



**The President
of the
Economic and Social Council**

26 March 2013

Excellency,

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 held on 22 April 2013 in the renovated ECOSOC Chamber at UN Headquarters.

The overall theme of the meeting will be “*Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of financing for sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda*”. Building on previous experience, the format of the meeting will serve to encourage a dynamic and interactive debate and promote an open exchange of views among participants.

Following the opening address by the Secretary-General, the morning session will include a High-level panel of Ministers on the theme “*World economic situation and prospects in the wake of the world financial and economic crisis*”, to be followed by an interactive discussion, as well as brief statements by the heads of relevant intergovernmental bodies and other senior officials of the institutional stakeholders of the meeting.

I would highly appreciate the participation of your Minister of Finance or Central Bank Governor in the forthcoming meeting. All Ministers attending the meeting will be invited to intervene during the morning session and to participate in the luncheon I will be hosting in honour of Heads of Delegation.

The afternoon session will consist of informal thematic debates on the following themes:

- (a) “*Financing for sustainable development, including leveraging private capital , in the context of the follow-up to the outcome of the Rio+20 Conference*”; and
- (b) “*Global partnership for development in the context of post-2015 development agenda*”.

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, including representatives of civil society and the business sector. To kick-off the thematic debates, there will be brief presentations by experts from the institutional stakeholders of the meeting.

A renewed effort will be made to promote strict adherence to the meeting schedule and time limits for interventions, in order to stimulate more interactive dialogue among all participants. No list of speakers will be established in advance of the meeting. All participants will be requested to avoid reading from written statements, although this will not preclude the distribution of full texts.

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The meeting will conclude with closing remarks by the President of the Council highlighting the main points of discussions and common messages. A full summary of the meeting will be issued as an official document of ECOSOC and the General Assembly.

The programme of the event will be circulated at a later date. For further information and periodic updates, please consult the website of the meeting at www.un.org/esa/ffd/ecosoc/springmeetings/2013/index.htm.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Néstor Osorio', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Néstor Osorio