

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

Round table 2

"Mobilization of public and private financing, including foreign direct investment and other private flows, and fostering international trade and sustainable debt financing, in the context of financing for development"

8 October 2013, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. ECOSOC Chamber

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Chair: H.E. Mr. Jeremiah Nyamane Kingsley Mamabolo, Permanent

Representative of South Africa to the United Nations

10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Presentations by:

Mr. Mansur Muhtar, Co-Chair, Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, and Executive Director, World Bank Group, Washington, DC

Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, United Nations

Mr. Erik Berglöf, Chief Economist and Special Adviser to the President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Ms. Renate Hahlen, Head of Unit, Aid and Development Effectiveness and Financing, Directorate General for Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid, European Commission, Brussels

Mr. Bruce Greenwald, Robert Heilbrunn Professor of Finance and Asset Management, Columbia Business School

11:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. Interactive discussion

Biographical Notes

Mansur Muhtar (Nigeria) is the Co-Chair of the UN Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing and Executive Director on the Board of the World Bank Group. He has previously served as the Minister of Finance in the Federal Republic of Nigeria (2008 to 2010), as Executive Director of the African Development Bank (2007-2008) and as Director-General of Nigeria's Debt Management Office (2003-2007). Prior to that, he taught in the Economics Department of Bayero University (Kano) and worked as an Economist in the World Bank headquarters for about ten years. Mr. Muhtar holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Sussex. He is also an alumnus of Ahmadu Bello University (Zaria) and the University of Cambridge, U.K. Mr. Muhtar is a recipient of the Nigeria National Honours Award, Officer of the Federal Republic (OFR) for contribution to national development.

Shamshad Akhtar was appointed by the Secretary-General as his Senior Adviser on Economic Development and Finance and Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development at DESA in 2012. She previously served as Governor of the Central Bank of Pakistan and recently as Vice President of the Middle East and North Africa Region of the World Bank. As Governor, Dr. Akhtar served as Chairperson of the Central Bank Board and its affiliates and as Governor of the IMF. She was recognized internationally for the conduct of the bank, which was restructured significantly, the introduction of an analytical framework for monetary policy, and the development of a ten-year-vision for the finance industry. In the World Bank she spearheaded the Bank's response to the Arab Spring and the Arab regional integration strategy and implementation. Previously she served the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as Special Senior Advisor to the President and as the bank's Director General of the East Asia region.

Erik Berglöf is the Chief Economist and Special Adviser to the President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). He has regularly provided advice to national governments and international institutions including the IMF, the World Bank and OECD. Prior to joining the EBRD in 2006, Mr. Berglöf held the position of Director of the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics (SITE), was the founder and President of the Centre for Economic and Financial Research (CEFIR) in Moscow, and was Programme Director at the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) in London. He is currently a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, Board Member and Research Fellow of the European Corporate Governance Institute and a Board Member of the New Economic School in Moscow and the Institute for New Economic Thinking in New York, and Trustee of the Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation. He previously held various academic positions and in 2013 was awarded the Leontief Medal "for contributions to economic reform".

Renate Hahlen is the Acting Head of Unit "Aid and Development Effectiveness and Financing" at the European Commission, Directorate General Development and Cooperation. As such, she leads the Commission work on Financing for Development and closely follows related international processes. She is responsible for the annual EU Accountability Report, which monitors progress of the EU and its Member States towards fulfilling established financing commitments. The European Commission also steers coordination and consensus-building among the EU Member States and makes proposals for common EU approaches and positions.

Bruce C. N. Greenwald holds the Robert Heilbrunn Professorship of Finance and Asset Management at Columbia Business School and is the academic Director of the Heilbrunn Center for Graham & Dodd Investing. Described by the New York Times as "a guru to Wall Street's gurus," Greenwald is an authority on value investing with additional expertise in productivity and the economics of information. Greenwald has been recognized for his outstanding teaching abilities. He has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Columbia University Presidential Teaching Award which honors the best of Columbia's teachers for maintaining the University's longstanding reputation for educational excellence.