



United Nations Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its
Impact on Development

**Side Event: Recovering from Global Crisis: Towards an Action Plan for Africa
and the Least Developed Countries**

25 June 2009, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
ECOSOC Chamber

Draft PROGRAMME

Part I (3:00 – 4:15 pm)

3:00 – 3:15 pm

Opening Remarks by:

- **Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra**, Under-Secretary-General, Special Adviser on Africa and High Representative for the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS; and
- Co-Chair - **Mr. Jean-Marc Coicaud**, Director, United Nations University Office at the UN in New York (UNU-ONY)

3:15 – 3:30 pm

Keynote Address by **H. E. Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro**, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General on “Causes and Impact of the financial crisis on Africa and LDCs. Global Response to support Africa and LDCs recovery from the crisis and laying the foundation for sustained growth and poverty reduction”

3:30 – 3:45 pm

Statement by **Her Excellency Dr. Dipu Moni**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh and Chair of the LDCs

3:45 – 4:00 pm

Presentation of Background Paper by **Mr. Wim Naudé**, Senior Research Fellow and Project Director, UNU World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), on “Challenges to Economic Development in Africa and the LDCs and Requirements for Recovery”

4:00 – 4:15 pm

Question and Answer session

Part II (4:15 pm – 6:00 pm)

Chair - **Mr. Jean-Marc Coicaud**, Director, UNU-ONY

4:15 pm – 5:10 pm

Presentations by the Panelists:

- **Mr. Alexander Aboagye**, Senior Economic Adviser, Regional Bureau for Africa (UNDP)
- **Mr. Stephen Groff**, Deputy Director, Development Co-operation Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Alhaji Bamanga Tukur**, Chairman of the African Business Roundtable.
- **Mr. Roger Nord**, Senior Advisor, African Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

5:10 – 5:50 pm

Discussion

5:50 – 6:00 pm

Conclusion and closing remarks by **Mr. Wim Naude**, UNU-WIDER.