

## **ECOSOC Joint Informal Event of the Operational Activities and Humanitarian Affairs Segments**

### **Transition from relief to development:**

### **Advancing the 2030 Agenda in crisis contexts**

**New York, 19 June 2018**

#### **Background:**

In its resolution 58/114, adopted in February 2004, the UN General Assembly encouraged ECOSOC “to consider the issue of the transition from relief to development in an integrated manner, through a possible joint meeting of the humanitarian and operational segments, during its substantive session in the near future, in view of the importance of getting humanitarian and development organizations, including international and regional financial institutions and nongovernmental organizations, to discuss and review more fully the implications of the transition from relief to development in their programming”. The GA also invited the Council to “take into account, inter alia, the work in progress by the United Nations system to clarify its role in post-conflict transition situations as well as other relevant information in its consideration”. This yearly event aims to fulfill this request from the GA. The event is an informal meeting of ECOSOC, and therefore does not result in a resolution.

#### **Proposed discussion:**

This year, the Joint Informal Event will focus on the linkages between humanitarian and development activities, and the importance of promoting resilience through investments in inclusive and sustainable development. The Event will showcase examples of closer cooperation between development and humanitarian actors, working together, in accordance with their mandates, towards common (outcomes) results with the aim of reducing need, vulnerability and risk over multiple years, based on shared understanding of the context and each actor’s operational strengths. The Event will also discuss how efforts to respond and prevent crisis require inclusive solutions, in support of the 2030 Agenda in crisis contexts, while fully respecting the importance of humanitarian principles. The 2018 Joint Informal Event will provide an opportunity to explore practical and innovative approaches and consider recent experience and research in this area.

#### **Format:**

The Joint Informal Event will take place on Tuesday, 19 June 2018, from 10am to 1pm in the ECOSOC Chamber in New York.

The event will be co-chaired by the Vice-Presidents of ECOSOC, who will make opening and closing statements. The event will be moderated by Ms. Kanni Wignaraja, the Director of the UN Development Operations Coordination Office. The event will entail an interactive exchange of views from a diverse set of Government officials, aid practitioners and scholars.

The discussion will draw on the experience of two country situations from different regions (Somalia and Colombia TBC).