

## POL1: Meeting with Mr. Liu Tomorrow: Suggested Talking Points

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Dear ESs,

As advised by Rola, the meeting today with Mr Liu (45 mins) took place in a collegial and collaborative spirit. Rola may kindly wish to complement the summary below as she deems fit.

On Ask1, Mr Liu stated that DESA has not solicited the lead of the debt cluster. As this came from EOSG decision, he doesn't see need for changes in structures at this stage. He mentioned that DESA is getting contributions to this cluster through the IATF and encouraged the RECs to contribute accordingly. In response to Rola's revisiting the issue, he committed to ensure space and visibility to ESs and RECs in HL global events, meetings and consultations on debt issues. He also conveyed that, following a recent meeting he had with ECOSOC President, it was agreed that policy options emanating from the process of financing SDGs in the Era of C19 & Beyond will be pursued in the normal institutional channels and bodies starting with the upcoming FfD Forum next April. Negotiations on the outcome document of the Forum will start soon with this in mind. On Cluster 5, he stressed that DESA, as Secretariat of FACTI Panel, gained a lot of insights that they look forward to contribute to the work and outcomes of C5 under the lead of the RegComs.

On Ask2, it was agreed to establish a time bound Task Team on Country Support between DESA and RECs staff/directors. Mr Liu expressed interest in working with the RECs in supporting select upcoming CCAs, in continuing to work together through recent DA projects in support of countries in the regions, and on the RECs joining DESA in a series of webinars they are organizing to tax authorities in some countries. He also urged Rola to participate in the QCPR principals' retreat organized by DESA tomorrow. Rola emphasized the need to coordinate work in support of INFF. She suggested to have joint teams of DESA, UNDP and RECs to support countries planned for INFF roll out.

On Ask3, Mr Liu reiterated at the outset the view that methodologies have to align to the global methodology pursued in preparing the SG report to MSs on SDGs Progress. He invited to explore regional chapters or regionally disaggregated data for the global SDGs Progress report. Rola stressed that the optimal goal is to reach an improved methodology that all agree to and that serves MSs well. She committed to supporting the global SDGs

Progress report while continuing the mutual efforts to harmonizing SDGs progress assessment through the Chief statisticians and teams of DESA and ReCs.

On HLPF and RFSDs, Mr Liu renewed his commitment to provide more space to the regional dimensions and to support such endeavors with ECOSOC President. He acknowledged invitations he received to some of the RFSDs and expressed readiness to join other RFSDs or for DESA team to support as necessary.

Both principals agreed to hold such meetings more regularly and for myself and his chief of staff (attending the meeting) to follow up on the agreements reached and on closer collaboration at the directors level b/w DESA and ReCs.

With regards,

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Dear Rola,

In anticipation of your meeting with Mr. Liu, USG/DESA, tomorrow early morning NY time (8:15 AM), I am attaching herewith suggested talking points for your consideration.

I am copying the ESs for info and in case they may kindly wish to complement.

With Best regards,

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