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## Fundamentals of the Post-2015 Development Framework

Online learning course

4 to 25 November 2013

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<b>Course Format</b>	online/internet based
<b>Course Dates</b>	4 November 2013 – 25 November 2013
<b>Duration of course</b>	3 weeks
<b>Fee</b>	USD 300 (payment via credit card/PayPal and bank transfer)
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### Course Background

In June 2012, governments at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio+20) agreed to launch a UN led process to create a universal Post-2015 Development Framework. Based upon the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the Post-2015 Development Framework will form an international framework that will enable countries and stakeholders to better target and monitor progress across the three dimensions of sustainable development (social, environmental and economic).

The MDGs – which have the target date of 2015 – have proved highly successful in rallying public, private and political support for global poverty reduction and provided an effective tool to stimulate the production of new poverty-related data and additional aid commitments. They have also fostered greater coordination of international development efforts between nation states and other development actors. While the MDGs prioritised the social dimension of development, the aim is for the Post-2015 Development Framework to embody a comprehensive and integrated approach to development, and to seek to balance sustained socioeconomic growth with the sustainable use of natural resources. In addition, the Post-2015 Development Framework will apply to all countries, unlike the MDGs, which served as goals for developing nations only. Building upon the successes and lessons learned from the MDGs, the SDGs are expected to become an important tool for national priority-setting, mobilisation of resources, and the achievement of specific development gains.

To be effective, the Post-2015 Development Framework will need to be developed with input and support from a wide range of stakeholders. This course is designed to provide participants with the essential knowledge needed to engage with the international agenda on sustainable development goals.

### Course Goal

The course aims to enhance the capacity of participants to engage with the international agenda on Post-2015 Development Framework. Participants will learn about the origins and purpose of the Post-2015 Development Framework and how the goals will build upon the lessons learned from the development and implementation of the MDGs. Participants will discuss and compare the options for the targets and indicators that will underpin the goals, and will develop a working knowledge of the key actors and modalities of the international decision-making

process on the Post-2015 Development Framework, as well as identify opportunities for engagement.

### Methodology

Learning activities are based on UNITAR's sound adult learning pedagogical principles. Recognised experts from Stakeholder Forum, sustainable development specialists, moderate the course. Each course aims to deepen the participant's skills and understanding as well as provide them with the opportunity to network and dialogue with other participants, sharing **country specific experiences** and good practice in **sustainability issues**. Assessment activities include mandatory quizzes and the completion of a case study where participants can apply their knowledge practically. The case study is based on course content inviting participants to invoke both country specific and personal experiences.

### Target Audience

The course targets groups and individuals that are working on issues around sustainable development and are interested in obtaining a general understanding about the SDGs and latest developments. They include:

- Civil servants in national Ministries, provincial departments and local authorities
- Diplomats from Permanent Missions and Ministries of Foreign Affairs
- Environmental managers and policy officers in private sector and civil society organisations
- Faculty, researchers and students
- Interested citizens

### Course outline

**Module 1:** Introducing the Post-2015 Development Framework: Origins, philosophy and building on the MDGs

**Module 2:** Incentivising and measuring development progress with goals, targets and indicators

**Module 3:** The intergovernmental process on sustainable development goals