TRANSITION WORKSHOP FOR THE 77TH OPGA

Environmental, Development and Economic Issues
Lessons from previous sessions

- **Strategy Document** (strategic direction to teams, OPGA, and partners)
- **Division of Labour** (focal points and substitutes)
- **Functioning and working methods**
  - Flow of information
  - Clearance process (statements, briefs, talking points)
- **Innovation to advance the agenda** (e.g. Multistakeholder Spotlights and new formats of engagement)
- **Build relationships with MS at PR and delegate level** (consensus and participation in events)
- **Utilize PGA travel for advocacy and link to strategic priorities**
Understanding the work of OPGA

- Event management
- Political and Logistical
- Sound intergovernmental background
- Understanding the audience of the PGA
  - Membership
  - Public
  - Interest groups
- Pace of work
Sustainable Development in the 77th Session of the GA

**Priority issues**

- Build momentum on key issues
- International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development”
- Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework
- Culture and Sustainable Development
- Challenges of Middle-Income Countries
- Financing for Development
  - Debt Reform
    - Accelerating financing for risk prevention and de-risking investment (application of a thinking resilience approach to the financial sector)
- LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, MICS
- Multidimensional Vulnerability Index
- Our Common Agenda
- Morning Dialogues
Our Common Agenda

- Summit of the Future
- Political Declaration on Future Generations
- Intergovernmental Process – draw on the summaries from the Thematic Discussions
- Fit in to broader narrative throughout the session
Looking towards UNGA78 High-Level Week

- SDG Summit
- Summit of the Future (TBC)
- High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development
- HLM on Universal Health Coverage
- Coherent, inspirational and action-oriented narrative
Key relationships

• EOSG – Sustainable Development and OCA Teams
• GA/ECOSOC relationship
  • Monthly Coordination Meetings
  • Joint Briefing of the Presidents (early January)
• Second Committee Bureau
• Regional Groups and negotiating blocks
• Engagement with Secretariat, UN agencies, funds and programmes for technical support
  • DESA – Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development
  • DGACM
• Engagement with wide cross-section of stakeholders
Core Skills and Qualities for OPGA Staff

- Cope well with stress
- Ability to see big picture and long-term impact
- Build and maintain effective relationships, form strategic partnerships
- Relate and communicate with a wide range of people
- Problem solving in a challenging environment and operate effectively under pressure
- Manage workload, prioritize tasks
- Operational decision-making skills