



Working agenda
Regional multi-stakeholder consultation on
“Financing access to basic utilities for all”

**Friedrich Ebert Foundation in cooperation with the Financing for Development
Office and the International Poverty Centre, UNDP**

(Hotel Inter-Continental Lusaka, Zambia, 23-25 April 2007)

Monday, 23 April 2007

08.30 a.m. Official Registration

09.00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

Gerd Botterweck, Resident Director, Friedrich Ebert Foundation Zambia

Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)

Terry McKinley, Acting Director, International Poverty Centre, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Birgit Pickel, Head of Development Co-operation, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

9.30 a.m. Keynote Speech:

The Hon. Felix Mutati, Minister for Energy and Water Development, Zambia

Coffee Break

1st Session **10.00 a.m. - 10.45 a.m.**

The goal of the 2006-2007 multi-stakeholder consultations on financing access to basic utilities for all

- Financing access to basic utilities for all - where do we stand?
- Purpose of multi-stakeholder consultations
- Brief presentation of background paper and previous meeting reports

Presenters: **Frank Schroeder**, Senior Economist, Friedrich Ebert Foundation New York

Daniel Platz, Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Development Office, UN-DESA

[“Outcome of the first regional multi-stakeholder consultation on “Financing access to basic utilities for all”](#)

2nd Session 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Mobilizing finance: Stable and predictable financing mechanisms for utility providers at all levels

- Financing options at the national and international level
 - Multilateral and bilateral development aid
 - Debt instruments at the national and international level
 - Increasing government revenue – tax administration and policies
- Financing options at the state and municipal level
 - Fiscal transfers and the role of conditionalities
 - Development banks
 - Pooled financing arrangements
- Financing options at the community/village level
 - Microfinance institutions
 - Utility credit schemes and other mechanisms
 - Leveraging local resources

Presenters: **Sam Gongu**, Manager, Devolution Trust Fund (DTF), Zambia
“Mobilizing Finance: The Zambian Experience”

Reginald Max, Managing Director, Rand Water, South Africa
“Mobilising local finance: Stable and predictable financing mechanisms for utility providers”

Peter Akari, Chief Water Policy Officer, African Water Facility, African Development Bank (AfDB)
“The Experience of the African Development Bank and the African Water Facility”

Facilitator: **Jomo Kwame Sundaram**, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)

1.00 p.m. Lunch

3rd Session 3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Macroeconomic factors to be taken into account

- Public sector concerns
 - Possible macroeconomic implications of aid inflows
 - Implications of financial market liberalization
 - Policy space
- Risks
 - Exchange rate, interest rate, inflation and regulatory risk
- The role of monetary and fiscal policy
 - Inflation targeting
 - Exchange rate and interest rate policies

Presenters: **Jomo Kwame Sundaram**, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)

Terry McKinley, International Poverty Centre, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
“The Macroeconomics of Financing Basic Utilities for All”

Danies K. Chisenda, Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Zambia
“Taxation and Infrastructure Financing”

Facilitator: **Frank Schroeder**, Senior Economist, Friedrich Ebert Foundation New York

Tuesday, 24 April 2007

1st Session **9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.**

Ensuring sustainable access for the poor through internal revenue generation – electricity

- Minimizing costs
 - Identifying priority needs of the poor
 - Increasing efficiency
- Recovering costs
 - Appropriate tariff structures
 - Consumption, access, and cross-subsidy mechanisms
- Beyond cost recovery: allocating state revenue to utilities
 - Participatory budget planning
 - Fiscal Space

Presenters: **Callixte Kambanda**, Executive Secretary, Eastern Africa Power Pool (EAPP), Ethiopia
“Ensuring sustainable access to electricity for the poor through internal revenue generation”

Moses Zulu, Director of Finance, Zambia Electricity Supply Cooperation (ZESCO), Zambia
“Ensuring sustainable access to electricity for the poor through internal revenue generation”

Facilitator: **Daniel Platz**, Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Development Office, UN-DESA

Coffee Break

2nd Session **11.15 a.m.- 1.00 p.m.**

Ensuring sustainable access for the poor through internal revenue generation - water & sanitation

- Minimizing costs
 - Identifying priority needs of the poor

- Increasing efficiency
- Recovering costs
 - Appropriate tariff structures
 - Consumption, access, and cross-subsidy mechanisms
- Beyond cost recovery: allocating state revenue to utilities
 - Participatory budget planning
 - Fiscal Space

Presenters: **Kelvin Chitumbo**, Chief Inspector, National Water Supply and Sanitation Council (NWASCO), Zambia
 “Ensuring sustainable access for the poor through internal revenue generation – Water & Sanitation”

William Tsimwa Muhairwe, Managing Director, National Water and Sewerage Corporation, Kampala, Uganda
 “The Case of National Water and Sewerage Corporation”

Facilitator: **Evariste Koussi-Komlam**, Programme Officer, Regional Center for Water and Sanitation, Burkina Faso

1.00 p.m.- 2.30 p.m. Lunch

3rd Session

2.30 p.m.- 4.00 p.m

General conclusions, policy recommendations and action-oriented proposals

Wednesday, 25 April 2007

09.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Public Forum on “Financing access to basic utilities for all”

During the public forum participants will present their general conclusions, policy recommendations and concrete proposals to high-level government representatives, the broader public and media in an open plenary session.

Panelists for the Plenary Session:

- **Terry McKinley**, International Poverty Centre, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- **William T. Muhairwe**, Managing Director, National Water and Sewerage Corporation, Kampala, Uganda
- **Sam Gongu**, Manager, Devolution Trust Fund (DTF), Zambia
- **Kelvin Chitumbo**, Chief Inspector, National Water Supply and Sanitation Council (NWASCO), Zambia
- **Moses Zulu**, Director of Finance, Zambia Electricity Supply Cooperation (ZESCO), Zambia

Moderator: **Father Peter Henriot, Director, Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection**

(JCTR), Zambia