UNECE FfD Regional Consultation Expert Meeting  
May 13, 2008  
Palais des Nations, Salle VIII

9:30 Opening Welcome, Overview of the FfD Process, the Regional Consultations, and an Outline of the Day’s Event - Marek Belka, Executive Secretary, UNECE

9:40 Introduction of the experts with a 5 minutes (maximum) introduction by each of who they are and on what important issues that they will be focusing on today

10:20 Overview of the UNECE Secretariat and its member States views of the important issues that need to be addressed – Robert Shelburne, UNECE

10:30 Mobilizing Domestic Resources  
Human resources: increasing employment and the quality of the labor force  
Mobilizing women’s potential, Discussion led by Ewa Ruminska-Zimny, UNECE  
Improving domestic savings and financial intermediation  
Improving governance  
Distribution

11:15 Attracting and Using International Capital and other Financial Resources  
Is the transition economies’ reliance on foreign capital a sign of success or failure? Discussion led by Christopher Rosenberg, IMF

Is FDI really increasing capital formation?

Is there an unproductive race to the bottom in corporate tax rates?

Remittances and migration: a major financial flow in the region basically unaddressed in the Monterrey Consensus. Discussion led by Robert Shelburne, UNECE

12:00 Trade  
WTO accession for south-east Europe and CIS  
Completion of the WTO Doha “Development” Round  
The role of regional preferential trade agreements

12:45 Lunch at the DSR rooftop restaurant of the Palais des Nations

2:30 Financial Aid and Technical Cooperation  
Contractor Report of Dr. Pietras on, “The Lessons from Using EU Funds that Can Be Applied to Development Assistance”

2:50 Discussion of Dr. Pietras’ Conclusions

3:00 The Role of Middle Income Countries as New Donors and Challenges of Aid Effectiveness, Discussion led by Daniel Hanspach, UNDP
3:30 External Debt

3:50 Enhancing the Coherence of the International Economic System
   Have the international organizations become more representative?
   Has the international economic system become more development
   friendly?
   Has coherence improved amongst the international development and
   financial organizations?

4:45 New Issues (may also covered in respective sessions)
   The Environment- Global Warming
   The Sovereign Wealth Funds- What are the best practices, and do they
   require a code of conduct?
   The Food Crisis

5:15 Final Conclusions

5:30 End

Participants

Confirmed

Marek Belka, Executive Secretary, UNECE
Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, UN-New York
Daniel Hanspach, Emerging Donors Policy Specialist, UNDP-Europe and the CIS
Heiner Flassbeck, Director of Globalization and Development Strategies Division,
   UNCTAD
Hans-Peter Lankes, Deputy Chief Economist, European Bank for Reconstruction and
   Development
Moazam Mahmood, Senior Technical Specialist, Policy Integration Department, ILO
Jaroslaw Pietras, Faculty of Economics, Warsaw University (former Deputy Finance
   Minister of Poland and Head of the Polish Office for European Integration)
Tibor Palankai, Director of European Studies, Corvinus University of Budapest
Shishir Priyadarshi, Director of Development Division, WTO
Christopher Rosenberg, Senior Regional Representative for Central Europe and the
   Baltics, International Monetary Fund
Ewa Ruminska-Zimny, Senior Social Affairs Officer & Head of Gender Programme,
   UNECE
Robert Shelburne, Senior Economist, UNECE