

Post 2015 priorities of Norway

Norway supports the acceleration of efforts to achieve the MDGs and to follow up on the Rio+20 decisions. The MDGs have been successful in mobilizing global action against poverty and are the starting point for the agenda post-2015. Prime Minister Solberg is engaged, as co-chair of the SG's MDG Advocacy Group.

Norway welcomes the outcome of the UNGA Special Event 25 September 2013, including the commitments by member states to target the most off-track MDGs; to promote human rights, democratic governance, and the rule of law; and to work towards a single set of post-2015 Goals aimed at poverty eradication and sustainable development.

The following will be priority areas for Norway's engagement:

- To intensify efforts to close MDG gaps, including on universal access to primary education, maternal and reproductive health, gender equality, child mortality and nutrition, and carry on unfinished goals in the post-2015 agenda.
- To develop a universal and global post-2015 agenda that:
 - integrates the three dimensions of sustainable development,
 - is people-centered, planet-sensitive, and rights-based, and
 - contributes to tackle the global challenges of poverty, climate change and inequality.
- To create a set of universal, communicable, and measurable post-2015 sustainable development goals and targets supporting the realization of all human rights, for:
 - good governance,
 - universal education,
 - global health,
 - sustainable energy for all, and
 - gender equality and women's rights.
- To fully integrate good governance, rule of law, transparency, accountability and stability for business investments. This is fundamental to create inclusive economic growth, decent jobs, and build a robust private sector.

- To also support a post-2015 framework that addresses food and nutrition security, sustainable natural resource management, and the resilience of vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities.
- To promote and pursue private-public partnerships in all relevant areas of the post-2015 agenda, including with the business sector and civil society. Such collaborations have been crucial to progress on the MDGs and are fundamental to successful implementation and financing strategies.

Building on the MDGs, the Rio+20 and other UN Conferences, Norway will work for a successful UN Summit in 2015 by engaging within UNGA, the Open Working Group on SDGs, and with the UN, SG, civil society, private sector and other partners at national, regional and global level.

Norway will work for follow-up and review mechanisms to ensure meaningful monitoring and implementation of the post-2015 development framework, in the high level political forum on sustainable development, drawing on experiences from existing models in the UN and other international, regional and national mechanisms involving civil society, parliaments, private sector, and relevant stakeholders.

Norway attaches great importance to the role of the UN, with its universal membership and unique legitimacy, as the primary body for global governance and development of the post-2015 agenda; and the role of the SG in supporting member states through the process.

Financing for sustainable development, including national resource mobilization, is central to the success of the post-2015 agenda. Norway remains committed to provide at least 0.7% of GNI in ODA, which remains important. We urge all partners to intensify efforts to mobilize resources for development purposes - including by using public funds and market policies as catalyst for private investments and trade - as a key component of the global partnership which will underpin the post-2015 framework.