

**Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs
Draft Minutes of the Meeting of ECESA Principals
2 March 2011
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
New York**

Conclusions and Decisions

Agenda Item 1: Follow-up to the General Assembly Resolution on ‘The United Nations in global governance’ (65/94)

- Principals expressed support for the comprehensive draft outline of the analytical Report of the Secretary-General on ‘global economic governance’ (GEG) and development. They agreed that the issues of regionalism, representation of LDCs and other vulnerable economies and South-South Cooperation should also be reflected in the report.
- Principals agreed that governance in the environmental sphere, while important, was being addressed as part of the Rio 2012 process and would therefore not be addressed in the Report of the Secretary-General on GEG and development.
- Principals were requested to send all written inputs for the report to Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Director, Financing for Development Office, DESA, who would lead the preparations for the report and liaise with ECESA members.

Agenda Item 2: Follow-up to the 2010 MDG Summit

- Principals agreed to provide inputs to the new report of the Secretary-General being prepared in follow-up to the 2010 MDG Summit, for the 66th and all subsequent sessions until 2015 (for details on the new mandates, see Summary of Discussion). Written inputs should be sent Mr. Robert Vos, Director, Development Policy Analysis Division, DESA, who will coordinate preparations for this report. The inputs should address the following questions:
 1. What should be the approach to this new report over the next four years? What should be the key policy messages?
 2. How should system-wide work be initiated on a framework for implementing the UN development agenda beyond 2015 be initiated?

Agenda Item 3: Update on the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development 2012 (Rio 2012)

- Principals agreed that the full involvement of developing countries in the preparatory processes leading up to Rio 2012 as well as the conference itself was

crucial. To that end, UNDP and DESA had jointly started a process to ensure sufficient funding for national preparations towards the conference.

Other Matters:

- **Principals were requested to be actively engaged in the follow-up to the Policy Committee decisions of the Secretary-General on LDC-IV conference, which would be circulated to ECESA members once received.**
- **Principals were reminded of the standing invitation to send in their suggestions for the forward agenda of the Secretary-General's Policy Committee.**