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**News and Views - Short Version**

The United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) held a meeting on the role of the extractive industry in Africa. The event looked to the post-2015 development agenda and the African Union ‘Agenda 2063’. It explored how to enhance management of Africa’s extractive industries in order to fully harness their potential as important drivers for sustainable development, structural economic transformation and inclusive growth.

From February 25-26, there were sessions about the indicator framework for the post - 2015 development. The meetings discussed the organization of work and the key elements and principles for the development and design of the indicator framework for the post-2015 development agenda. While the discussion will focus on the overall process and will not cover indicator proposals in specific areas, a few individual indicators will be reviewed for illustration. The discussions on the various issues was informed by dedicated sections on lessons learned from the MDG monitoring, and by examples of proposed indicators in different SDG areas

There was a session called Multi-stakeholder Partnerships: Making them works for the Post-2015 development agenda. It was a half day event which discussed ways in which multi-stakeholder partnerships could best be aligned to the goals and targets of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, the types of modalities required for effective review, as well as where such a review could take place. It looked at what makes some partnerships effective and the elements which could be extracted to help define a new partnership framework for the post-2015 era and the means for their implementation.

The event featured two panel discussions: the first, moderated by Michael Shank, considered how partnerships could best be aligned to the post-2015 development agenda. A common vision and common goals were important, as were “accountable aims and assets” — transparency, measurable goals, and sufficient human and financial resources.

The second panel, moderated by Raj Kumar, Co-Founder and President of Devex, highlighted elements of successful partnerships that could be extracted to help define a partnership framework for the post-2015 era. Thinking about the future required structures that brought together various actors. It also meant identifying how to support partnerships, pinpointing issues that needed top-down attention, or bottom-up action.