



**From country initiatives to global advances – mobilizing financing for sustainable development**

*Programme*

*The high-level meeting will serve as a joint preparatory event for the 2018 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up (FfDF) and the 2018 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). It will be the first joint preparatory meeting for both the FfDF and the HLPF. It will aim to achieve the following objectives:*

- (i) Identify challenges in advancing financing for the SDGs, as well as country-level policy and institutional innovations in addressing them;*
- (ii) Strengthen coherence and coordination in preparation for the 2018 FfDF and the 2018 HLPF; and facilitate dialogue between their respective national constituencies;*
- (iii) Sensitize national policy makers on the policy developments at the global level (outcomes of the FfDF and HLPF);*
- (iv) Showcase new initiatives and innovations in areas of sustainable development finance.*

**18 November 2017**

(Venue: Salwa Room)

**10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Opening of the meeting**

- H.E. Mr. Ali Shareef Al Emadi, Minister of Finance, State of Qatar
- Mr. LIU Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
- H.E. Ms. Marie Chatardová, President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations (remarks to be delivered by H.E. Mr. Mahmamin Mahmaminov, Vice-President of ECOSOC, Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations)

**Keynote presentations**

- Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

**11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Tea break/bilaterals**

**11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Ministerial Round Tables**

*“Sharing country experiences in mobilizing resources from public, private, domestic and international sources towards the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – policy and institutional innovations”*

*After the opening of the meeting, high-level officials of Governments, representing countries at different income and vulnerability levels, will present their policy and institutional innovations in implementing the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (Addis Agenda) and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) at two successive round tables. The innovations can be national or sub-national broad-based reforms or specific innovative interventions in specific action areas of the Addis Agenda. The presentations will be in the form of case studies, putting the innovations into local context, explaining their relevance for global policy-making and international support needed to make them successful. Each round table will include presentations by country officials and lead discussants from international financial institutions and other stakeholders, as well as an interactive dialogue.*

**11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Ministerial Round Table 1**

- **Co-Chairs:**
  - H.E. Dr. Ahmad Hassan Al-Hamadi, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar
  - Mr. LIU Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
- **Presentations:**
  - H.E. Mrs. Carmen Elena Falconi Vaca, National Secretary for Planning and Development, Ecuador
  - H.E. Mr. Michael Gerber, Ambassador, Special Envoy for Global Sustainable Development, Switzerland
  - H.E. Mr. Francisco Javier Niembro Cibrian, Ambassador of Mexico to the State of Qatar
  - Mr. Yonov Frederick Agah, Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization (WTO)
- **Interactive discussion**

**1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Lunch break**

**3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Ministerial Round Table 2**

- **Co-Chairs:**
  - H.E. Dr. Ahmad Hassan Al-Hamadi, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar
  - Mr. LIU Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
- **Presentations:**
  - H.E. Dr. Edward Scicluna, Minister of Finance, Malta
  - H.E. Mr. Mustafa Mastoor, Acting Minister of Economy, Afghanistan
  - H.E. Dr. Abdul Rahman Mohamed Dirar, Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Sudan
  - Mr. Chaikou Yaya Diallo, Deputy National Director of Cooperation, Ministry of Planning and Cooperation, Republic of Guinea
  - Mr. Laszlo Borbely, State Counsellor to the Prime Minister, Romania
- **Interactive discussion**

**Guiding questions:**

1. *What steps have been taken at the national level towards mainstreaming the Addis Agenda and means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda into national development strategies?*
2. *What challenges have been encountered in the implementation of these mainstreaming efforts?*
3. *What policy innovations have been useful in overcoming these challenges? How were such innovations developed and implemented?*

**7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dinner hosted by the Government of Qatar in the Sheraton garden**

**19 November 2017**

***Morning session***

***The means of implementation of the SDGs selected for an in-depth review at the 2018 HLPF***

*The 2018 HLPF is mandated to conduct an in-depth review of selected SDGs. In addition to SDG17 (means of implementation and the global partnership) which is reviewed annually and with a cross-cutting approach, goals 6 (clean water and sanitation), 7 (affordable and clean energy), 11 (sustainable cities and communities), 12 (responsible consumption and production) and 15 (life on land) will be reviewed. The morning session will feature breakout sessions to discuss progress and challenges related to the financing (including the financing of technological solutions) of these selected SDGs based on background studies, prepared in advance of the meeting. Each breakout session will feature brief presentations of the relevant background studies and an interactive dialogue.*

**10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Breakout sessions**

**SDGs 6 and 7- Energy and Water**

(Venue: Presidential Room 4)

- **Chair:**
  - H.E. Mr. Mahmamin Mahmadaminov, Vice-President of ECOSOC, Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations
- **Keynote speech:**
  - H.E. Ambassador Tariq Ali Faraj Hashim Al-Ansari, Director of International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar
- **Moderator:**
  - H.E. Mr. Csaba Korosi, Sherpa to the President of Hungary in the High-Level Panel on Water
- **Panelists:**
  - Dr. Constantinos Taliotis, Post-doctoral researcher, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden
  - Mr. Nicholas Craven, Independent Expert
- **Interactive discussion**

**Guiding questions:**

1. *What are the main technology and innovation solutions and gaps for attaining SDGs 6 and 7 (energy and water)? What are the financing and other obstacles to the adoption and scaling up of relevant technologies and innovations?*

2. *What are the best approaches to addressing financing shortfalls and challenges at different levels (global, national and sub-national)? Do STI roadmaps hold potential?*
3. *Based on your experience, what is your most important recommendation for the way forward?*

## **SDG 11- Cities**

(Venue: Presidential Room 5)

### **Chair and Moderator**

- H.E. Mr. Jerry Matthews Matjila, Vice-President of ECOSOC, Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations

### **Panelists:**

- Dr. Philip Turner, Independent Expert
- Dr. Robby Berloznik, Director, Programme Global Science Technology Innovation Conferences (G-STIC), Flemish Institute for Technological Research (VITO), Belgium
- Dr. Peter Adriaens, CEO, Corymbus Asset Management, New York, and Professor of Environmental Engineering and Finance, The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

### **Interactive discussion**

### **Guiding questions:**

1. *What are the main technology and innovation solutions and gaps for attaining SDGs 11 (cities)? What are the financing and other obstacles to the adoption and scaling up of relevant technologies and innovations?*
2. *What are the best approaches to addressing financing shortfalls and challenges at different levels (global, national and sub-national)? Do STI roadmaps hold potential?*
3. *Based on your experience, what is your most important recommendation for the way forward?*

## **SDGs 12 and 15- Sustainable Consumption and Production, and Terrestrial Ecosystems**

(Venue: Presidential Room 6)

### **Chair:**

- H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King, Vice-President of ECOSOC, Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations

### **Presentation:**

- Mr. Simon Zadek, Senior Advisor on Finance to the Deputy Secretary-General, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, United Nations

### **Moderator:**

- Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee, Chief, Policy Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

### **Panelists:**

- Dr. Michael Obersteiner, Program Director, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Expert Member of the International Resource Panel
- Ms. Julie McBride, Senior Social Franchise Consultant, MSA Worldwide
- Dr. Nikolay Khabarov, Research Scholar, Ecosystems Services and Management, IIASA

### **Interactive discussion**

### **Guiding questions:**

1. *What are the main technology and innovation solutions and gaps for attaining SDGs 12 and 15 (sustainable consumption and production, and terrestrial ecosystems)? What are the primary obstacles to technology adoption and scaling up?*

2. *What are the best approaches to addressing financing shortfalls and challenges at different levels (global, national and sub-national)? Do STI roadmaps hold potential?*
3. *Based on your experience, what is your most important recommendation for the way forward?*

**11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.      Tea break/bilaterals**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m.      Plenary session on the SDG means of implementation**

(Venue: Salwa Room)

- ***Chair and Moderator:***
  - Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Director, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
- ***Reports from breakout sessions***
  - Mr. Nicholas Craven, Independent Expert
  - Mr. Philip Turner, Independent Expert
  - Dr. Michael Obersteiner, Program Director, IIASA, Expert Member of the International Resource Panel
- ***Discussants:***
  - Ms. Louise Kantrow, Permanent Representative to the United Nations, International Chamber of Commerce
  - Mr. Stefano Prato, Managing Director, Society for International Development
- ***Interactive discussion***

**1:00 – 2:00 p.m.      Lunch break**

***Afternoon session***  
***Innovative instruments to finance sustainable development***

This session will move the discussions of innovations at the policy and institutional levels to the instrument level. Sessions on the role of development finance institutions and Sovereign Wealth Funds (SWFs) will give participants an opportunity to learn about a wide range of financial mechanisms, including Islamic finance, that hold great potential for financing sustainable large-scale investments in the SDGs.

**2:00 – 3:15 p.m.      Overcoming challenges to mobilizing Sovereign Wealth Funds for SDG investments**

(Venue: Salwa Room)

- ***Chair:***
  - H.E. Mr. Bart De Groof, Ambassador, Embassy of Belgium in Qatar
- ***Presenter and Moderator:***
  - Dr. Rajiv Sharma, Research Director, Global Projects Center, Stanford University
- ***Panelists:***
  - Mr. Bayasgalan Rentsendorj, Sr. Membership Manager, International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds
  - Mr. Adam Robbins, Practice Lead, Long-Term Investing Initiatives, World Economic Forum (WEF)
- ***Interactive discussion***

**Guiding questions:**

1. *What are the lessons learned from SWF efforts to reconcile their financial objectives with the social, economic and environmental deficits that the SDGs seek to address?*
2. *What are the barriers that hold back SWF investment in key sustainable development sectors, notably in developed economies?*
3. *What measures can Governments (both source and destination), international trade and financial institutions, as well as other international regulatory and supervisory bodies take to facilitate more SWF investment in sustainable development sectors?*

**3:15 – 3:30 p.m. Tea break/bilaterals**

**3:30 – 4:45 p.m. The role of development finance institutions in achieving the SDGs- the case of Islamic Finance**

(Venue: Salwa Room)

□ **Chair:**

- Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Director, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

□ **Keynote speech:**

- H.E. Dr. Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Muraikhi, Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Humanitarian Affairs

□ **Presentation:**

- Dr. Habib Ahmed, Professor and Sharjah Chair in Islamic Law & Finance, Durham University Business School

□ **Moderator:**

- Mr. Michael O'Neill, Assistant Secretary-General and Director of External Relations, UNDP

□ **Panelists:**

- Mr. Nedzad Ajanovic, Senior Partnership Specialist, Islamic Development Bank
- Mr. Marco Lichtfous, Partner, Deloitte

□ **Interactive discussion**

**Guiding questions:**

1. *What can Islamic finance teach us about financing the 2030 Agenda, including the SDGs?*
2. *What challenges does Islamic finance need to overcome to ensure its contribution to sustainable development?*
3. *What specific steps and policies are required to unleash the full potential of Islamic finance, particularly for large-scale, sustainable infrastructure investments?*

**4:45 – 5:00 p.m. Closing of the meeting**

- Mr. LIU Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
- H.E. Dr. Ahmad Hassan Al-Hamadi, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar