



The President
of the
Economic and Social Council

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Excellency,

Following my remarks made at the recent ECOSOC's Organisational Session, I am writing to advise you of the substantive focus and organizational format of the 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, to be on 18-19 March 2010.

Pursuant to ECOSOC resolution 2009/30 of 31 July 2009, the overall theme of the meeting will be **"Building on Monterrey and Doha: Achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals"**.

Building on the last year's experience, the format of the meeting will serve to encourage a truly dynamic and interactive discussions and to promote an open exchange of views and experiences between government representatives and major institutional stakeholders. Following a short opening plenary, the meeting will consist of informal thematic debates on the following topics:

1. **Mobilizing domestic and international resources to fund existing and emerging MDG implementation gaps;**
2. **Supporting rehabilitation, recovery and development efforts of developing countries with special needs and those facing humanitarian emergency situations;**
3. **Enhancing coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development.**

The thematic debates on the above topics will be held consecutively in an informal plenary setting of the whole, in order to facilitate greater engagement of all participants, within the full time available. In order to achieve this aim, I am exploring creative and innovative approaches to the formulation of the programme, timetable as well as in the conduct of the meeting. By the same token, I also intend to observe strict adherence to the meeting schedule and time limits for interventions, in order to stimulate more interactive dialogue among all participants, including representatives of civil society and business sector. Closing remarks by the President will conclude the meeting.

The full programme and timetable of the event will be circulated at a later date. For further information and regular updates, please consult the Financing for Development website at www.un.org/esa/ffd.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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To: ECOSOC Members