



ECOSOC FORUM ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Trusteeship Council Chamber, 23-26 April 2018

DRAFT PROGRAMME

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The 2018 FfD Forum will assess progress and identify obstacles and challenges to the implementation of financing for development outcomes, promote sharing of experiences, address new and emerging topics, and provide policy recommendations for action by the international community in the following areas of the 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda (Addis Agenda): (i) domestic public resources; (ii) domestic and international private business and finance; (iii) international development cooperation; (iv) international trade as an engine for development; (v) debt and debt sustainability; (vi) systemic issues; (vii) science, technology, innovation and capacity-building; as well as (viii) data, monitoring and follow-up.

MINISTERIAL SEGMENT

Monday, 23 April 2018

10:00 – 10:30 am	Opening of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ H.E. Ms. Marie Chatardová (Czech Republic), President of the Economic and Social Council□ H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák (Slovakia), President of the General Assembly□ Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations (<i>video message</i>)
10:30 – 11:30 am	Global trends and prospects for financing sustainable development <i>Perspectives from the 2018 Report of the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Mr. LIU Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, and Chair of the Inter-agency Task Force (IATF) on Financing for Development□ Mr. Roberto Azevêdo, Director-General, World Trade Organization (WTO) (<i>video message</i>)□ Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)□ Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)□ Mr. Tao Zhang, Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF)□ Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations and Partnerships, World Bank Group (WBG)□ Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (<i>on behalf of five regional commissions</i>)



Ministerial Round Tables

The ministerial round tables offer space for ministers and vice-ministers to share national policy and institutional developments in support of the implementation of the Addis Agenda, as well as challenges encountered and international support measures needed.

Guiding questions:

- Has the upturn in the world economy translated into a more enabling environment for financing sustainable development across countries?
- What are the main enablers that can help countries better capitalize on the broad-based recovery and improved outlook?
- Which national strategies and policies have proven effective in facilitating long-term and quality investment?
- How can tax systems be strengthened to ensure that countries mobilize domestic resource more effectively?
- Which policy actions are needed to address both long-standing concerns and near-term challenges in the international trade and financial system?
- How can the FfD Forum (and the HLPF) contribute to further strengthen policy coherence for sustainable development?

<p>11:30 am – 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Ministerial Round Table 1 Chair: <input type="checkbox"/> H.E. Ms. Marie Chatardová (Czech Republic), President of the Economic and Social Council</p> <p>Panelists: <i>(From the podium)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> H.E. Mr. Neven Mimica, Commissioner, International Cooperation and Development, European Commission <input type="checkbox"/> H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ecuador <input type="checkbox"/> H.E. Dr. Sahar Nasr, Minister of Investment and International Cooperation Arab Republic of Egypt <input type="checkbox"/> H.E. Mr. Oleksandr Danylyuk, Finance Minister, Ukraine <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Karin Finkelston, Vice President, Partnerships, Communications and Outreach, International Finance Corporation, WBG <p><i>(From the floor)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> H.E. Mr. Somchith Inthamith, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce, Lao People’s Democratic Republic <p>Lead discussant: <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Mpho Parks Tau, President, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)</p>
<p>1:00 – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>3:00 – 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Ministerial Round Table 2 Chair:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ H.E. Ms. Marie Chatardová (Czech Republic), President of the Economic and Social Council <p>Panelists: <i>(From the podium)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ H.E. Mr. Bambang P.S. Brodjonegoro, Minister of National Development Planning, Republic of Indonesia □ H.E. Mr. Khurelbaatar Chimed, Finance Minister, Mongolia □ H.E. Ms. Paula Ximeno Acosta, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, Colombia □ H.E. Ms. Ulrika Modeér, State Secretary, Development Cooperation, Sweden □ Mr. LIU Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs <p><i>(From the floor)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ H.E. Mr. Mohammad Khazaei, Vice Minister of Economic Affairs & Head of Organization for Investments and Economic Assistance, Islamic Republic of Iran <p>Lead Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Ms. Kayula Siame, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia
4:30 – 5:00 pm	<p>Launch of the Joint Fund for Agenda 2030</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
5:00 – 6:00 pm	<p>General Debate Statements by ministers and high-level officials</p>

Tuesday, 24 April 2018

Special High-level Meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Ministerial Round Tables (continued)

10:00 – 11:30 am	<p>Ministerial Round Table 3</p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ H.E. Ms. Marie Chatardová (Czech Republic), President of the Economic and Social Council <p>Panelists: <i>(From the podium)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ H.E. Ms. Cecilia Malmström, Commissioner for Trade, European Commission (video message) □ H.E. Dr. Mustafa Mastoor, Minister of Economy, Afghanistan □ H.E. Mr. Abdul Maal A. Muhith, Minister of Finance, People’s Republic of Bangladesh
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11:30 am – 1:00 pm	<p>Ministerial Round Table 4</p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ H.E. Ms. Marie Chatardová (Czech Republic), President of the Economic and Social Council <p>Panelists:</p> <p><i>(From the podium)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ H.E. Mrs. Hadizatou Rosine Coulibaly, Minister of Economy, Finance and Development, Burkina Faso □ H.E. Mr. Nelson Eduardo Fuentes Menjivar, Minister of Finance, El Salvador □ H.E. Mr. Tudor Ulianovschi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Republic of Moldova □ H.E. Mr. Faiziddin Sattor, Minister of Finance, Republic of Tajikistan □ H.E. Mr. P.A. Chinamasa, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Republic of Zimbabwe □ H.E. Mr. Jens Frølich Holte, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway <p><i>(From the floor)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ H.E. Mr. Bary Emmanuel Rafatrolaza, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Madagascar <p>Lead discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Mr. Nim Dorji, Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Kingdom of Bhutan □ Representative of the business sector (TBC)
1:15 – 2:30 pm	Luncheon hosted by President of ECOSOC on the topic “Manufacturing and competitiveness” (by invitation only, Bohemian International Hall)
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Interactive dialogue with intergovernmental bodies of major institutional stakeholders



The interactive dialogue, as part of the a one-day Special High-level Meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods Institutions, WTO and UNCTAD aims to improve mutual understanding and policy coherence among the policy-making intergovernmental bodies of the international trade and finance institutions. The 2018 dialogue will address two themes: (i) Disaster risk and resilience; and (ii) Taxation in the digitalized economy.

Statements by intergovernmental representatives

- **H.E. Ms. Marie Chatardová** (Czech Republic), President of the Economic and Social Council
- **H.E. Ms. Sri Mulyani Indrawati**, Chair, Development Committee, WBG (TBC)
- **Mr. Lesetja Kganyago**, Chair, International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC)
- **Mr. Tudor Ulianovschi**, President, Trade and Development Board, UNCTAD

Opening remarks:

- **Mr. Merza Hasan**, Dean of the Board of Executive Directors, WBG
- **Mr. Aleksei Mozhin**, Dean of the Executive Board, IMF

Moderator:

- **Ms. Zain Asher**, Anchor, CNN

Interactive discussions

Topic 1: “Disaster risk and resilience”

- **WBG Executive Director**
- **Ms. Nancy Horsman**, Executive Director, Canada, IMF
- **H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King** (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines), Vice-President of ECOSOC

Topic 2: “Taxation in the digitalized economy”

- **Mr. Masaaki Kazuka**, Executive Director, Japan, IMF
- **WBG Executive Director**
- **H.E. Mr. Mahmadamin Mahmadaminov** (Tajikistan), Vice-President of ECOSOC
- **Mr. Martin Kreienbaum**, Chair, Committee on Fiscal Affairs, OECD

Closing remarks:

- **H.E. Ms. Marie Chatardová** (Czech Republic), President of ECOSOC

Guiding questions:

Disaster risk and resilience

- What are effective ways to move from ex-post, ad-hoc responses to shocks (natural disasters) towards ex-ante prevention, risk-reduction, and preparedness, including through increased investments in resilient and sustainable infrastructure?
- How can a risk-informed approach be integrated into all bilateral and international support for sustainable development?



	<p>Taxation in the digitalized economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the international community ensure a universal approach in changing tax norms in response to the digitalization of the economy, taking into account the needs and capacities of developing countries? • How can we contribute to closing the capacity gap between tax administrations of developed and developing countries?
5:00 – 6:00 pm	<p>Presentation and adoption of the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations</p> <p>General Debate Statements by ministers and high-level officials</p>

EXPERT SEGMENT

Wednesday, 25 April 2018

Thematic Round Tables

10:00 – 11:30 am	<p>Round Table A: “Domestic public resources” (Action area A)</p> <p>Discussion in this round table will reflect on the recent progress and challenges faced by developing countries in domestic resource mobilization. It will focus on measures put in place to broaden the tax base and strengthen tax administration against a backdrop of changing economic structures and technologies. It will further review the steps taken by developing countries to meet their revenue goals, including through agreement and implementation of pro-development international tax norms, capacity development and curbing illicit financial flows.</p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ H.E. Mr. Mahmamin Mahmaminov (Tajikistan), Vice-President of ECOSOC <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Mr. Léonce Ndikumana, Chair and Professor, Department of Economics, Director of the African Development Policy Program, University of Massachusetts at Amherst <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Mr. Armand Roland Pierre Beouinde, Mayor of Ouagadougou, President of the Burkina Faso Association of Municipalities (AMBF) □ Ms. Doris Akol, Commissioner General, Uganda Revenue Authority □ Ms. Natalia Aristazabal Mora, Vice-Chair, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters □ Mr. Bolaji Owasanoye, Executive Secretary, Presidential Advisory Committee Against Corruption, Nigeria (TBC) <p>Discussant:</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Ms. Tove Maria Ryding, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Tax Justice, Eurodad, and Global Alliance for Tax Justice <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What policies are effective in improving the progressivity of fiscal systems to address growing inequalities against the backdrop of structural transformation?• What policy incentives and institutional changes are required to ensure countries take a whole-of-government approach to taxation?• What support do countries need to help them develop medium-term revenue strategies (MTRS)?• What can be done to further improve international tax cooperation to reduce the gap between developing and developed countries and to avoid a race to the bottom, while respecting national sovereignty?• How can international cooperation strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development?
<p>11:30 am – 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Round Table B: “Domestic and international private business and finance” (Action Area B)</p> <p>The focus of this round table will be on progress and challenges in aligning private sector activities and investment with sustainable development objectives. The discussion will cover actions on both the supply and demand side, including country efforts to strengthen enabling environments and develop local capital markets, and efforts to incentivize long-term SDG investments. The discussion will further address progress on financial inclusion, including reaching to small and medium sized enterprises. This will also address the use of financial technology.</p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ H.E. Mr. Mahmamin Mahmaminov (Tajikistan), Vice-President of ECOSOC <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Ms. Durreen Shanaz, Founder and CEO, Impact Investment Exchange (IIX), Singapore (TBC) <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Mr. Makoto Goda, Nippon Biodiesel Fuel Co. Ltd., Japan□ Ms. Britta Burreau, CEO, KPA (Folksam Group), Sweden□ Mr. Kay Parplies, Head of Unit “Investment and Innovative Financing”, European Commission (TBC)□ Mr. Xavier Jordan, Chief Investment Officer in Capital Markets, International Finance Corporation (IFC) <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Representative of civil society (TBC) <p>Guiding questions:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the impediments to long-term investments for sustainable development at the local, national and international levels? What policies and regulatory frameworks can help overcome the impediments? • How can technology best serve the goals of financial inclusion? • How can impact investment contribute to achieving sustainable development objectives in addition to generating financial returns? • What are key features of successful, gender-responsive financial inclusion strategies and how can they be implemented?
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Lunch break
3:00 – 4:30 pm	<p>Round Table C: “Trade, science, technology, innovation and capacity-building” (Action areas D and G)</p> <p>The round table will address how international trade can serve its function as an engine for inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction. It will further reflect on the potential of science, technology and innovation (STI) to contribute to sustainable development and highlight critical areas for capacity development. The discussion will focus on ways to boost trade that is fair and contributes to inclusive growth as well as measures to better align trade agreements with the SDGs. In addition, the discussion will address the impact of trade and new technologies on labour markets, and how gaps in the access to technology, including for countries in special situations and marginalized groups, can be closed.</p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines), Vice-President of ECOSOC <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Ms. Veerle Vandeweerd, Policy Director, Global Science Technology and Innovation Conference Series <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Mr. Mohamed H. A. Hassan, Chair of the Governing Council of the Technology Bank for LDCs □ Mr. Aik Hoe Lim, Director, Trade and Environment Division, WTO □ Ms. Sukti Dasgupta, Chief, Employment and Labour Markets Branch, International Labour Organization (ILO) □ Ms. Ranja Sengupta, Senior Researcher, Third World Network <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the international community ensure that the multilateral trading system continues to contribute to sustainable development, while sharing the gains from trade more widely? • How can social and environmental concerns, such as gender equality and labour standards, be incorporated in trade policy to ensure alignment with the SDGs?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which policies, for example in education and social protection, are showing promise in harnessing benefits of trade and technological progress while addressing associated challenges and risks, e.g. for labour markets? • What are the necessary steps to increase long-term investment in STI? How can international cooperation and capacity building ensure that no one is left behind in this process?
4:30 – 6:00 pm	General Debate Statements by ministers and high-level officials

Thursday, 26 April 2018

Thematic Round Tables (continued)

10:00 – 11:30 am	<p>Round Table D: “International development cooperation” (Action area C)</p> <p>This round table will review major shifts in development cooperation policies and approaches adopted by traditional providers and multilateral development banks in response to the 2030 and Addis Agendas. It will shed light on the continued importance of ODA, the expanding role of development banks, and the opportunities and challenges presented by blended finance. It will further highlight the new developments in South-South cooperation and its complementarity with traditional development cooperation.</p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ H.E. Mr. Jerry Matthews Matjila (South Africa), Vice-President of ECOSOC <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Mr. Elliot Harris, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist, Department of Economic and Social Affairs <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Ms. Alimatou Zongo-Kabore, Director of Coordination and Aid Development Effectiveness, Ministry of Economics, Finances and Development, Burkina Faso □ Mr. Abdoulaye Mar Dieye, Assistant Administrator and Director Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP □ Mr. Jorge Moreira da Silva, Director Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD □ Mr. Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Head of Strategic Planning, Green Climate Fund □ Ms. Lotte Schou-Zibell, Chief of Finance Sector Group, Asian Development Bank <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the impact of the shift of aid from social sectors to productive sectors on the sustainable development of aid-dependent countries, in particular LDCs? • How can we ensure sufficient support for developing countries that lose access to concessional financing windows?
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What additional steps can the MDBs take to further align their lending with the SDGs? • What are the right conditions to ensure that blended finance yields better results? What has prevented the scaling-up of this approach in LDCs? • How can South-South cooperation complement efforts by other actors to jointly address structural impediments to financing sustainable development?
<p>11:30 am – 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Round Table E: “Debt and systemic issues” (Action areas E and F)</p> <p>This round table will review emerging debt trends and challenges. It will further reflect on progress in the implementation of institutional reforms to the international financial architecture following the 2008 world financial and economic crisis. The round table will also examine innovative instruments to address shocks.</p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ H.E. Mr. Jerry Matthews Matjila (South Africa), Vice-President of ECOSOC <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Ms. Marilou Uy, Director of the Intergovernmental Group of Twenty-Four on International Monetary Affairs and Development (G-24) <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction □ Ms. Gillian Golah, Chief Operations Officer, CCRIF SPC (formerly the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility) □ Mr. Mark Flanagan, Assistant Director and Chief of Debt Policy, Strategy Policy and Review Department, IMF □ Representative from the Government of Maldives (TBC) <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Mr. Kavaljit Singh, Director, Madhyam, India <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which innovative instruments and measures could unlock debt financing for investments that boost productive capacity, while maintaining debt sustainability? • What are the options to engage non-traditional bilateral creditors, new multilateral lenders and private sector creditors in creditor-debtor dialogues, to avoid disorderly and potentially disruptive restructurings in case of debt distress? • Is the international financial architecture well positioned to address systemic risks? What measures are most urgent to address remaining regulatory gaps and misaligned incentives? • How can reforms of international organizations ensure that the international financial, monetary and development systems are fit-for-purpose for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?



1:00 – 3:00 pm	Lunch break
3:00 – 4:00 pm	<p>Expert discussion: Encouraging foreign investment to countries in special situation</p> <p>The expert discussion will review initiatives and efforts to support the adoption and implementation of investment promotion regimes for countries in special situations, including LDCs. Specifically, the session will explore how to provide financial and technical support for project preparation, access to information on investment facilities and risk insurance guarantees.</p> <p>Chair/Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> H.E. Mr. Marc Pecsteen de Buytswerve (Belgium), Vice-President of ECOSOC <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Kayula Siame, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Kazi Aminul Islam, Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority, Bangladesh <input type="checkbox"/> H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King, Vice-President ECOSOC, former Chair of the investment promotion agency of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Muna B. Ndulo, Professor of Law, Cornell Law School <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What concrete initiatives and tools have been deployed to promote sustainable investment to the LDCs? • What additional instruments can multilateral and regional organizations as well as national governments use in this regard? • How can the private sector and prospective foreign investors help design effective measures to boost sustainable investment flows to the LDCs?
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<p>Expert discussion: Gender equality and the empowerment of women</p> <p>This expert discussion will review trends in financing for gender equality and explore options to increase fiscal space at the national and local level. It will assess the extent to which integrated national financing frameworks address gender gaps and the need for high quality, sex disaggregated data for improved monitoring and tracking of resources. It will also reflect on what strategic investments are needed to support women’s economic empowerment and rights.</p> <p>Chair/Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> H.E. Mr. Marc Pecsteen de Buytswerve (Belgium), Vice-President of ECOSOC <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ecuador (TBC) <input type="checkbox"/> H.E. Mr. Claver Gatete, Minister of Finance, Rwanda (TBC)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Mr. Yannick Glemarec, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women (TBC)□ Ms. Kathleen Lahey, Professor, Faculty of Law, Queen's University; Director, Tax Justice Network (United Kingdom) <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can fiscal space be expanded to support increased investment in gender equality?• How are countries including gender in their integrated national financing frameworks and how can data gaps be addressed?• What strategic investments need to be made to accelerate women's empowerment?
5:00 – 5:45 pm	General Debate Statements by ministers and high-level officials
5:45 – 6:00 pm	Closing of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Adoption of the report of the FfD Forum□ Closing remarks by the President of ECOSOC