

# **OPGA 78 TRANSITION WORKSHOP**

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 engagement modalities)

**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 78<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE GA**

- Priority issues
- Build momentum on key issues from the SDG Summit
- Overarching focus on building resilience
- Summit of the Future and Pact for the Future
- Global Stocktake and COP28
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference on LLDCs
- 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference for SIDS
- Financing for Development
  - Debt Reform
    - Accelerating financing for risk prevention and de-risking investment (application of a thinking resilience approach to the financial sector)
  - Multidimensional Vulnerability Index
  - Infrastructure Connectivity (A/RES/77/282)
  - Review of the HLPF and ECOSOC
  - Our Common Agenda
  - Morning Dialogues

# TOWARDS UNGA79 HIGH- LEVEL WEEK

- Summit of the Future
- Shape the relationship between the SDG Summit and the Summit of the Future
- **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