

SUBSTANTIVE REPORT FOR 2009

- TITLE OF FUND:** Trust Fund to Support Activities to the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development (HIA)
- IMPLEMENTED BY:** Financing for Development Office (FFDO)/Department for Economic and Social Affairs
- OBJECTIVES:** To support the follow-up process to the International Conference on Financing for Development (Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002)
- ACTIVITIES FUNDED:**

- (a) General Temporary Assistance
Salary of the Associate Expert (P-4) tasked with implementing the project entitled “2008 Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development: New challenges and emerging issues for the Doha conference” funded by the contribution from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany.
- (b) Consultants and experts:
Travel of experts to attend: i) Training workshop on Tax Treaty Negotiations (9-12 February, Amsterdam); and ii) Panel discussion on policy options for dealing with the impact of the financial crisis on the external debt of developing countries (13 November, Geneva).
- (c) Travel of staff to attend intergovernmental meetings, multi-stakeholder consultations and conferences of institutional and non-institutional stakeholders, including civil society and private sector organizations, which are of relevance to the Financing for Development process (see TOR, paras. 4 (d) and 4 (h)).
- (c) Travel of representatives to attend official events of the FfD follow up process, including: i) meeting of ECOSOC Bureau with Executive Boards of the World Bank and IMF (8 April, Washington DC); ii) Asia Regional Forum on Policy and Regulation of Financial Inclusion (6-7 May, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia); and iii) Panel discussion on policy options for dealing with the impact of the financial crisis on the external debt of developing countries (13 November, Geneva).

OUTPUTS:

The above-mentioned extra budgetary activities supported the following outputs as listed in the Proposed Programme Budget for the biennium 2008-2009:

9.83 (a) (ii) a. Substantive servicing of meetings: formal meetings, informal consultations and panel discussions of the Second Committee on the follow-up efforts to the International Conference on Financing for Development and related issues; b. Parliamentary documentation: annual multi-stakeholder reports on follow-up efforts to the International Conference on Financing for Development; 9.83 (a) (iii) a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual spring meetings of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and UNCTAD on financing for development; consultations between representatives of the Council and directors of executive boards of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Trade Organization on follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development and preparations for annual spring meetings between those institutions; formal meetings, informal consultations and panel discussions of the Council on the follow-up efforts to the International Conference on Financing for Development and related issues within substantive session for 2008; 9.83 (a) (iii) b. Parliamentary documentation: multi-stakeholder reports for the annual spring meetings of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and UNCTAD on financing for development; report on the work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters at its fourth session; 9.83 (a) (iv) a. Substantive servicing of meetings: fifth session of the Committee; intersessional meetings of its subcommittees and working groups; 9.83 (b) Other substantive activities: (vi) Seminars for outside users: seminars and interactive discussions with the participation of Governments, institutional and non-institutional stakeholders (civil society and the private sector) on financing for development; (c) (ii) regional seminars/workshops, organized in cooperation with the United Nations regional commissions (Economic Commission for Africa, Economic Commission for Europe, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia) and regional development banks, with the participation of representatives of relevant institutional and non-institutional stakeholders, on region-specific policy issues related to the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and its follow-up; training courses/workshops for officials and practitioners from developing countries and countries with economies in transition for national capacity-building in selected areas of financial sector development and fiscal management.