

## 2016 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up

Monday, 18 April 2016, 3-6 PM, Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations, New York

### Programme

#### Opening remarks:

- H.E. Mr. Oh Joon, President of ECOSOC (Republic of Korea)
- Mr. Merza Hasan, Dean of the Board of Executive Directors, World Bank Group
- Mr. Aleksei Mozhin, Dean of the Board of Executive Directors, ITC m ID 17 BE800D(a H)2.s, ITC ( (e)7.8( B)10.4(o)-c

**Moderator:** Ms. Eliza Anyangwe, Guardian/CNN

#### Lead discussants:

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- Mr. Matthew McGuire, Executive Director for the United States, World Bank Group
  - Mr. Serge Dupont, Chair,

The Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA) specifies that one of the days of the new ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up will be the Special high-level meeting with Bretton Woods Institutions (BWIs), the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Over the years, the special role and strong reputation of the above meeting as a platform for an engagement between the United Nations, BWIs and other major institutional stakeholders of the Financing for Development (FfD) process has been widely accepted and appreciated by the relevant stakeholders. In particular, one of the identifying features of that meeting has been the dialogue between UN Ambassadors and intergovernmental representatives of these institutional stakeholders. Responding to expressions of mutual interest by these stakeholders, an attempt is made at the inaugural FfD Forum to intensify the exchange of views between the respective intergovernmental bodies in the form of an interactive dialogue.

Promoting coherence has been at the heart of the FfD outcomes. The 2002 Monterrey Consensus recognized the urgent need to enhance coherence, governance, and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems, in order to complement national development efforts.

The 2008 Doha Declaration resolved to strengthen the coordination of the United Nations system and all  
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) (10.6(a)) 10.6(s o)-6.6(t)7(e)-6.6(-3(rau106(i)32(n)2.37s)

The following questions can be considered as basis for the dialogue:

1. Major institutional stakeholders pursued collaboration in the implementation of MDG 8, the Monterrey Consensus and the Doha Declaration. What lessons have been learned? What were the challenges encountered? Can the actions, initiatives, mechanisms and arrangements that proved effective be replicated in the implementation of the AAAA and the Mol of SDGs?
2. The AAAA addressed several specific actions to major institutional stakeholders. What early actions have been taken in these areas and what further steps are envisaged? What could be the priority action areas and policy initiatives that have the potential to yield immediate and tangible results to foster coherence?
3. Supporting the transition of countries in conflict and post-conflict situations from relief to economic, financial and social stability and longer-term development has increasingly become an important challenge for the work of the United Nations, as well as the World Bank and the IMF. What have been the main results of deliberations at the Executive Boards of the World Bank and IMF?
4. The ECOSOC FfD forum offers a primary platform for exchange among major institutional stakeholders in particular their intergovernmental bodies. What can be done to further the exchange among intergovernmental bodies of major institutional stakeholders in the preparatory process of the future forums?

#### **D. Format**

The dialogue will be chaired by the President of ECOSOC and moderated by a professional moderator.

It will consist of an opening (15 minutes), brief remarks by six lead discussants (5-7 minutes each) setting the stage, followed by a moderated interactive dialogue. In order to make the dialogue as interactive as possible, each intervention should not exceed 3 minutes and no written statements should be read.

After the interactive discussion, the President of ECOSOC will formally close the dialogue.

#### **E. Seating**

All participants will be seated on the floor, with Executive Directors and other intergovernmental representatives of major institutional stakeholders seated on one side of the inner horseshoe circle of the Chamber and representatives of UN Member and Observer States, including the Members of the ECOSOC Bureau and other UN Ambassadors who have indicated interest to speak in advance, on the other side of that horseshoe circle. Other participating Member States will be seated by usual order as assigned by the Conference Services.