

## SIXTH HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

## Informal interactive dialogue

"The link between financing for development and achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and advancing the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015"

8 October 2013, 3 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Trusteeship Council Chamber

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

**Chair:** President of the General Assembly

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. *Presentations by:* 

**Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya,** High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

**Mr. Olav Kjørven**, Special Adviser to the UNDP Administrator on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**Mr. Daniel Titelman,** Director, Financing for Development Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

4 p.m. – 5.45 p.m. *Interactive discussion* 

## **Biographical Notes**

Gyan Chandra Acharya (Nepal) was appointed Under Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) in September 2012. Prior to that, as the Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations, Mr. Acharya served as Chair of the Global Coordination Bureau of the Group of Least Developed Countries, contributing to the successful conclusion of the 4<sup>th</sup> UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries. He was also closely involved in the 2010 MDG mid-term review process and the Rio+20 Conference. He was also a member of the Bureau of Landlocked Developing Countries and was elected Chair of the Commission on Social Development. From 2010 to 2011 he served as Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission's Working Group on Lessons Learned. Prior to that, Ambassador Acharya was Foreign Secretary with the Government of Nepal (2007-2009), Permanent Representative to the United Nations and the World Trade Organization in Geneva (2003-2007), Spokesman of the Foreign Ministry (1999-2002) and Joint Secretary (Director-General) responsible for South Asia, Europe and the Americas and Regional Organizations, Economic Relations and Coordination Divisions (1998-2003).

Olav Kjørven became the Special Adviser to the UNDP Administrator on the Post-2015 Development Agenda in UNDP's Bureau for Development Policy (BDP) in October 2013. Prior to that, he was Assistant Secretary-General and Director of BDP where he lead UNDP's substantive contribution to accelerating progress towards the MDGs and advancing the Post-2015 agenda. He was a senior advisor to the Secretary-General on the Sustainable Energy For All initiative and is also leading the UN's engagement with the G20 Development Working Group. Prior to that, Mr. Kjørven was the head of UNDP's Environment and Energy Group for two years. His previous positions include: State Secretary for International Development with the Government of Norway (2001-2005); Director of International Development at the ECON Centre for Economic Analysis, an applied economics research and consulting firm in Oslo (2000-2001); political adviser to Norway's Minister of International Development and Human Rights (1997-2000); and Environmental Specialist with the World Bank (1992-1997). He holds a Master of Arts in International Affairs from George Washington University.

Daniel Titelman is the Director of the Financing for Development Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Before that he was the coordinator of the Special Studies Unit of the Executive Secretary at ECLAC, and expert on Monetary and Financial Policies. He studied economics at the University of Los Andes in Colombia and made doctoral studies in economics at the Latin American Faculty of Social Science. He has a long and substantive experience in Macroeconomics and Financial issues and has published numerous papers on these subjects. He has also worked in issues related to financing and social security, particularly in health and pension reforms. He has participated in the elaboration of many institutional ECLAC reports on issues related to the macroeconomic, financing for development and social protection. He has also provided technical assistance to various countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.