



**Economic and Social Council  
Forum on Financing for Development follow-up  
(Trusteeship Council Chamber, 23-26 April 2018)**

***Draft Programme***

*The ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up (FfD Forum) was established in accordance with the 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda (Addis Agenda), in recognition of the need for a dedicated follow-up to and review of the financing for development (FfD) outcomes as well as the means of implementation (MoIs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda). The FfD Forum is held annually at the United Nations Headquarters in New York with universal intergovernmental participation. The FfD Forum assesses progress, identifies obstacles and challenges to the implementation of the FfD outcomes and the delivery of the MoIs of the Sustainable Development Goals. It also promotes the sharing of lessons learned from experiences at the national and regional levels, addresses new and emerging topics of relevance and provides policy recommendations for action by the international community. It results in intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations that are transmitted to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.*

**Ministerial Segment**

**23 April 2018**

- 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.    Opening of the meeting**
- President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
  - President of the General Assembly
  - Secretary-General of the United Nations
  - Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
  - President, World Bank Group (WBG)
  - Director-General, World Trade Organisation (WTO)
- 10:45 - 11:00 a.m.    Key note address by a renowned government, business or opinion leader on the global context and mega trends**
- 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.    Launch of the 2018 Report of the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development: Progress and prospects**
- Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, and Chair of the Inter-agency Task Force (IATF) on Financing for Development

- Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (*on behalf of five regional commissions*)

**11:45 a.m. –**

**1:00 p.m.**

**General Debate**

Statements by ministers

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Lunch break

**3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Ministerial Round Tables**

*The ministerial round tables will be guided by paragraph 131 of General Assembly resolution 69/313 on the “Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development”, which states that the FfD follow-up process should promote the sharing of lessons learned from experiences at the national and regional levels. Each round table will bring together a balanced mix of ministers from developed and developing countries, one high-level representative from an international financial or trade institution from within and outside the UN system, and high-level representatives from civil society and the private sector.*

**3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Ministerial Round Table 1**

**4:30 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Ministerial Round Table 2**

**24 April 2018**

**Special High-level Meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development**

*As mandated by the Addis Agenda, the FfD Forum includes a one-day Special High-level Meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, WTO and UNCTAD. The Special High-level Meeting provides an opportunity for respective institutions to share information on their key policy processes and decisions so as to improve mutual understanding of respective priorities and keep the follow-up to the FfD outcomes coordinated and coherent. It will include ministerial and interactive dialogues.*

**10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Ministerial Round Table 3**

**11:30 a.m. –**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Ministerial Round Table 4**

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

Luncheon hosted by the President of ECOSOC on the topic “*Manufacturing and competitiveness*” (by invitation)

**3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Interactive dialogue with intergovernmental bodies of major institutional stakeholders**

*The interactive dialogue, as part of the Special High-level Meeting, engages United Nations Ambassadors and Executive Directors of the Bretton Woods institutions and representatives of WTO and UNCTAD intergovernmental bodies in a focused discussion on the coherence, coordination and cooperation in the follow-up to the FfD outcomes as well as systemically important themes selected jointly by the institutions involved.*

**Statements by intergovernmental representatives**

- President of ECOSOC
- Chair, Development Committee, WBG
- Chair, International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC)
- Chair, General Council, WTO
- President, Trade and Development Board, UNCTAD

**Opening remarks:**

- Dean of the Board of Executive Directors, WBG
- Dean of the Executive Board, IMF

**Interactive discussions**

**Topic 1: “Disaster risk and resilience”**

**Topic 2: “Taxation in the digitalized economy”**

**Closing remarks:**

- President of ECOSOC

**5:00 – 5:15 p.m. Presentation and adoption of the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations**

**5:15 – 8:00 p.m. General Debate**  
Statements by ministers and high-level officials

**Expert Segment**

**25 April 2018**

**Thematic Round Tables**

*Each round table will cover one or two action areas of the Addis Agenda and discuss: (i) progress and gaps in the implementation of financing for development outcomes; (ii) policy recommendations for corrective actions; as well as (iii) new challenges and emerging issues. Round tables will bring together two expert-level officials from Member States, one or two experts from international financial and trade institutions from within and outside the UN*

*system, and representatives from civil society and/or the private sector. Presentations will be followed by an interactive dialogue.*

- 10:00 –11:30 a.m.**      **Round Table A:**  
***“Domestic public resources” (Action area A)***
- 11:30 a.m. –**  
**1:00 p.m.**                **Round Table B:**  
***“Domestic and international private business and finance”***  
***(Action area B)***
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.        Lunch break
- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**      **Round Table C:**  
***“Trade, science, technology, innovation and capacity-building”***  
***(Action areas D and G)***
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**      **Stakeholder Dialogue**

*In addition to stakeholder participation throughout the Forum, this interactive dialogue will provide space, within the Forum's formal programme, for non-institutional stakeholders, such as civil society, the business sector and local authorities, to interact directly with Member States to discuss progress made on commitments contained in the Addis Agenda and to highlight the ways in which non-institutional stakeholders are supporting the implementation of the Addis Agenda.*

## **26 April 2018**

- 10:00-11:30**            **Round Table D:**  
***“International public resources” (Action area C)***
- 11:30 a.m. –**  
**1:00 p.m.**                **Round Table E:**  
***“Debt and systemic issues” (Action areas E and F)***
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.        Lunch break
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**      **Emerging issues and challenges: financial needs of countries in special situations**
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**      **Emerging issues and challenges: gender dimension**
- 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.**      **General Debate**
- 5:45 – 6:00 p.m.**      **Closing of the meeting**
- Adoption of the procedural report of the FfD Forum
  - Closing remarks the President of ECOSOC