

Preparations for the High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development

Informal Hearings of the Business Sector Conference Room 4, 28 October 2003

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Overall theme : *“Business Perspective on the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus: Critical Issues, Success Stories, and Next Steps”*

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Opening of the meeting and organization of work

Welcome address by the Chairperson of the meeting,
H.E. The Honourable Julian R. HUNTE (Saint Lucia),
President of the 58th session of the General Assembly

3:15 – 5:45 p.m. Panel discussions*

3:15 – 4:05 p.m. **Panel 1: “Making Business-Government Linkages more Effective in the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus”**

Moderator: **Ms. Maria Livanos Cattau**, Secretary-General, International Chamber of Commerce

Panelists:

Ms. Maggie Kigozi, Executive Director, Uganda Investment Authority
“Attracting FDI - The Case of Uganda”

Mr. Eduardo Montiel, Director, Banco America Central and Presidential Delegate for ProNicaragua Investment Promotion Agency
“Using Government-Investor Networks to create business enabling environments”

Mr. Alhaji Bamanga Tukur, Chairman, African Business Roundtable
“Partnerships to promote rural-based SMEs in sub-Saharan Africa”

* Each panel will consist of introductory remarks by a moderator (3-5 minutes) and presentations by panelists (totaling 15-20 minutes) followed by a discussion with General Assembly delegates, including questions from the audience (25-30 minutes).

4:05 – 4:55 p.m. Panel 2: “Concrete Ways to Mobilize Private Sector Capital for the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus”

Moderator: **Mr. Paul Underwood**, Executive Director, Business Council for the United Nations

Panelists:

Mr. Dan Bond, First Vice President, Ambac Assurance Group
“Capital Markets Financing of Infrastructure Projects: The Infrastructure Experts Group”

Mr. Charles Chaumin, Senior Managing Director, Suez Environment
“Providing a Vehicle for Private Capital”

Ms. Mai Flor, Director, Business Development, Ondeo Philippines
(title of speech to be provided)

4:55 – 5:45 p.m. Panel 3: “Enhancing Policy Coherence for the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus”

Moderator: **Mr. Rick Samans**, Director of Global Issues, World Economic Forum

Panelists:

Mr. Frank Fernandez, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist, Securities Industry Association
“What Next for a Private Sector Proposal for a Sovereign Debt Code of Conduct?”

Mr. Parag Khanna, Advisor, World Economic Forum and Visiting Fellow, Brookings Institution
“The Global Governance Initiative”

Mr. Hani Findakly, Vice Chairman, Clinton Group
“The Dual Challenges of Economic Reform and Job Creation”

Ms. Marie Cavanaugh, Managing Director (Sovereign Ratings), Standard & Poor’s
“Credit Market Access for sub-Saharan Sovereigns”

5:45 – 6:00 p.m. Closing remarks by the Chairperson of the meeting