



Procedural Guidelines for the Round Tables

Modalities

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 68/279 and 69/278, the Conference will include six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables, to be held in parallel with the plenary meetings. Member States and other participants are encouraged to be represented at the round tables at the highest possible level. All the round tables will be held in Conference Room 2.

Each round table will be co-chaired by two Chairs to be appointed by the President of the Conference from among the Heads of State or Government and ministers attending the Conference, in consultation with the regional groups. The Secretary-General of the Conference, in consultation with the President of the General Assembly, will identify up to four panellists and a moderator for each of the round tables. The panel discussion will be followed by an interactive debate among States and other relevant stakeholders.

Each round table will be open to participation by representatives of all participating States, up to 15 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations, up to six representatives of accredited civil society organizations, and up to six representatives of accredited business sector entities.

Themes

The two themes of the round tables were decided by the General Assembly.

Round tables 1, 3 and 5 will be on the theme: “*Global partnership and the three dimensions of sustainable development*”.

Round tables 2, 4 and 6 will be on the theme: “*Ensuring policy coherence and an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development*”.

The Secretariat has prepared background notes outlining the substantive issues that may be addressed by the participants and suggesting questions for discussion, which are available on the conference website at www.un.org/ffd3.

Structure

The Co-Chairs will preside over the round tables. They may decide that one Co-Chair takes the lead for the first half of the round table, with the second Co-Chair presiding over the second half.

