

Logistic Notes on the High-level Segment

1. Opening of the High-level Segment

The High-level Segment of CSD-16 will open at the General Assembly Hall at 10:00 am, Wednesday 14 May. The Secretary-General will deliver the keynote address. Participants are invited to take their seats in advance in a timely manner so that the meeting can start on time.

On Wednesday, 14 May, the UN Pass and ID Office will open at 8:00 am.

2. Early morning closed meeting/straight talk

The early morning closed meeting of Ministers/Ministerial-level Representatives (Straight Talk) will take place at 8:30 am on Wednesday 14 May, Thursday 15 May and Friday 16 May in the ECOSOC Chamber. It is open to Ministers/Ministerial-level Representatives plus one advisor.

3. Ministerial Roundtables

There will be two Ministerial Roundtables, one focusing on investing in Africa, to be held at 4:00 pm in Conference Room 4; the other focusing on inter-linkages, to be held simultaneously in Conference Room 2.

At the request of the Chairman, the Secretariat has prepared a background note on the Roundtables, including a few questions, to facilitate discussions. Ministers may choose to address any of these questions and should not feel obliged to address all of them.

The Roundtable discussions will be informal and there will be no delivery of official statements. Interventions on the floor will be limited to 3 minutes to encourage interactive discussions.

4. The Dialogue with Heads of UN organizations and other relevant international organizations

The Dialogue with Heads of UN organizations and other relevant international organizations will be comprised of two parts. From 8:30 to 9:45 am, there will be an informal, closed, early-morning Ministerial meeting in the ECOSOC Chamber, where Heads of UN organizations and other relevant international organizations will be invited to share their thoughts, perspectives and ideas on the thematic cluster of issues before the Commission. A row of seats will be set aside for Heads of UN organizations and other relevant international organizations.

The second part of the Dialogue will take place in Conference Room 4 from 10:00 to 11:30 am. It will be an open, official dialogue session with Ministers, in the plenary. As with the closed meeting, a row of seats will be set aside for Heads of UN organizations and other relevant international organizations.

Heads of UN organizations and other relevant international organizations may wish to focus their interventions on what their organizations plan to do in order to expedite progress in implementation, under the broad heading of *the Way Forward*. To facilitate a productive discussion with Ministers, Heads of UN organizations and other relevant international organizations are invited to deliver an abridged statement of 3 minutes and circulate the full statement in the Conference Room. The full statement will also be posted on the CSD-16 website.