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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 sustainable development”

8 October 2013, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Conference Room 2

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Chair: **H.E. Mr. František Ružička**, Member of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing and the Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the United Nations

10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. *Presentations by:*

H.E. Mr. Pertti Majanen, Co-Chair Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, Helsinki, Finland

Mr. Jon Lomøy, Director, Development Cooperation Directorate, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris

Ms. Gargee Ghosh, Director of Policy and Finance, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Mr. Mauricio Escanero, Alternate Permanent Representative of Mexico to UNESCO

Mr. Gilles Alfandari, Senior Economist, International Policy and Partnerships Group (IPPG), World Bank

11:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. *Interactive discussion*

Biographical Notes

H.E. Mr. Pertti Majanen (Finland) is Co-Chair of the UN Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing. He has over 30 years of experience in practical development cooperation work and policy questions, including development financing in Africa, Latin America, Asia and Europe. Mr. Majanen joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in 1974 and served in various positions in development cooperation at home and abroad. After serving as Ambassador of Finland to the Philippines, he was nominated the Under-Secretary of State for Development Cooperation for 2000-2005. Thereafter, he has served as Ambassador to OECD and UNESCO, and to Ireland. As Deputy Director General for Development Policy and Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Majanen was instrumental in producing four Finnish Development Policy White Papers to three separate Governments. He was also a member of a Reflection Group established by the OECD in 2008 to assess its development cooperation and prepare a proposal for the future of Development Assistance Committee. Under-Secretary Majanen was the Finnish Governor in three Regional Development Banks, and for five years the President of the Board of FINNFUND that provides non-interest credits to developing countries.

Jon Lomøy has served as the Director of the Development Co-operation Directorate of the OECD since April 2010. He provides both strategic leadership and orientation to the directorate to shape policies that promote sustainable development in support of the MDGs. From 1989 to 1996, Mr. Lomøy has held senior positions at the Norwegian Agency for Development Co-operation (NORAD) focusing on the African region. From 1996 to 2000, as Ambassador of Norway to Zambia, he managed bilateral development programmes. Mr. Lomøy returned to NORAD from 2001 to 2004 as Director of the Southern Africa Department. In 2004, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Deputy Director General of the Department for Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, where he was responsible for the overall management of the Norwegian bilateral assistance programme. During this period, he initiated the Oil for Development Programme and, with the World Bank, a review of multi-donor trust funds in post-conflict countries. From 2007, he was Ambassador of Norway to Tanzania, managing one of Norway's largest bilateral aid programmes.

Gargee Ghosh is Director of Policy Analysis and Financing (PAF) at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. PAF is the foundation's internal policy shop focused on priorities, trends and innovations in international development financing. The team's work spans aid policy, country financing and engagement with international financial institutions. Ms. Ghosh has been involved in development policy and financing from a range of perspectives including as Program Manager at the Center for Global Development, as Senior Expert in International Development at McKinsey & Company, and as Principal of Charitable Giving at Google. This is her second tour at the foundation: she worked in Global Health on innovative finance, helping to launch significant efforts in immunization financing and in impact investing. Ms. Ghosh holds graduate degrees in Economics for Development from the University of Oxford and in International Relations from Georgetown University, and an undergraduate degree in Economics from the University of Victoria in Canada.

Mauricio Escanero serves as Alternate Permanent Representative of Mexico to UNESCO. As a diplomat, Mr. Escanero has served at the Mexican Embassies to Australia, Jamaica, USA, Japan and China; at the Mexican Missions to the United Nations in New York and to the Organization of American States in Washington DC; and as Consul General of Mexico to Shanghai. He served as Facilitator of the Monterrey Consensus and the United Nations International Conference on Financing for Development from the inception of the process in 1998 to the achievement of its outcome in 2002. He has also been an active participant in numerous debates and negotiations on its follow up. Mr. Escanero earned the degrees of Bachelor of Economics at the National Autonomous University of Mexico and Master of International Public Policy at Johns Hopkins University and is candidate to the Master on Sustainability and Environmental Management at Harvard University.

Gilles Alfandari is a Senior Economist at the World Bank supporting Senior Management on Economic Policies and International Partnerships. He represents the World Bank at the G20 Development Working Group and is the APEC focal point for the institution. Mr. Alfandari is a member of the World Bank Group's Task Force for MDGs and Post-2015 and led the team that prepared the report "Financing for Development Post-2015". In previous functions with the World Bank, Mr. Alfandari worked as Sr. Country Economist for Burkina Faso; he helped redesign World Bank policies and instruments to engage with Fragile and Post-Conflict States, led the Bank's reengagement in the Central African Republic and contributed to a book on improving interactions between development, diplomacy and security practitioners. He also contributed to the implementation of the Enhanced HIPC Initiative, leading debt relief operations totalling over several billion dollars in Least Developed Countries.