



**Economic and Social Council
Forum on Financing for Development follow-up
(Trusteeship Council Chamber, 23-26 April 2018)**

Draft Programme

The ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up (FfD Forum) was established in accordance with the 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda (Addis Agenda), in recognition of the need for a dedicated follow-up to and review of the financing for development (FfD) outcomes as well as the means of implementation (MoIs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda). The FfD Forum is held annually at the United Nations Headquarters in New York with universal intergovernmental participation. The FfD Forum assesses progress, identifies obstacles and challenges to the implementation of the FfD outcomes and the delivery of the MoIs of the Sustainable Development Goals. It also promotes the sharing of lessons learned from experiences at the national and regional levels, addresses new and emerging topics of relevance and provides policy recommendations for action by the international community. It results in intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations that are transmitted to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

Ministerial Segment

23 April 2018

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

As mandated by the Addis Agenda, the FfD Forum includes a one-day Special High-level Meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, WTO and UNCTAD. The Special High-level Meeting provides an opportunity for respective institutions to share information on their key policy processes and decisions so as to improve mutual understanding of respective priorities and keep the follow-up to the FfD outcomes coordinated and coherent.

10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Opening of the meeting

- President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- President, World Bank Group (WBG)

- Director-General, World Trade Organisation (WTO)

10:45 - 11:00 a.m. Key note address by a renowned government, business or opinion leader on the global context and mega trends

11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Launch of the 2018 Inter-agency Task Force Report: Progress and prospects

- Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, and Chair of the Inter-agency Task Force (IATF) on Financing for Development
- Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Executive Secretary, United Nations Regional Commission (*on behalf of five regional commissions*)

**11:45 a.m. –
1:00 p.m.**

General Debate

Statements by ministers

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Luncheon hosted by the President of ECOSOC (by invitation)

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Interactive dialogue with intergovernmental bodies of major institutional stakeholders

The interactive dialogue, as part of the Special High-level Meeting, engages United Nations Ambassadors and Executive Directors of the Bretton Woods institutions and representatives of WTO and UNCTAD intergovernmental bodies in a focused discussion on the coherence, coordination and cooperation in the follow-up to the FfD outcomes as well as a systemically important theme selected jointly by the institutions involved.

Statements by intergovernmental representatives

- President of ECOSOC
- President, Trade and Development Board, UNCTAD
- Chair, Development Committee, WBG
- Chair, International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC)
- Chair, General Council, WTO

Opening remarks:

- Dean of the Board of Executive Directors, WBG
- Dean of Executive Board, IMF

Interactive discussions

Closing remarks:

- President of ECOSOC

5:00 – 5:15 p.m. **Presentation and adoption of the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations**

5:15 – 8:00 p.m. **General Debate**
Statements by ministers and high-level officials

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Ministerial Round Tables

The ministerial round tables will be guided by paragraph 131 of General Assembly resolution 69/313 on the “Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development”, which states that the FfD follow-up process should promote the sharing of lessons learned from experiences at the national and regional levels. Each round table would bring together a balanced mix of ministers from developed and developing countries, one high-level representative from an international financial institution or an intergovernmental organization, and high-level representatives from civil society and the private sector.

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. **Ministerial Round Table 1**

**11:30 a.m. –
1:00 p.m.** **Ministerial Round Table 2**

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Lunch break

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. **Ministerial Round Table 3**

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. **Ministerial Round Table 4**

Expert Segment

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Thematic Round Tables

Each round table would cover one or two action areas of the Addis Agenda and discuss: (i) progress and gaps in the implementation of financing for development outcomes; (ii) policy recommendations for corrective actions; as well as (iii) new challenges and emerging issues. Round tables would bring together two expert-level officials from Member States, 1-2 experts from an international financial institution or an intergovernmental organization (including the OECD and other organizations that are not part of the UN system), and representatives from

civil society and/or the private sector. Presentations will be followed by an interactive dialogue.

- 10:00 –11:30 a.m.** **Round Table A:**
“Domestic public resources” (Action area A)
- 11:30 a.m. –
 1:00 p.m.** **Round Table B:**
*“Domestic and international private business and finance”
 (Action area B)*
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Lunch break
- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.** **Round Table C:**
*“Trade, science, technology, innovation and capacity-building”
 (Action areas D and G)*
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.** **Stakeholder Dialogue**

In addition to stakeholder participation throughout the Forum, this interactive dialogue will provide space, within the Forum's formal programme, for non-institutional stakeholders, such as civil society, the business sector and local authorities to interact directly with Member States to discuss progress made on commitments contained in the Addis Agenda and to highlight the ways in which non-institutional stakeholders are supporting the implementation of the Addis Agenda.

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- 10:00-11:30** **Round Table D:**
“International public resources” (Action area C)
- 11:30 a.m. –
 1:00 p.m.** **Round Table E:**
“Debt and systemic issues” (Action areas E and F)
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Lunch break
- 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.** **Emerging issues and challenges** [*this session will accommodate new guidance on the thematic focus of the FfD Forum potentially contained in the Second Committee resolutions, which will be adopted in November/December 2017*]
- 4:30 – 5:45 p.m.** **General debate**
- 5:45 – 6:00 p.m.** **Closing of the meeting**
 Adoption of the procedural report of the FfD Forum

- Closing remarks the President of ECOSOC

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