

Economic and Social Council

Special high-level meeting 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 Monday, 22 April 2013, from 9:30 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will start at 09:30 with a special ceremony to inaugurate the renovated Economic and Social Council Chamber. The special ceremony and the high-level meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia). The Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, will address the events.

The overall theme of the meeting will be “Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of financing for development and the post-2015 development agenda”.

There will be a high-level interactive panel discussion in the morning, with Ministers of Finance and Development Cooperation, Governors of Central Banks and inter-governmental representatives, at the ministerial level, on *theme 1*, “World economic situation and prospects in the wake of the world financial and economic crisis”. The interactive discussion will conclude with statements by the heads of the relevant intergovernmental bodies and senior officials of the major institutional stakeholders.

There will be two consecutive interactive thematic debates of the whole in the afternoon, as follows:

Thematic debate on *theme 2*: “Financing for sustainable development, including leveraging of private capital, in the context of the follow-up to the outcome of the Rio+20 Conference” (from 15:00 to 16:30); and

Thematic debate on *theme 3*: “Global partnership for development in the context of the post-2015 development agenda (from 16:00 to 17:50).

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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, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room S-1284)), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (Ms. Anna Alfonso (e-mail alfonso@un.org; room DC2-2162)).

It is emphasized that the nature of the meeting, including the two 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*.

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