



Programme

Delivering a well-managed and effective UN: building international consensus

Monday 11 June – Tuesday 12 June 2012 | WP1184

Following publication of the UN Secretary General's Five-Year Action Agenda, in which Ban Ki Moon identified the need for a stronger UN, this conference seeks to build on international momentum for management change and innovation, identifying concrete ways to strengthen the UN's effectiveness and efficiency.

The conference aims to:

- Address how to ensure robust, effective and efficient management in the UN system to advance the aims of the Secretary General's Five-Year Action Agenda.
- Provide a forum for an inclusive dialogue; sharing best practices of management and governance between diverse actors to consider constructive and innovative solutions to obstacles for progress
- Share "best practice" with and from non-UN organisations and private corporations.

The format will consist of genuinely round table discussion prompted by short speaker presentations. Rapporteurs will report back the most salient points in the concluding session as a basis for the conference report and to provide an initial set of policy suggestions for conference participants to take forward as "champions" of effective UN management.

**In association with
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Monday 11 June

1000 Participants arrive, registration

1045-1230 **1. Introduction: building an effective UN system**

Welcome

Myles Wickstead

Member, Wilton Park Advisory Council, Steyning

Why the UK promotes UN effectiveness

Vijay Rangarajan

Director, Multilateral Policy, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

Henry Bellingham (via video)

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

Opportunities and challenges for UN effectiveness

Wilton Park Chair: Myles Wickstead, Member, Wilton Park Advisory Council, Steyning

Alan Doss

Visiting Fellow, Geneva Centre for Security Policy; Senior Political Adviser, Kofi Annan Foundation, Geneva

Michael von der Schulenburg

Former Executive Representative of the Secretary General (ERSG), United Nations, Vienna

1230-1430

Lunch

1430-1600

2. Managing change at the UN: next steps?

What opportunities does the Secretary-General's reform initiative offer? What are the obstacles to innovation? How might a shared vision be achieved? What lessons can be learned from or shared with other organisations?

Chair: Sir Jeremy Greenstock, Chair, United Nations Association of the UK; Chairman, Gatehouse Advisory Partners, London

Kim Won-soo

Assistant Secretary General for Change Management, United Nations, New York

Catherine Bertini

Professor, Public Administration and International Affairs, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse

Francesco Mancini

Senior Director of Research, International Peace Institute, New York

Rapporteur: Michael Aaronson, Professor, School of Politics, University of Surrey, Guildford

1600-1645

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1645-1815

3. Human resources: how can the UN get the best from its people?

What does the UN need to build a flexible, motivated and effective workforce? How should the UN channel talent and manage staff performance? How can the UN ensure that it has the right people in the right place? What lessons can be learned from or shared with other organisations?

Wilton Park Chair: Adela Gooch, Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

Ruth Grove

Acting Director, Human Resources Division, World Food Programme (WFP), Rome

Aruna Thanabalasingam

Deputy Director, Human Resources Division, UNICEF, New York

Rapporteur: Otto Lampe, Deputy Director General, United Nations and Global Affairs, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

1830

Croquet and drinks reception

1930

Dinner- keynote address:

Building international consensus

Introduction

Myles Wickstead

Member, Wilton Park Advisory Council, Steyning

Senator, The Honourable Maxine McClean

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados, St Michael

Tuesday 12 June

0800-0900

Breakfast

0900-1030

4. Achieving impact at the UN: performance and results

How should the effectiveness/value of the UN's activity be measured? How best to use audit/oversight? Is the UN learning from its successes and failures? What lessons can be learned from or shared with other organisations? How can the UN better demonstrate and communicate its impact?

Wilton Park Chair: Adela Gooch, Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

Sigrid Kaag

Assistant Secretary-General and Assistant Administrator; Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), New York

Getachew Engida

Deputy Director-General, United Nations for Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), Paris

Rapporteur: John Mathison, Senior Lecturer, Cornell Institute for Public Policy, Cornell University, Syracuse

1030-1100

Tea/coffee

1100-1230

5. Financial effectiveness at the UN

How can the most efficient and effective use of financial resources be achieved at the UN? How will the financial sustainability of the UN be ensured? Are current practices and processes for decision making and allocation of resources fit for purpose? What lessons can be learned from or shared with other organisations? How will a shared vision be achieved?

Wilton Park Chair: Adela Gooch, Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

Subhash K. Gupta

Director, Division for Management Services, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), New York

Maria Eugenia Casar

Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, United Nations Department of Management, United Nations, New York

Rapporteur: Steven Townley, Director, National Audit Office, London

1235-1330

6. Best practice: the way forward

Summing up themes of best practice, commonality to include brief feedback from session rapporteurs

Chair: Vijay Rangarajan

Director, Multilateral Policy Directorate, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

1330

Lunch

1430

Participants depart