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Draft Programme

“Partnerships for promoting opportunities, increased prosperity and sustainable development for all”

The annual ECOSOC Partnership Forum has, since 2008, brought together representatives from business, foundations, the UN system, civil society, academia and others to engage with governments on ways to mobilize partnerships in support of the internationally agreed development goals. The key messages from the day’s deliberations serve as a contribution to the High-Level Political Forum and High-Level Segment of ECOSOC.

Morning Session

10:00am – 10:30am Opening

- H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava**, President of ECOSOC
- H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson**, President of the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly
- Ms. Amina J. Mohammed**, UN Deputy Secretary-General (Video Message)

Keynote speaker

- Mrs. Mary Robinson**, President, Mary Robinson Foundation-Climate Justice

10:30am – 1 pm

Roundtable discussion1: *“Innovative Partnerships for resilient infrastructure, including in countries in special situations”*

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development addresses infrastructure across the agenda, in particular through Sustainable Development Goal 9, which commits the international community to building resilient infrastructure and promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization and innovation. Infrastructure is also vital in the delivery of the other

sustainable development goals. According to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA), investing in sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including transport, energy, water and sanitation for all, is a pre-requisite for achieving many of the goals. The roundtable discussion will explore the main challenges to infrastructure development in LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, and the potential of public-private partnerships for infrastructure development. The Forum will also explore the implications of the integrated nature of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the commitments in the Paris Agreement for engaging in PPPs in infrastructure development, that are environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.

Moderator: **Mr. Rajesh Mirchandani**, Vice President of Communications and Outreach, Centre for Global Development

Speakers:

- Mr. Zhao Huxiang**, President, International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA), Vice Chairman of China Merchants Group and Chairman of the Board of SINOTRANS
- Dr. Cheryl Martin**, Head of Industries, Member of the Managing Board, World Economic Forum (WEF), and former Managing Director, Rohm and Haas
- Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin**, Senior Vice-President for the 2030 Development Agenda, UN relations and Partnerships, World Bank
- Ms. Marie-Jose Nadeau**, Former Chair, World Energy Council
- Mr. Symerre Grey-Johnson**, Head, Partnerships, Regional Integration, Infrastructure and Trade Division, NEPAD
- Dr. Moira Feil**, Senior Policy Officer, G-20, German Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ)

Respondent:

- Mr. Trevor Davies**, Global Lead, International Development Assistance Services, KPMG
- Mr. Elliott Harris**, Director, UNEP Office, New York

Discussion questions:

- *Under what circumstances are public-private partnerships (PPPs) most effective in addressing the challenges countries face in achieving the 2030 Agenda in general and SDG9 in particular?*
- *How can PPPs be strengthened to better support resilient infrastructure, green industrialization and inclusive economic growth?*
- *What kinds of institutional, legal and regulatory framework are necessary to ensure effective public private partnerships (PPPs) in infrastructure throughout the partnership lifecycle? What are the implications of these for regional PPPs in infrastructure?*
- *What must be done to ensure that recently announced commitments in the area of infrastructure development are effectively implemented? How are the specific challenges faced by SIDS, LDCs and LLDCs being addressed?*

1 pm – 3:00 pm: Lunch

Afternoon Session

3:00pm – 4:00pm Roundtable discussion 2: “Principles and guidelines governing UN-associated partnerships”

The Forum will continue the discussion arising from General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/224 which called on the Council to “hold a discussion on the best practices and ways to improve, inter alia, transparency, accountability and the sharing of experiences of multi-stakeholder partnerships and on the review and monitoring of these partnerships, including the role of Member States in the review and monitoring process”. The adherence to basic principles and guidelines for multistakeholder and other partnerships that are in the public domain contributes to transparency and accountability. The discussion will provide an opportunity to deepen the discussions held at the ECOSOC Partnership Forum in 2016 and once again enable Member States to consider possible ways in which to move forward.

Moderator: **Ms. Lise Kingo**, Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact

Speakers:

- Mr. Olav Kjørven**, Director of Public Partnerships, UNICEF
- Mr. Vinicius Carvalho Pinheiro**, Special Representative of ILO to the United Nations, New York
- Mr. Craig Mokhiber**, Chief, Development & Economic & Social Issues Branch, Research and Right to Development Division, OHCHR
- Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton**, Chief of PPP Programme, Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)
- Ms. Nancy Aburi**, Lead, Partnership Development and Network Support Private Sector Partnerships, UNHCR

Respondents:

- Dr. Louise Kantrow**, Permanent Observer of the International Chamber of Commerce to the United Nations, New York
- Mr. Pietro Bertazzi**, Deputy Director, Policy and Global Affairs, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)

4:00pm – 5:55 pm Dialogue with Member States

Discussion questions:

- *How adequate are the guidelines and principles currently in place for UN system entities? Is there a need for principles and guidelines to be streamlined? Should there be a separate track for the work on guidelines for PPPs?*
- *What are some of the best practices for the implementation of the guidelines and their use in monitoring and evaluation?*

- *What are the roles of Executive Boards and the Governing Bodies in ensuring implementation of the guidelines?*
- *Keeping existing principles and guidelines in mind, how can the UN better ensure uniformity in its approach to partnerships - including at the field level - and that UN partnerships conform to UN values?*
- *Should there be a role for Member States in assessing whether principles and guidelines for UN-associated partnerships are adhered to by the UN system?*

5:55pm – 6:00pm Closing

- **H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava**, President of ECOSOC

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