

PROGRAMME OF THE 2006 ECOSOC HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

“Creating an environment at the national and international levels conducive to generating full and productive employment and decent work for all, and its impact on sustainable development”

GENEVA, 3-5 JULY 2006

Monday 3 July a.m. session

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Opening of the High-Level Segment (Salle XIX)

Opening address:

- **H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani, President of ECOSOC**

Address:

- **Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations**

9:45 – 11:00 a.m.

Keynote addresses on the theme “Working out of Poverty”

- **H.E. Mr. Shaukat Aziz, Prime Minister of Pakistan**
- **H.E. Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of Norway**
- **H.E. Mrs. Luisa Dias Diogo, Prime Minister of Mozambique**
- **H.E. Mr. Chadli Laroussi, Minister of Labour and Youth Employment, Tunisia**
- **Mr. Juan Somavia, Director-General of ILO**

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

High-Level Policy Dialogue on current developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation

Policy Dialogue:

- **Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations (Moderator)**
- **Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD**
- **Ms. Valentine Rugwabiza, Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organization**
- **Mr. Francois Bourguignon, Chief Economist and Senior Vice-President, World Bank**
- **Mr. Reinhard Munzberg, Special Representative to the United Nations, International Monetary Fund**

Interactive dialogue with the Members of the ECOSOC

1:15 – 2:45 p.m. **Official Lunch of the President (by invitation only) Delegates Dining Room – 8th Floor, Building A**

Monday 3 July p.m. session¹

Tuesday 4 July a.m./p.m. sessions

8:00 - 9:15 a.m. **Ministerial roundtable breakfasts (by invitation only)**

1. **“Decent Work and International Development Cooperation”** hosted by ILO (ILO Headquarters, 11th Floor Reception Area)
2. **“Youth Employment for the LDCs”**, hosted by UNIDO (Palais des Nations, Delegates Dining Room, 8th Floor, A Building, Lausanne Room 2)
3. **“Fighting Urban Poverty: Enhancing the Productive Capacity of the Urban Poor”**, hosted by UN-HABITAT (Palais des Nations, Delegates Dining Room, 8th Floor, A Building, Geneva Room)
4. **“Migrant workers remittances in Africa and the LDCs: a new development finance?”** hosted by UN-OHRLLS/OSAA (Palais des Nations, Delegates Dining Room, 8th Floor, A Building, Lausanne Room 1)

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **General debate on the theme of the High-Level Segment (Salle XIX)**

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. **General debate continued on the theme of the High Level Segment (Salle XIX)**

Wednesday 5 July a.m./p.m. sessions

8:00 - 9:15 a.m. **Ministerial roundtable breakfasts (by invitation only):**

1. **“Employment creation and poverty reduction: The role of ICTs”** hosted by ILO and DESA (ILO Headquarters, 11th Floor Reception Area)
2. **“Expanding decent rural work opportunities: What role can secure land rights play?”** hosted by the International Land Coalition (Palais des Nations, Delegates Dining Room, 8th Floor, A Building, Lausanne Room 2)
3. **“Gender Dimensions of Labour Migration”** hosted by the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women/DESA, IOM and UNFPA (Palais des Nations, Delegates Dining Room, 8th Floor, A Building, Lausanne Room 1)

¹ See Annex 1

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. **Simultaneous roundtables on the theme of the High-level Segment**

1. Creating decent work opportunities with productivity growth (Salle XXVI)

Chair: To be confirmed

Co-Moderators: Mr. Jose Luis Machinea, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and

Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Director for Employment, ILO

Organizers: ILO, DESA, UNIDO

Panellists:

H.E. Mr. Membathisi Mdladlana, Minister of Labour of South Africa;

H.E. Mr. Aart-Jan de Geus, Minister for Social Affairs and Employment, the Netherlands;

H.E. Ambassador Walter Fust, Director General Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation;

Mr. Marc Blondel, Former General Secretary of Force Ouvriere, France;

Mr. Daniel Funes de Rioja, Vice-Chair of the ILO Governing Body and President of the Argentinian Employers Federation

2. Meeting the challenge of employment creation in Africa and the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) (Salle XXIV)

Chair: H.E. Mr. Seydou Bouda, Minister of Economy and Development, Burkina Faso

Co-Moderators: Mr Legwaila Joseph Legwaila, Under-Secretary-General of OSAA and **Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury**, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of UN-OHRLLS

Organizers: ECA, ESCAP, OSAA, OHLSS, ILO

Panellists:

H.E. Mr. Keat Chhon, Minister of Finance and the Economy, Cambodia;

H.E. Ms. Aisha Abdel Hadi, Chair of the African Union Labour and Social Affairs Commission and Minister of Manpower and Immigration of Egypt;

Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary of ECA;

Mr. Kim Hak-Su, Executive Secretary of ESCAP;

Mr. Alhaji Bamanga Tukur, President of the African Business Roundtable and Chairperson of the Business Group of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)

3. Globalization and labour migration (Salle XXV)

Chair: H.E. Mr. Athauda Seneviratne, Minister of Labour Relations and Foreign Employment, Sri Lanka

Co-Moderators: Mr. Brunson McKinley, Director General of IOM and **Mr. Juan Somavía**, Director General of ILO

Organizers: ILO, IOM, UN-HABITAT, UNCTAD, DESA, UNFPA, UNODC

Panellists:

H.E. Mr. Murat Basesgioglu, Minister of Employment and Social Security of Turkey;
Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary General of UNCTAD;
Ms. Anna Tibajuka, Executive Director, UN-HABITAT;
Mr. Vladimír Špidla European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunity;
Ms. Sharan Burrow, Member of the Global Commission on International Migration

4. Innovation at work: national strategies to achieve gender equality in employment (Salle XXIII)

Chair: **Ms. Nicole Ameline**, Special Ambassador for social and gender issues in international relations and Former Minister for Gender of France

Co-Moderators: **Ms. Rachael Mayanja**, Assistant Secretary General, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and **Ms. Mari Simonen**, Deputy Executive Director, UNFPA

Organizers: **DESA, UNIFEM, UNFPA, ILO**

Panellists:

Ms. Anne Kathrine Slungård, Marketing Director, Entra Real Estate and Chair, Statoil Board of Elections of Norway;

Ms. Shanti Chadha, Managing Director, Nepal Woman Crafts;

Ms. Barbara Byers, Executive Vice-President Canadian Labour Congress and Member of ILO Governing Body;

Ms. Awa Wade, Deputy General Secretary, National Union of Educators, Senegal

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| 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. | General debate continued on the theme of the High-Level Segment |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. | Keynote address by H.E. Mr. Alpha Oumar Konare, Chairman of the African Commission and former President of Mali |
| 3:15 – 6:00 p.m. | General debate continued on the theme of the High-Level Segment |
| 6:00 p.m. | Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration |

Annex 1

Side Events

Monday 3 July 2006 Informal Ministerial Roundtables in connection with the follow-up of the Outcome Document of the 2005 World Summit (para. 155)

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Informal Ministerial Roundtable on Annual Ministerial Reviews

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Informal Ministerial Roundtable on the Development Cooperation² Forum

Tuesday 4 July 2006

12:00 – 1:15 p.m. “Promoting decent work in an era of globalization”, Co-organized by the European Commission in cooperation with the Finnish Presidency of the European Union (**Salle XXVI**)

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Dialogue with the Secretary General’s High Level Panel on United Nations System Wide Coherence (**Salle XIX**)

Wednesday 5 July 2006

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Interactive Dialogue Luncheon on Employment and Decent Work with NGOs organized in partnership with NGO Liaison Office, Geneva, NGO Section, DESA and CONGO. The discussion will be based on the results of the 2-day NGO Forum on 29 and 20 June 2006 (Attendance by invitation only). Location to be confirmed at a later date.

The NGO Section DESA/ Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination is organizing a Ministerial Round Table luncheon meeting on “Sports as a Means to Support Local Economic Development and Job Creation” as part of this year’s High-Level Segment of the Economic and Social Council, which will be held on 5 July from 1-3 PM. The event is being co-sponsored by ‘Give them a Hand Foundation’. Delegates Dining Room, 8th Floor Building A, Salon Lausanne (by invitation only)

Other Events

Monday 3 July 2006

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Reception hosted by the ILO at ILO Headquarters

Tuesday 4 July 2006

6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Reception hosted by the Government of Switzerland

² See Annex 3

General Assembly Panel (Salle XX)

Tuesday 4 July 2006

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. General Assembly Panel on International Migration and Development chaired by H.E. Ambassador Ali Hachani in his capacity as Vice-President of the Sixtieth Session of the General Assembly and President of ECOSOC, arranged in accordance with Para. 18 of General Assembly Resolution 60/227 on International Migration and Development.

Annex 2

Informal Ministerial Roundtable
Annual Ministerial Review
Monday, 3 July 2006, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Salle XVIII

Presidency of the Economic and Social Council, Tunisia (Chair)
Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, USG for Economic and Social Affairs (Moderator)

Panellists

H.E. Mr. Keat Chhon, Minister of Finance and Economy, Cambodia

H.E. Mr. Mekonnen Manyazewal, State Minister for Finance and Economic Development, Ethiopia

Hon. Clyde Mascoll, Minister of State, Ministry of Finance, Barbados

Mr. Bruce Jenks, Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for Resources and Strategic Partnerships, UNDP

Mr. Richard Manning, Chair, OECD/DAC

Dr. Ian Goldin, Vice President, World Bank

Mr. Kim Hak-Su, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of UNESCAP

Format:

The Chair will open the roundtable with brief remarks (3 minutes) followed by an introduction by the Moderator (3-5 minutes). The Moderator's intention is to focus in particular on the national AMR reviews to make best use of Ministers' presence and to seek their guidance on what kind of contributions they are expecting from the AMR. Panellists are not expected to deliver prepared statements, but to participate in an inter-active dialogue. Written statements can however be submitted to ecosocinfo@un.org for posting onto the ECOSOC website. In his speakers' list the moderator will give preference to Ministers and high-level officials.

Other participants

Opportunities will be created for other roundtable participants to engage in the discussion. The moderator will summarize the issues raised during the discussion (5-7 minutes) and the chair will close the roundtable.

Annex 3

Informal Ministerial Roundtable The Biennial Development Cooperation Forum Salle XVIII

Monday, 3 July 2006, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Presidency of the Economic and Social Council, Tunisia (Chair)
Mr. Richard Manning, Chair, OECD/DAC (Moderator)

Panellists

H.E. Ms. Suhair Al-Ali, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, Jordan
H.E. Ambassador Walter Fust, Director-General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA
Mr. Bruce Jenks, Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for Resources and Strategic Partnerships, UNDP

Lead Discussant: **Ms. Annika Söder**, State Secretary for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Format

The Chair will open the Roundtable with brief remarks (3-5 minutes), followed by an introduction by the Moderator (3-5 minutes). Panellists will be informed that they are not expected to deliver prepared statements, but to participate in an interactive dialogue. Opportunities will also be created for other participants in the meeting to make brief contributions. At the end of the Roundtable, the Moderator will sum up the main findings and conclusions (5 minutes), followed by closing remarks by the Chair (3-5 minutes).

Other participants

Besides ECOSOC members, an invitation to participate in the Roundtable will be extended to a wide range of stakeholders, such as observer delegations, international financial institutions, UN funds, programmes and specialized agencies, regional development banks, UNDG, civil society and other relevant organizations.