



## 2017 UNEG Evaluation Week Concept Note

**Date: 15-19 May, 2017**

**Location: UNOV conference rooms, Vienna, Austria**

**Host agencies: Vienna-based evaluation offices, led by UNODC**

### Introduction

The 2017 Evaluation Week will take place in Vienna between 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. The event is organized with the support of the Vienna-based UNEG member organizations.<sup>1</sup>

The Evaluation Week provides a unique forum for UNEG members to get together once a year, face-to-face, to share and exchange latest activities, best practices and lessons and knowledge in evaluation. It is also an important business platform, where the Group's strategy and work plans are discussed with a view to setting the course for the upcoming year.

**Main theme of 2017 Evaluation Week: "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world."**

The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) is convened every year under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council. The HLPF serves as the central platform for following-up and reviewing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).<sup>2</sup> The main topic of the 2017 UNEG Evaluation Week is **"Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world,"** the same theme addressed by the fifth HLPF, which will take place in July 2017. The discussions at the UNEG Evaluation Week are expected to contribute to the HLPF, which is annually participated by UNEG member agencies.

As planned for the next HLPF, the 2017 Evaluation Week will focus on the following seven SDGs:

- Goal 1 - End poverty in all its forms everywhere (No Poverty)
- Goal 2 - End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture (Zero Hunger)
- Goal 3 - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages (Good Health and Well-Being)

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<sup>1</sup> Currently, there are four UNEG member agencies based in Vienna (and no observers): IAEA, UNIDO, UNODC, and CTBTO.

<sup>2</sup> <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf>.

- Goal 5 - Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls (Gender Equality);
- Goal 9 - Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure)
- Goal 14 - Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development (Life Below Water)
- Goal 17 Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development) (Partnerships for the Goals).

## Organization

As in the past, the Evaluation Week comprises three key components:

- Evaluation Practice Exchange (EPE)
- Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- High-Level Event

**Table 1. Tentative schedule of events**

	Monday 15th	Tuesday 16th	Wed 17th	Thursday 18th	Friday 19th
Morning (AM)	EPE	EPE	AGM		
Afternoon (PM)	EPE	High-Level			

The outcomes of the EPE sessions are expected to inform the AGM and feed into the 2017 HLPF. EPE side events on cross-sectorial topics, relevant to the main theme of the Evaluation week, can be organized during the first two days of the week.

## Preparation and Logistics

In preparation for the 2017 Evaluation Week, the following committees are formed to facilitate the planning and execution (Table 2). Each committee is responsible for conceptualizing the key format and events and identifying required tasks and decisions.

For the EPE, one of the UNEG member agencies will be assigned to lead the SDG goal closely linked to their mandate. The UNEG Strategic Objectives, who would be interested in organizing a session that does not fall under the indicated SDGs, will lead their own sessions:

- SDG 1 - UNDP
- SDG 2 – FAO, IFAD, WFP
- SDG 3 – UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO
- SDG 5 – UN Women, UNFPA
- SDG 9 - UNIDO
- SDG 14 – UNEP, GEF
- SDG 17 - TBD
- Other sessions organized by UNEG SO groups that do not fall under the above SDGs

The UNEG Executive Group, led by UNEG Chair, will be responsible for the overall oversight of the plans and implementation modality. The UNEG Secretariat will work closely with the Vienna-based offices in ensuring administrative and logistical support to the event.

**Table 2. Preparation committees for 2017 Evaluation Week**

Type of committees	Key responsible agencies (To be decided)
'Evaluation Week' Committee	- UNEG Executive Group -Vienna-based agencies -Other voluntary agencies representing UNEG diversity
AGM Committee	-UNEG Executive Group
EPE Committee	-Lead Vienna-based agency (UNODC) -Lead agency each for the designated SDGs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SDG 1 - UNDP</li><li>• SDG 2 - IFAD</li><li>• SDG 3 – UNICEF / UNFPA</li><li>• SDG 5 – UN Women / UNFPA</li><li>• SDG 9 - UNIDO</li><li>• SDG 14 – UNEP/GEF</li><li>• SDG 17 - TBD</li></ul>
High-Level Event Committee	-Vienna-based agencies -UNEG Executive Group
Local Logistics Committee	-UNODC with other Vienna-based agencies -UNEG Secretariat