

PROGRAMME
ECOSOC informal event for the 2007 AMR
2 April 2007
Eradicating poverty and hunger – Joining forces to make it happen

9.45 am **Opening of the meeting** (ECOSOC Chamber)

Welcome by **H.E. Mr. Dalius Čekuolis**, President of ECOSOC

Opening address by **H.E. Mrs. Asha-Rose Migiros**, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Keynote address by **Mr. Bertrand Duruflé**, Secretary-General of the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AESCSI)

10.15 am **Parallel roundtables**

1. Are we making poverty history? (ECOSOC Chamber)

How have we done? At the midway point to 2015, what lessons can be drawn from past experiences and how can we build on them? What progress have we made in countries emerging from conflict?

Chair: **H.E. Mr. Léo Mérorès**, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Panelists:

Mr. Hafiz Pasha, Assistant Administrator, UNDP, Moderator

Professor Stephen C. Smith, Director, Research Programme in Poverty, Development and Globalization, George Washington University

H.E. Mr. Jean-Max Bellerive, Minister of Planning and External Cooperation, Haiti

Dr. Ann Pettifor, Director, Advocacy International

Mr. Jean-Claude Pasty, International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AESCSI)

2. How are we doing in the fight against hunger and malnutrition?

(Trusteeship Council Chamber)

Are we on track? What have been the obstacles and challenges? What innovative measures can we put in place to more effectively combat hunger? Looking at the future, what kind of challenges are we facing?

Chair: **H.E. Mr. Hilario Davide**, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Panelists:

Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General, DESA, Moderator

Dr. Patrick Webb, Dean for Academic Affairs, Alexander MacFarlane Professor of Public Policy, Tufts University

Dr. Ricardo Ffrench-Davis, Professor of Economics, University of Chile, and Co-Director of the Macroeconomics Task Force of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue

Ms. Rajul Pandya-Lorch, Chief of Staff and Head of 2020 Vision for Food, Agriculture, and the Environment Initiative, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI);
Ms. Ester Bemerguy de Albuquerque, International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AESCSI) and Secretary-General, Council for Social and Economic Development, Brazil

12:15 pm **Plenary – Report from the Roundtables**

12:50 pm **Closing of meeting by ECOSOC President**