



## **FIFTH HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT**

### **Round table 3**

**“The role of financial and technical development cooperation, including innovative sources of development finance, in leveraging the mobilization of domestic and international financial resources for development”**

**8 December 2011, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Conference Room 4 (NLB)**

### **TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

**Chair:** **H.E. Mr. Morten Wetland**, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations

10 a.m. – 11 a.m. *Panel presentations by:*

**Mr. Julien Meimon**, Head of the Permanent Secretariat of the Leading Group on Innovative Financing for Development

**Ms. Ekaterina Gratcheva**, Lead Financial Officer, Banking and Debt Management, World Bank

**Mr. Abdallah Al Dardari**, Director, Economic Development and Globalization Division, UN-ESCWA

**Ms. Renate Hahlen**, Deputy Head, Unit A3 on Coherence of EU Policies for Development, EU Aid Effectiveness, European Commission

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. *Interactive discussion*

**Mr. Julien Meimon** is the Head of the Permanent Secretariat of the Leading Group on Innovative Financing for Development. The Leading Group on Innovative Financing for Development is a global platform for discussion, sharing information and promoting innovative financing mechanisms. It is made up of 63 countries, international organizations, foundations and NGOs. It is coordinated by the Permanent Secretariat, which is located in Paris at the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs.



**Ms. Ekaterina Gratcheva** is a Lead Financial Officer in Banking and Debt Management at the World Bank Treasury. Since joining the World Bank Treasury in 1998, she has worked extensively in strategic asset allocation and investment policies, portfolio risk and performance management, quantitative investment strategies, and innovative finance for development. As Lead Financial Officer at the World Bank Treasury, Ms. Gratcheva has been actively involved in client engagements with central banks, ministries of finance, and other public financial and development institutions in numerous countries, including Egypt, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Poland, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Tanzania, Turkey, and Ukraine.



**Mr. Abdallah Al Dardari** is the Director of the Economic Development and Globalization Division of UN-ESCWA. Previously, he served as: Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs and Minister of Planning in Syrian Arab Republic (2005-2011); Chairman of the State Planning Commission (2003-2005); and the UNDP Assistant Resident Representative in Syria (2001-2003). Mr. Al Dardari has also extensive experience in the areas of competitiveness, investments and international trade negotiations. He has also taught economics and international relations at Syrian and Arab Universities. He holds an Honorary Doctorate from the Yalova University in Istanbul, a Masters Degree in International Political Economy from the University of Southern California, B.A. in Economics from Richmond University, London, and has undertaken Postgraduate research at the London School of Economics.



**Ms. Renate Hahlen** joined the European Commission in 1996. She currently holds the position of the Deputy Head of the Unit on Coherence of EU Policies for Development, EU Aid Effectiveness in the Directorate General for Development and Cooperation. She leads the Financing for Development team and has coordinated, since 2004, the annual EU Accountability Reports, monitoring the actions and progress of the EU and its Member States on common EU commitments and on the international financing for development agenda. From 1996 to 2004 she held posts as country officer for Algeria, Jordan, Vietnam and Laos. From 1990 to 1995 she was a civil servant in the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, working on developing countries' debt, as well as on the EU's relations with the countries of Africa, the Caribbean and Pacific region and on the Euro-Mediterranean partnership. She is a lawyer by training and holds a Ph.D.