

Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)  
Development Policy and Analysis Division (DPAD)

**Expert Group Meeting: “Macroeconomic challenges to development policies  
post-2015: lessons from recent country experiences”  
5-6 December, New York, UNHQ, S/15-22 and S/15-23**

**Agenda**

**DAY 1**

***Opening***

9:00 a.m. Welcoming remarks  
Shamshad Akhtar (ASG Economic Development, DESA)

***Session I: The global economy and challenges for achieving sustainable  
development goals***

Chair: Pingfan Hong (UN DESA, DPAD)

9:15 a.m. The state of the world economy. Motivation and objectives for the  
meeting  
Pingfan Hong (UN DESA, DPAD)

9:30 International financial fragility: challenges for long-term financing for  
sustainable development  
Stephany Griffith Jones (Columbia University, SIPA)

9:50 a.m. Q&A

10:05 a.m. The state of the world economy: macroeconomic implications for  
sustainable development in a post 2015 global agenda  
Yilmaz Akyuz (South Centre) - via teleconference

10:25 a.m. Q&A

10:40 a.m. Macroeconomics for inclusive and sustainable development  
Anisuzzaman Chowdhury (ESCAP) – via teleconference

11:00 a.m. Q&A

11:15 a.m. General debate

12:00 p.m. Lunch break (90 minutes)

***Session II: Financing challenges for human and sustainable development***

1:30 p.m. Chair: Diana Alarcon (DESA, DPAD)

- 1:40 p.m. Needs, sources and blended finance: messages from the UNTT working group on financing for sustainable development  
Oliver Schwank and David LeBlanc (UN DESA, FfDO/DSD)
- 2:00 p.m. Financing challenges for human development and macroeconomic trade-offs  
Marco Sanchez (UN DESA, DPAD)
- 2:20 p.m. Coherent policies for sustainable development: macroeconomic and structural constraints  
Eduardo Zepeda (UN DESA, DPAD)
- 2:40 p.m. Discussion
- 3:30 p.m. Coffee Break (20 minutes)

***Session III: Recent macroeconomic trends in emerging economies and implications for development***

- 3:50 p.m. Chair: Diana Alarcon (DESA, DPAD)
- 4:00 p.m. Country study: Brazil  
Eustáquio Reis (Institute of Applied Economic Research, Brazil)
- 4:20 p.m. Country study: China  
Qijia Wei (Economic Forecast Department, State Information Center, China)
- 4:40 p.m. Country Study: India  
Nagapudi Bhanumurthy (National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, India)
- 5:00 p.m. Discussion
- 5:45 p.m. End of day 1
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**DAY 2**

***Opening***

- 9:00 a.m. Introduction and welcome  
Marie Oveissi (UN DESA, Capacity Development Office)

***Session I: Lessons from countries' formulation of MDG strategies***

- 9:15 a.m. Chair: Hans Lofgren (World Bank, Development Prospects Group)
- 9:20 a.m. Introduction to the modeling framework

Marco Sanchez (UN DESA, DPAD)

- 9:40 a.m. Country study: Kyrgyzstan  
Roman Mogilevskii (University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan)
- 10:00 a.m. Country study: Uganda  
Peter Richens (Planning and Economic Development of The Republic of Uganda)
- 10:20 a.m. Country study: Philippines  
Roehlano M. Briones (Philippine Institution for Development Studies)
- 10:40 a.m. Coffee break (15 minutes)
- 10:55 a.m. Country study: Nicaragua (session 1 continued)  
Marvin Miranda (Financial Analysis Office, Central Bank of Nicaragua)
- 11:15 a.m. Country study: Bolivia  
Roberto Carlos Sevillano Cordero (Monetary and Exchange Sector Social and Economic Policy Analysis Unit, UDAPE)
- 11:35 a.m. Discussion
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch (90 minutes)

***Session II: Integrated discussion on findings and recommendations***

- 2:00 p.m. Chair: Eduardo Zepeda (UN DESA, DPAD)
- 2:15 p.m. Overview of lessons learned and the way forward (15 minutes each)  
David O'Connor (UN DESA, DSD)  
Hans Lofgren (World Bank, Development Prospects Group)  
Elliot Harris (UNEP)  
Hamid Rashid (UN DESA, DPAD)
- 3:15 p.m. Open discussion
- 4:15 p.m. Adjourn