



The Road to Doha

A series of High-level Meetings on financing for development will complement the preparatory process of the Doha Review Conference.

- (1) Thematic debate of the General Assembly on “Addressing Climate Change: The United Nations and the World at Work”

President of the General Assembly launches preparatory process for Doha Review Conference

Multi-stakeholder consultation on Financing for Development in the Asia-Pacific Region

The Financing for Development Office (FfDO), in cooperation with the Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific (ADFIAP), held a multi-stakeholder consultation on Financing for Development in the Asia-Pacific Region on 17 December 2007 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The consultation consisted of two panel discussions on: (1) "National and Regional Development Banks: Potential and Sustainability" and (2) "Responsible Infrastructure Investment: Financing Access to Basic Utilities". Mr. Jomo K.S., Assistant Secretary-General, UN-DESA, delivered a keynote address. The meeting was held as one of several regional events in response to the General Assembly mandate given to the FfDO to organize, with the participation of experts from the official and private sectors, multi-stakeholder consultations on Financing for Development. The outcome of these consultations will provide substantive inputs to the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development (Doha, Qatar, 29 November - 2 December 2008).

The meeting was a special event within a broader context of ADFIAP's International CEO Forum IV on the theme: "Development Banks & Sustainable SMEs: Opportunities for Growth", hosted by SME Development Bank of Thailand on 17-19 December 2007. The Forum brought together CEOs of ADFIAP's 83 member-institutions from 37 countries, as well as several partner institutions and special guests from around the world, to address financing sustainability issues of SMEs in the service and resource-based industries in the region.

More information is available on the Financing for Development Website: http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/civilsociety/m-sc/utilities_bangkok/CEOForum_progra