

**Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
2016 Annual Session**

**Item 9: UNV: Report of the Administrator
Statement by
UNDP Associate Administrator**

Mr. President, Members of the Executive Board,

I am pleased to introduce the session on the Administrator's Report on the United Nations Volunteers, for the biennium 2014-2015, incorporating the midterm review of its 2014-2017 Strategic Framework. Before giving the floor to Mr. Richard Dictus, I would like to say a few things about the report and the strong relationship between UNDP and UNV.

As outlined in the Administrator's Report, UNV is focused on continuing to adapt to be fit for the purpose of maximizing volunteer opportunities within the United Nations system, and delivering volunteer and volunteerism solutions for the 2030 Agenda.

In the past few years, UNV has undergone a strategic evolution – which has enabled it be more innovative, while being more results focused than ever before. UNV is a 'common service' to the UN system, which worked with nearly 30 UN entities in 2015.

In UNDP, we are pleased to emphasise the value that UNV brings to our operations. In 2015, UNV deployed over 2,100 UN Volunteers to support UNDP projects and programmes. One example of the UNDP-UNV partnership was in response to the devastating earthquake in Nepal. In 2015, UNV mobilised 84 national UN Volunteer civil engineers and youth volunteers, who managed earthquake debris and the demolition of dangerous structures under a joint project with UNDP and the Government of Nepal. These UN Volunteers also trained 200 community workers in building assessment. The newly trained workers in turn led teams as part of the UNDP cash-for-work scheme, thus involving thousands of people in safe demolition and early recovery.