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Financing for Development Office

**Consultation on
Policy Options for dealing with the Impact of the Financial Crisis on the
External Debt of Developing Countries**

13 November 3-6 p.m.

United Nations, Palais des Nations, E-Building, Room XXVII, Geneva

The fragile global economic and financial environment since the onset of the crisis a year ago has had a perceptible impact on the real economy of developing economies with limited availability of resources to combat the crisis and finance development. The gaps in the working of the international financial architecture for debt can compound this problem. This consultation is part of a series of meetings organized by the Financing for Development Office to consult stakeholders on issues related to the debt of developing countries where new issues are emerging as a result of the crisis. The consultation begins with opening remarks by experts in the field to initiate the discussion and have an interactive discussion with participants.

Panelists include:

Mr. Martin Khor:

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Chief, International Finance, Debt and Systemic Issues Unit, Financing for Development Office, DESA, New York (Moderator).

All are invited to attend. For further information contact Ms. Benu Schneider at schneiderb@un.org.