



United Nations Economic and Social Council

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Informal Preparatory Meeting on the Theme of the 2006 High-Level Segment of ECOSOC

"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"

*4-5 April 2006
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#### Tuesday, 4 April 2006

**MORNING**      **ECOSOC Chamber**

**10:00-10:30**      **Opening Statement by H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani, President of the Economic and Social Council, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations**

**Statement by Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs**

**10:30 – 1:00**      **Roundtable 1: Growth and employment: Creating a national environment conducive to full and productive employment and decent work**

This roundtable will address national-level experiences and policy recommendations to achieve the right trade-offs between equality and growth, between productivity and employment and between the quality and quantity of work.

**Chair:** H.E. Mr. Hjálmar W. Hannesson, Vice-President of ECOSOC, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations.

**Moderator:** Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Director, Employment Sector, ILO.

**Organizers:** ILO, DESA, World Bank, WHO

**Participants:** Mr. Helmut Schwarzer, Secretary of Social Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs of Brazil; H.E. Dr. Hernán Sandoval, Ambassador of Chile to France, and Member of WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health. Mr. Milivoje Panic, Fellow of Selwyn College, University of Cambridge; Mr. Robert Holzmann, Sector Director, Social Protection, Human Development Network, World Bank; Mr. Peter Fallon, Deputy Division Chief, Policy Development and Review Department, IMF; Mr. Peter Bakvis, Director, Washington Office of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU);

**Discussant:** Dr. Irfan ul Haque, Consultant to South Centre.

**AFTERNOON ECOSOC Chamber**

**3:00 – 3:45**      **Keynote address on the role of enterprise development in promoting decent work** by Ms. Jacqueline Coke-Lloyd, Executive Director, Jamaica Employers Federation

**3:45 – 5:45**      **Roundtable 2: An integrated global agenda to achieve full and productive employment and decent work**

This roundtable will address policy coherence issues, in particular with regard to trade, aid, investment, debt relief and technology that could lend support for the effective implementation of national policies to ensure full, productive employment and decent work.

**Chair:** H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani, President of the Economic and Social Council, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations

**Moderator:** Mr. Sergio M. Miranda-da-Cruz, Director, Strategic Research and Economics Branch, UNIDO

**Organizers:** ILO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, UNDP

**Participants:** Ms. Nilufer Cagatay, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Utah; Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Officer-in-Charge, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD; Mr. Kamal Malhotra, Senior Adviser on Inclusive Globalization, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP; Ms. Jo Marie Griesgraber, Executive Director, New Rules for Global Finance Coalition.

**Discussant:** Ms. Ronnie Goldberg, Executive Vice President, United States Council for International Business.

**Wednesday, 5 April 2006**

**MORNING**

**10:00 – 10:45**     **Keynote address on social protection for the working poor** by Dr. Arjun Sengupta, Member of Parliament of India and Chairman of the Centre for Development and Human Rights, New Delhi (**ECOSOC Chamber**).

**10:45 – 1:00**     **SIMULTANEOUS ROUNDTABLES**

**Roundtable 3: Increasing employment opportunities and productivity of labor for low income groups in rural and urban areas (ECOSOC Chamber)**

This roundtable will look at ways to maximize the employment potential of the informal economy in rural and urban areas by addressing how microenterprises in agriculture, trade and services could be upgraded to small and medium enterprises, and ways of increasing the productivity and income of small farmers and agricultural and agroforestry labourers.

**Chair:** H.E. Mr. Léo Mérorés, Vice-President of ECOSOC, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Haiti to the United Nations.

**Moderator:** Ms. Azita Berar-Awad, Director, Employment Policy Department, ILO.

**Organizers:** ILO, FAO, UN-HABITAT, DESA, UNESCO

**Participants:** Mr. David Kaimowitz, Director-General Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Indonesia; Ms. Leiria Vay García, President, Association of Farmers Development Committees (CODECA), Guatemala; Ms. Gemma Adaba, Representative to the United Nations, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU).

**Roundtable 4: Working out of Crises (Trusteeship Council Chamber)**

This roundtable will address recommendations on how best to foster social and economic recovery using employment in countries emerging from conflict and those recovering from natural disasters.

**Chair:** H.E. Mr. Dalius Cekuolis, Vice-President of ECOSOC and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Lithuania.

**Moderator:** H.E. Mr. Augustine Mahiga, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations.

**Organizers:** UNDP, ILO, OSAA, World Bank, UNHCR

**Participants:** Mr. Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah, Special Representative of the Secretary General for West Africa, UNOWA; Mr. Eric Schwartz, Deputy Special Envoy for Tsunami; Mr. Miguel Bermeo, Resident Coordinator, Sri Lanka; Mr. John Ohiorhenuan, Deputy Assistant Administrator and Senior

Deputy Director, Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, UNDP  
**Discussant:** Mr. Christopher Lamb, Special Adviser, International Relations,  
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

## **AFTERNOON**

**3:00 – 3:45**      **Keynote address on human rights in the workplace by Ms. Sharan Burrow, President of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and President of Australian Confederation of Trade Unions (ECOSOC Chamber)**

**3:45 – 5:45**      **SIMULTANEOUS ROUNDTABLES**

**Roundtable 5: Promoting full and productive employment and decent work for women and young people (ECOSOC Chamber)**

This roundtable will address recommendations on ways to improve opportunities for women and young people in the labour market.

**Chair:** H.E. Mr. Johan C. Verbeke, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations.

**Moderator:** Ms. Mari Simonen, Deputy-Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

**Organizers:** ILO, DESA, UNIFEM, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank

**Participants:** Professor Martha Chen, Lecturer in Public Policy, Harvard University; Dr. Kanchana N. Ruwanpura, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Hobart and William Smith Colleges; Mr. Antonius Budi Tjahjono, Rapporteur for the Youth, Consultative Group (YCG) of the Youth Employment Network; Mr. Robert Holzmann, Sector Director, Social Protection, Human Development Network, World Bank;

**Discussant:** Ms. Barbara Byers, Executive Vice-President, Canadian Labour Congress.

**Roundtable 6: The challenge of globalization - labour migration (Trusteeship Council Chamber)**

This roundtable will address the challenges of the migration of labour in the context of capacity constraints of many developing countries and make recommendations that could contribute to the High Level Dialogue on Migration in September 2006.

**Chair:** H.E. Mr. Prasad Kariyawasam, Vice-President of ECOSOC, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations

**Moderator:** Mr. Ibrahim Awad, Director, ILO International Migration Programme.

**Organizers:** ILO, IOM, UNITAR, OHRLLS, UN-HABITAT, UNCTAD, UNFPA, UNODC

**Participants:** Mr. Dirk Bruinsma, Deputy Secretary General, UNCTAD; Dr. Atif Kubursi, Professor of Economics, McMaster University; Prof. Marcello Balbo, Professor of Urban Planning, University of Venice; Mrs. Sharan Burrow, Member of the Global Commission on Migration.

**Lead Discussant:** Ms. Irena Omelaniuk, Migration Adviser, Development Prospects Group, World Bank

**5:45 – 6:00**

**Closing remarks by H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani, President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC Chamber**