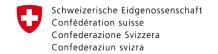




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Date	Thursday, 20 June 2024
Theme	Funding UN operational activities for development and financing the SDGs
Objective	This module will delve into critical aspects of the funding for UN operational activities for development and financing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The scene is set by outlining the insights and outcomes provided during this 2024 ECOSOC operational activities for development segment (OAS) and its implications for the 2024 QCPR. Additionally, there will be a presentation on the newly established UN Sustainable Development Group System-Wide Evaluation Office. The module will present an overview of system-wide funding trends and the renewed Funding Compact. This conversation will deepen participants' technical understanding of the structures of different funds, the conditions around the funding and how to ensure more sustainable funding patterns. Additionally, participants will discuss how collaboration with International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and multilateral development banks (MDBs) can be further leveraged to bolster financing and coordinate activities in support of SDG acceleration. Looking ahead to 2028, participants will explore what is needed to leverage significant development finance for SDG acceleration.
10:00 am – 10:05 am	Opening remarks  • H.E. Mr. Marco Suazo, Head of Office, UNITAR New York Office
10:05 am – 10:10 am	Highlights of Chair's Summary of ECOSOC Operational Activities Segment and Implications for the 2024 QCPR  • H.E. Mr. Tarek Ladeb, ECOSOC Vice-President responsible for the 2024 operational activities for development segment
10:10 am – 10:15 am	Presentation of the System Wide Evaluation Office  • Ms. Andrea Cook, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Group System Wide Evaluation Office (SWEO)

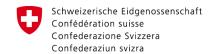






10:15 am – 11:15 am	Panel Discussion 1: Funding Compact and system-wide trends in funding
	<ul> <li>Panelists:         <ul> <li>Mr. Andrew Macpherson, Economic Affairs Officer, Operational Activities and Policy Branch, UN DESA</li> <li>Ms. Ilaria Carnevali, Executive Coordinator a.i., Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF), UNDP</li> <li>Ms. June Kunugi, Director, Partnerships Division, UNICEF</li> </ul> </li> <li>Moderated by:         <ul> <li>Mr. Walid Badawi, Deputy Director and Deputy Assistant Administrator,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	UNDP Q&A
11:15 am – 12:50 pm	Panel Discussion 2: Financing for Sustainable Development
	<ul> <li>Panelists:         <ul> <li>Mr. Oliver Schwank, Chief, Policy Analysis and Development, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN DESA</li> <li>Mr. George Gray Molina, Head, Inclusive Growth and Chief Economist, UNDP</li> <li>Ms. Ingrid Macdonald, Resident Coordinator, Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> </ul> </li> <li>Moderated by:         <ul> <li>Ms. Birgitte Bryld, Chief, Operational Activities and Policy Branch, UN DESA</li> </ul> </li> <li>Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
12:50 pm – 01:00 pm	Closing remarks: H.E. Mr. Marco Suazo, Head of Office, UNITAR New York Office







# **QCPR TRAINING SERIES**

#### Module 1: Navigating the Future: Context and priorities for the QCPR

This training module will introduce the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (UNDS), including the enhanced role of the resident coordinator system and other elements of the recently concluded repositioning exercise. It will provide the context for the QCPR and give an overview of the changes made by the UN development system in the last QCPR cycle. The module will also discuss priority areas for the 2024 QCPR and how the UN system is scaling up support for SDG acceleration, including through the implementation of the 2023 SDG Summit Political declaration, focusing on six key transition areas: (1) food systems transformation; (2) energy transitions and access; (3) digital connectivity; (4) education and skills gaps; (5) decent jobs and social protection including healthcare; and (6) triple planetary crisis: climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.

## Module 2: Scaling up UNDS support for countries to achieve the SDGs

In the light of significant global changes since the current QCPR resolution was adopted in 2020, including compounding crises of climate, the COVID-19 pandemic and geopolitical tensions, this module will examine the areas in need of continued focus maximize the benefits and impacts of the repositioned UN development system and the revitalized Resident Coordinator system. This module will highlight the results of the reform measures in practice and examine the essential steps needed to accelerate progress towards achieving the SDGs in countries. The first panel will center on harnessing the support of the UN development system across global, regional, and country levels, to facilitate key transitions while delivering on the promise to leave no one behind. The second panel will focus on the progress of and challenges for UN country team leadership, tailoring configuration, and the reform of business operations to maximize the contribution of the UN system to achieving sustainable development.

## Module 3: Funding UN operational activities for development and financing the SDGs

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# Module 4: Looking forward to the 2024 QCPR

The final module of the UNITAR QCPR training series for delegates provides an overview of key highlights from previous modules and outlines the pathway to the 2024 QCPR. In this context, it will present a concise overview of the key outcomes of the recent Summit of the Future, the 2024 Financing for Development Forum (FFD) and the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), elucidating the implications for the 2024 QCPR. Moreover, this module will delve into the lessons learned from the 2020 QCPR negotiations, drawing upon the experiences from the 2020 QCPR negotiation process. Additionally, Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Development Coordination Office will share valuable perspectives derived from the implementation of the QCPR 2020, along with recommendations aimed at strengthening the system in the future. Finally, there will be an update provided by the drafters of the 2024 QCPR on the status of preparation.