

**Programme**  
**“The role of rural development in the achievement and implementation of internationally agreed development goals including those contained in the UN Millennium Declaration”**  
**UN headquarters, New York**  
**ECOSOC Chamber**  
**30 April 2003**

**Plenary**

- 9:45 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. Introduction by H.E. Ambassador Gert Rosenthal, President of ECOSOC.
- 9:55 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **UN system coordination for rural development.** A Chief Executives Board for Coordination / High-Level Committee on Programmes panel discussion with ECOSOC.  
Chair: Mr. Lennart Båge, President, IFAD;  
Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General, FAO;  
Mr. Ibrahim Gambari, Under Secretary General and Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General on Africa;  
Mr. Patrizio Civili, Assistant Secretary-General, UN DESA;  
Mr. Bruce Jenks, Director, Bureau for Resources and Strategic Partnerships, UNDP.

**Ministerial Roundtables**

- 11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Ministerial Roundtables on the following themes with the participation of Ministers, Heads of Delegations, Executive Heads of Agencies and members of civil society:
- 1) **Primary education and girls education in rural areas** (Conference Room 10).  
Co-chair: H.E. Ambassador Gert Rosenthal, President of ECOSOC;  
Co-chair: Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director, UNICEF;  
H.E. Ambassador Sheila Sisulu, Deputy Executive Director of WFP;  
Mr. Jones Kyazze, Representative of UNESCO to the United Nations;  
Ms. Ruth Kavuma, Chairperson of the Forum for African Women Educationalists.
  - 2) **Economics and rights: interconnections in the context of HIV/AIDS and feminized poverty** (Conference Room 5).  
Co-chair: H.E. Mr. Bram van Ojik, Ambassador for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands;  
Co-chair: Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director, UNIFEM;  
Dr. Nafis Sadik, Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General on HIV/AIDS in Asia;  
H.E. Ambassador Inonge Mbikusita-Lewanika, Republic of Zambia;  
Ms. Winnie Byanima, Member of Parliament, Uganda;  
Ms. Sissel Ekaas, Director, Women and Population Division, FAO.

- 3) **Population and reproductive health in the rural context as critical determinants in the achievement of MDG Targets** (ECOSOC Chamber).  
Chair: Ms. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director, UNFPA;  
Dr. Siswanto Wilopo, Deputy for Family Planning and Reproductive Health, Indonesia;  
Prof. Gita Sen, Institute of Management of Bangalore, India;  
Dr. Tomris Turmen, Executive Director, Family and Community Health Cluster, WHO;  
Mr. Pali Lehohla, Statistician-General of South Africa.
- 4) **Increasing productivity of rural work** (Conference Room 9).  
Chair: H.E. Ambassador Robert Guba Aisi, Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations;  
Mr. John Langmore, Director, ILO office in New York;  
Ms. Maria Elena Chavez, Deputy Director General, International Co-operative Alliance;  
Ms. Linda Deelen, Social Finance Programme, ILO;  
Mr. Terje Tessem, Employment-Intensive Investment Branch, ILO;  
Ms. Gemma Adaba, Representative, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

3:00-5:00 pm

- 5) **Role of agriculture and rural development in the eradication of hunger and poverty** (ECOSOC Chamber).  
Co-chair: H.E. Mr. Miguel von Hoegen, Minister and Secretary of the Secretariat for Planning and Programme of the Presidency of Guatemala;  
Co-chair: Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General, FAO;  
Moderator: Mr. Lennart Båge, President, IFAD;  
Mr. Ian Johnson, Vice-President for Sustainable Development, the World Bank;  
Mr. Peter Matlon, Deputy Director for Food Security, Rockefeller Foundation.
- 6) **Rural development and rural energy development** (Conference Room 5).  
Chair: H.E. Prof. Mesfin Abebe, Minister and Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister of Ethiopia;  
Moderator: Mr. Gustavo Ainchil, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Argentina to the UN;  
Mr. Jayrarao Gururaja, Senior Interregional Adviser on Energy, DESA;  
Ms. Susan McDade, Manager, Sustainable Energy Programme, UNDP;  
Mr. Cahit Gurkok, Director, Energy Branch, UNIDO;  
Ms. Johane Meagher, Managing Director, E7 Network Secretariat;  
Ms. Yvette Stevens, UN Special Coordinator for Africa.

- 7) **Commodities, markets and rural development** (Conference Room 10).  
Co-chair: H.E. Prof. Edward Rugumayo, Minister of Tourism, Trade and Industry of Uganda;  
Co-chair: Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Director, Division of Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, UNCTAD;  
H.E. Mr. John Richardson, Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to the UN;  
Mr. Nestor Osorio, Executive Director, International Coffee Organization;  
Ms. Margaret McMillan, Tufts University;  
Mr. Phil Twyford, Advocacy Director, OXFAM;  
Ms. Caroline Digby, Programme Director, International Council on Mining Metals.

5:00-6:00 pm – Reports back from the roundtables and closing statements by H.E. Ambassador Gert Rosenthal, President of ECOSOC; H.E. Mr. Miguel von Hoegen, Minister and Secretary of the Secretariat for Planning and Programme of the Presidency of Guatemala; H.E. Prof. Mesfin Abebe, Minister and Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister of Ethiopia; H.E. Prof. Edward Rugumayo, Minister of Tourism, Trade and Industry of Uganda; H.E. Ambassador Robert Guba Aisi, Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations; Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General of FAO; Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF; Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of UNIFEM; Ms. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director of UNFPA; Mr. Lennart Båge, President of IFAD; Mr. Ian Johnson, Vice-President of the World Bank.