Special High-Level Meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods Institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
(New York, Monday, 14 April 2008)

PROGRAMME

Overall theme: “Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, including new challenges and emerging issues”

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Opening of the meeting (ECOSOC Chamber)
- Welcome remarks by H.E. Mr. Léo Mérorès (Haiti), President of ECOSOC
- Opening address by H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Statements by:
- H.E. Mr. Petko Draganov (Bulgaria), President, Trade and Development Board, UNCTAD
- Mr. Ricardo Ochoa (Mexico), speaking on behalf of the Chairman, Development Committee
- Mr. Murilo Portugal, Deputy Managing Director, IMF
- Mr. Willy Alfaro, Director, External Relations Division, WTO

10:30 – 10:50 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Zia Qureshi, Senior Advisor to the Chief Economist, World Bank, on Global Monitoring Report 2008

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Simultaneous multi-stakeholder round tables

Round Table A (ECOSOC Chamber)
“New initiatives on financing for development”
Co-Chairs: H.E. Mr. Marc Bichler, Director for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Action, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Luxembourg and Chair, UN Advisors Group on Inclusive Financial Sectors
H.E. Ms. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations

Lead Discussant: Mr. Philippe Douste-Blazy, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Innovative Financing for Development and Chair, Executive Board, UNITAID

Round Table B (Conference Room 5)
“Supporting development efforts and enhancing the role of middle-income countries, including in the area of trade”
Co-Chairs: H.E. Ms. Marisol Argueta de Barillas, Minister of Foreign Affairs, El Salvador
Mr. Juan Pablo de Laiglesia, Director, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation

Lead Discussant: Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Acting Deputy Secretary-General and Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities, UNCTAD
Round Table C (Conference Room 6)
“Supporting development efforts of the least developed countries, including through trade capacity-building”
Co-Chairs: H.E. Ms. Ismat Jahan, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations
H.E. Mr. Håkon A. Gulbrandsen, State Secretary for International Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
Lead Discussant: Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, United Nations

1:15 – 2:45 p.m. Luncheon hosted by the President of ECOSOC, with the participation of the Secretary-General (by invitation)

3:00 – 4:25 p.m. Thematic debate (ECOSOC Chamber)
“Building and sustaining solid financial markets: challenges for international cooperation”
Panelists: Mr. Joaquín Almunia, European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs
Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
Mr. Christopher Towe, Deputy Director, Monetary and Capital Markets Department, IMF

4:25 – 5:50 p.m. Special event (ECOSOC Chamber)
“Financing of climate change mitigation and adaptation”
Panelists: Mr. Olav Kjørven, Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP
Mr. Tarig Banuri, Senior Fellow and Director, Future Sustainability Programme, Stockholm Environment Institute
Mr. Lucio Monari, Senior Manager, Sustainable Development Vice-Presidency, World Bank

5:50 – 6:00 p.m. Closing of the meeting
• Concluding remarks by the President of ECOSOC

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Documentation
Note by the Secretary-General “Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, including new challenges and emerging issues” (E/2008/7)