

**PANEL DISCUSSION OF THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS AND
OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE ECOSOC**

7 July, 3-6pm, ECOSOC Chamber.

Like previous years, the Bureau of ECOSOC is planning to organize a panel discussion of the Chairpersons of the Functional Commissions and other subsidiary bodies of the Council. The discussions will focus on how these intergovernmental bodies are contributing to the implementation of the internationally agreed development goals and to the work of ECOSOC in promoting integrated and coordinated implementation.

Over the last four years, the Bureau of the Economic and Social Council has been holding annual meetings with the Chairpersons of the Functional Commissions and other subsidiary bodies. These meetings provide an opportunity to have a dialogue on challenges and opportunities encountered by the Commissions and other subsidiary bodies in monitoring the implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the Millennium Summit and in promoting an integrated and coordinated approach to the process of implementation.

Objectives

The panel discussion will provide an opportunity to:

- a) review the contribution of the Commissions and the other subsidiary bodies in achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration;
- b) strengthen the contributions of the subsidiary bodies in advancing the Council's effort in promoting a coordinated and integrated follow up and implementation of the conferences' outcomes;
- c) ways to promote thematic coherence in the work of the Council and Commissions;
- d) improvements in the methods of work of the Commissions as requested in the UN General Assembly resolution 57/270B.

Participants

The participants will include the Chairpersons of the Functional Commissions and other subsidiary bodies of the Council. Each of them will make a short presentation, which will be followed by an interactive dialogue.