

2016 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up

**Round Table F**

**Data, monitoring and follow-up**

Wednesday, 20 April 2016, 3 – 4:30 PM, Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations, New York

**Tentative Program**

- Chair:** Mr. André Vallini, Minister of State for Development and Francophonie, France
- Moderator:** Mr. Lenni Montiel, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- Panellists:** Mr. Robert York, Division Chief, Financial Institution, Statistics Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF)  
Mr. John James Pullinger, National Statistician, United Kingdom
- Lead Discussant:** Mr. Stefano Prato, Managing Director, Society for International Development

(followed by informal exchange of views among participants)

**Background Note**

*The objective of this round table is to: (1) take stock of commitments and actions in chapter III (data, monitoring and follow-up) of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (the Addis Agenda) and the related means of implementation (Mols) of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); (2) review early actions taken towards implementation of the relevant provisions, as well as voluntary initiatives put forward at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 13-16 July 2015); (3) identify obstacles and bottlenecks that impede policy action; and (4) discuss the monitoring and assessment framework, building on the report of the Inter-agency Task Force (IATF) on Financing for Development.*

The final section of the Addis Agenda considers how the international community should monitor implementation of the agreed actions. It emphasizes the importance of high quality disaggregated data for policy making and monitoring progress of implementation of the Addis Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and prioritizes capacity building in this area. The Addis Agenda marks the first time that data issues have received comprehensive treatment in the Financing for Development conferences and follow-up process.

The Addis Agenda contains a range of policy commitments for action in this regard. Chapter 3 of the IATF report (<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2016-IATF-Chapter3.pdf>) organizes these commitments by thematic clusters and presents proposals for monitoring their implementation in the future years. The main findings of the report are highlighted in the Note by the Secretary-General on Monitoring commitments and actions in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development (E/FFDF/2016/1).

**Guiding questions:**

1. *How can balance be best achieved between monitoring existing data and investing in new capacities and developing new indicators?*
2. *How can the FfD follow-up process assist Member States in turning monitoring into action? Are there accountability mechanisms that can be developed or strengthened that would increase impact of the Addis Agenda?*

3. *How can the FfD follow-up be made most relevant to and synergistic with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development? What can be done to ensure that the outcome of the Forum continues to provide a meaningful input into the follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development?*