

Call for Applications Stakeholder Steering Committee

for the First Negotiating Session on the Post-2015 Development Agenda (19-21 January 2015)
and a Stakeholder Preparatory Forum (16 January 2015)

The UN Department of Social and Economic Affairs – Division for Sustainable Development (DESA-DSD) [Major Groups Programme](#) and the [UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service](#) (UN-NGLS) are setting up a Steering Committee to ensure broad and inclusive participation of stakeholders in the first negotiating session on the post-2015 development agenda (19-21 January 2015),¹ as well as a Preparatory Forum for stakeholders taking place on Friday, 16 January 2015 in New York.

About the Stakeholder Preparatory Forum

On Friday, 16 January 2015, a preparatory forum will be convened by the DESA-DSD Major Groups Programme and UN-NGLS to support Major Groups and other civil society stakeholders to effectively engage in the post-2015 negotiations. The forum aims to:

- Enable stakeholders to share their positions and strategize on the way forward in the post-2015 processes;
- Hear from experts and leaders in these intergovernmental processes and provide insights on how stakeholders can engage most effectively in the coming months.

Apply for the Steering Committee

A Steering Committee is being set up by DESA-DSD and the UN-NGLS to provide guidance in the organization of stakeholder engagement in the first negotiating session for the post-2015 development agenda, to be held from 19-21 January 2015, and the preparatory forum for stakeholders on 16 January 2015, to ensure that the preparations are as transparent and inclusive as possible.

The Steering Committee will have a maximum of 16 members. DESA-DSD and UN-NGLS will facilitate an open application process between **21 and 30 November** to determine the representatives to serve on the Steering Committee.

¹ While the details of the modalities for the negotiations are still being discussed, including the focus of the first negotiating session to be held from 19-21 January, the Steering Committee will perform coordination functions for civil society engagement in the first negotiating session in accordance with the modalities that are defined.

Kindly note: Participation in the Steering Committee will be on a voluntary basis. Travel funding will be available for 8 members from developing countries to participate in the 16 January 2015 preparatory forum and the 19-21 January 2015 negotiation session on the post-2015 development agenda.

Selection Criteria

All candidates must be representatives of organizations participating in the Major Groups or other civil society organizations, and authorized to participate on behalf of their organization.² Nominations will be evaluated by DESA-DSD and UN-NGLS in consultation with interested civil society focal points from the UN system. The final selection of the Steering Committee members will ensure regional, gender and age balance, as well as diversity of expertise.

Steering Committee Mandate

Main responsibilities of the Steering Committee, which will be active between 3 December 2014 and 31 January 2015, will include managing the preparation of the agenda for the preparatory forum, identifying key speakers and moderators, organizing the input provided by Major Groups and other stakeholders prior to the forum, and collaborating on a summary of the forum. The Steering Committee will also be responsible for coordinating, together with DESA-DSD and UN-NGLS, effective civil society engagement in the first negotiating session on the post-2015 development agenda, to be held from 19-21 January 2015.

Please refer to the [Terms of Reference](#) for a detailed description of the Steering Committee's selection mandate and programme of work.

The application is available here: <http://bit.ly/P2015-Steering-Comm-Apply>

² You do not need to have participated in a Major Group to apply for this committee.