



The President  
of the  
Economic and Social Council

19 March 2008

Excellency,

Further to my letter of 29 February 2008 regarding the substantive focus of the Special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to be held on 14 April 2008, please find attached a tentative programme of this event.

The format of the meeting will include a short opening plenary meeting (from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.) with brief statements by the heads of relevant intergovernmental bodies and other senior officials plus a presentation (from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m.) by the World Bank on the *Global Monitoring Report*, followed by three simultaneous multi-stakeholder roundtable discussions (from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) on the following topics:

1. *New initiatives on financing for development;*
2. *Supporting development efforts and enhancing the role of middle-income countries, including in the area of trade;*
3. *Supporting development efforts of the least developed countries, including through trade capacity-building.*

After a lunch break, the afternoon session would feature consecutively a thematic debate (from 3:00 to 4:25 p.m.) on "*Building and sustaining solid financial markets: challenges for international cooperation*" and a special event (from 4:25 to 5:50 p.m.) on "*Financing of climate change mitigation and adaptation*". Each of these segments will begin with keynote presentations and will include an informal interactive dialogue among all participants. My brief closing remarks will conclude the meeting.

A renewed effort will be made to promote strict adherence to the meeting schedule and time limits for interventions, in order to stimulate more interactive dialogue in the round tables and the afternoon plenary among all participants, including representatives of civil society and the business sector.

For further information and regular updates, including co-chairs of the round tables, lead discussants and keynote speakers, please consult the Financing for Development website at [www.un.org/esa/ffd](http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Léo Mérorès

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To: ECOSOC Members

**Special High-Level Meeting of ECOSOC with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development  
(New York, Monday, 14 April 2008)**

**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

Overall theme:     *"Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, including new challenges and emerging issues"*

- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.     Opening of the meeting (ECOSOC Chamber)
- Welcome remarks by the President of ECOSOC, H.E. Mr. Léo Mérorès, Permanent Representative of Haiti to the United Nations
  - Opening address by H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Statements by Intergovernmental Representatives:
- Chairperson, Development Committee
  - Chairperson, International Monetary and Financial Committee
  - Chairperson, General Council, WTO
  - President, Trade and Development Board, UNCTAD
- 10:30 – 10:50 a.m.     Presentation by the World Bank on the *Global Monitoring Report*
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Break-up into three simultaneous multi-stakeholder round tables
- Round Table A:  
*"New initiatives on financing for development"*
- Round Table B:  
*"Supporting development efforts and enhancing the role of middle-income countries, including in the area of trade"*
- Round Table C:  
*"Supporting development efforts of the least developed countries, including through trade capacity-building"*
- 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.     Luncheon hosted by the President of ECOSOC, with the participation of the Secretary-General (by invitation)
- 3:00 p.m.             Reconvene in ECOSOC Chamber
- 3:00 – 4:25 p.m.     Thematic debate  
*"Building and sustaining solid financial markets: challenges for international cooperation"*
- 4:25 – 5:50 p.m.     Special event  
*"Financing of climate change mitigation and adaptation"*
- 5.50 – 6:00 p.m.     Closing of the meeting
- Concluding remarks by the President of ECOSOC
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