

Government Ministers seek to strengthen multilateral system and tackle challenges of sustainable development as a follow-up to Rio+20



WHAT Special Ministerial Meeting of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to follow-up on actions to implement the Rio+20 outcome “The Future We Want.”

Ministers will discuss various options for strengthening the multilateral system in order to implement the decisions taken at this June’s Rio+20 UN Conference on Sustainable Development on the urgent global challenges of sustainable development.

The Special Ministerial Meeting, hosted by the UN ECOSOC, will include panel discussions and an interactive dialogue. Questions to the Ministers will be received from the public via social media by 24 September.

More information can be found at www.un.org/en/ecosoc/we

WHEN Monday, 24 September 2012, from 3:30 - 7:45 pm

WHERE **United Nations Headquarters**, ECOSOC Chamber, North Lawn Building, 1st Avenue & 46th Street, New York

WHO **UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, ECOSOC President Miloš Koterec, General Assembly President Vuk Jeremić and ministers from about 50 countries**

Programme 3:30 - 4:10 pm: Opening Remarks by President of ECOSOC, President of the 67th Session of the General Assembly, Secretary-General/Deputy Secretary-General
4:10 - 5:30 pm: Panel Discussion: "Inclusive, strengthened and effective multilateral system for achieving sustainable development- What steps are needed?"
5:30 - 7:35 pm: Interactive dialogue
7:35 - 7:45 pm: Closure of meeting

Noon press briefing: On Friday, 21 September, H.E. Mr. Luis Alfonso de Alba, Senior Vice-President of ECOSOC and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations, will give brief remarks to the press and answer questions regarding the Special Ministerial Meeting during the noon briefing of the Spokesperson of the UN Secretary-General.

Webcast: The Special Ministerial Meeting will be webcast on <http://webtv.un.org/>

Social media: Questions to the Ministers have been received from the public via a Facebook forum at <http://bit.ly/ecosocWE>. There will be live tweets during the Meeting from the @UNECOSOC Twitter account, with the hashtags #FutureWEwant and #beyond2015.

Media accreditation: The deadline for media accreditation for the 67th Session of the General Assembly has passed. Journalists with valid media credentials interested in covering the meeting should contact the United Nations Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (MALU) at kubiakp@un.org. Additional information about press arrangements and coverage is available on the MALU website: www.un.org/media/accreditation.

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