

Economic and Social Council

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

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 will take place on Thursday, 18, and Friday, 19 March 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB), under the chairmanship of the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Hamidon Ali (Malaysia). The meeting will address the overall theme of “*Building on Monterrey and Doha: Achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals*”.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. *sharp*, on Thursday, 18 March. The Deputy Secretary-General will deliver an opening address, which will be followed by statements by the heads of intergovernmental bodies of the major institutional stakeholders. There will then be three consecutive thematic debates of the whole, as follows:

Thematic debate 1: Mobilizing domestic and international resources to fund existing and emerging MDG implementation gaps (Thursday, 18 March, from 3 to 6 p.m.);

Thematic debate 2: Supporting rehabilitation, recovery and development efforts of developing countries with special needs and those facing humanitarian emergency situations (Friday, 19 March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.); and

Thematic debate 3: Enhancing coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development (Friday, 19 March, from 3 to 6 p.m.).

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation, to the Secretary of the Council (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (room DC2-2170; fax 1 (212) 963-0443).

It is emphasized that the nature of the meeting, including the three thematic debates, will be a free-flowing interactive discussion and would therefore *have no list of speakers in advance*. The time limit per intervention will be *three minutes*, but full texts of statements may be circulated in written form (300 copies will be required).

Additional information on the meeting is available on the following Web site:
<www.un.org/esa/ffd/ecosoc/springmeetings/2010/index.htm>.