



15th Infopoverty World Conference
9-10 April 2015, Room 12, United Nations Headquarters, New York

**NEXT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS:
THE CHALLENGE BEFORE THE DIGITAL ERA**

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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April 9, 2015 – Plenary Session

New York, UN Headquarters
Conference Room 12
10.00 – 11:30

Milan, European Parliament Office
Video Conference Room, Palazzo delle Stelline
16.00 – 17:30

Opening Session

Sebastiano Cardì, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN

Amina Mohammed, Special Advisor of the UNSG on post-2015 Development Planning

Message delivered by:

Joe Colomano, Economic Advisor, Executive Office of the Secretary-General.

General Introduction

Pierpaolo Saporito, President, OCCAM and Infopoverty Programme

First Session

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND EUROPEAN YEAR FOR DEVELOPMENT
TWO CONVERGING VISIONS**

2015 – proclaimed by the EU the European Year for Development – marks the conclusion of the MDGs cycle. The international community is poised to adopt in September a new Development Agenda for the next 15 years. Freeing humanity from poverty remains the overriding priority. Are visions converging as to new ways for delivering on the Sustainable Developing Goals (SDGs) that will be at the core of the post-2015 Development Agenda? The first session of the conference is intended to launch a dialogue on this basic question, engaging, by live stream, officials and experts from the EU Offices in Brussels and Milan. They will interact with development partners in New York contributing to setting the directions of the new Development Agenda.

Co-Chair: Sharon Brennen-Haylock, Director,
FAO Liaison Office in New York

Co-Chair: Bruno Marasà, Director, European Parliament Offices
in Milan

Valentina Aprea, Regional Minister to Education, Training and
Employment, Regione Lombardia

Georgia Sambunaris, USAID, Retired Senior Adviser and
Independent Consultant

Jean-Louis Sarbib, Development Gateway (tbc)

Akiko Ito, Chief, Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of
Persons with Disabilities, Division, DPA

Silvia Costa, Member of EP, President of the Commission on
Culture and Education

Eleonora Evi, Member of EP, Commission for environment, public
health and food security

Ruggero Gabbai, President, Municipal Commission EXPO Milano

Claudia Sorlini, Chairperson, EXPO 2015 Scientific Committee

Livia Pomodoro, President, Milan Center for Food Law and Policy

Maria Grazia Mattei, Cariplo Foundation