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Press Release

Post-2015 Development Agenda-Civil Society Position Paper Validation Meeting

Maseru, August 25, 2014 – Lesotho Council of NGO's (LCN) in collaboration with the United Nations will hold CSOs Position Paper Validation meeting **at UN House Boardroom** on the **2nd September 2014 at 9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.**

The purpose of the meeting is to share the draft CSOs position paper currently being developed that will be presented to the government of Lesotho delegation to the UN General Assembly in September 2014. This will ensure that civil society's voice is heard in the government's negotiations in New York on shaping the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

In July, LCN in collaboration with the UN conducted dialogues between CSOs and private sector and the government. It is in these dialogues where CSOs have been able to identify critical areas for effective implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

During the dialogues, CSOs emphasised the need for continued involvement in the global process, and on that note Lesotho CSOs agreed to develop a civil society position paper on the means of implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

As the expiry of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) gets closer, the world has started engaging on how the Post-2015 Development Agenda should shape-up, and Lesotho was selected by the UN Secretariat as one of the seven countries to undertake comprehensive dialogues on Post-2015 with the civil society on the implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

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