

Side Event:
**“Volunteer Action Counts for Sustainable Development: How to strengthen
accountability of the post-2015 framework through citizen engagement”
by UN Volunteers**

On 3 July UNV hosted a side event on “Volunteer Action Counts for Sustainable Development: How to strengthen accountability of the post-2015 framework through citizen engagement”. The side event discussed measures to integrate volunteerism as a form of civic engagement at local level in the new Sustainable Development framework, and explored opportunities to strengthen its overall accountability through enhanced multi-stakeholder partnerships at national level. Panelists gave concrete examples of how volunteerism as a form of civic engagement can serve to strengthen state-citizen mechanisms, fostering collaboration and shared accountabilities in their various countries.

The event was organized in collaboration with VSO International and IAVE, the International Association for Volunteer Effort, who participated together with a national UN volunteer from Haiti, and the Youth Volunteering Focal Point for Colombia Joven, a Presidential Programme of the Republic of Colombia.

For more information on the event and all the latest news on volunteering for post-2015, please visit the Volunteer Action Counts website:

<http://www.volunteeractioncounts.org/en/post-mdg/announcements.html>