



High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development

Preliminary Programme for the General Assembly High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development

Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters
New York, 26 September 2019

10:00 - 10:30

OPENING OF THE HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE

- Welcoming remarks
- Keynote address

10:30 - 11:45

INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE #1

- PUTTING PUBLIC RESOURCES TO WORK FOR MORE EQUAL, SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES, INCLUDING BY COMBATTING ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS

Guiding questions:

- What policies have shown results in ensuring that **fiscal systems** effectively combat inequality, promote inclusive growth and complement other sustainable development objectives?
- How to ensure that **international tax cooperation** is an inclusive process, including the development of **international tax norms** that can support domestic resources mobilization efforts by developing countries? What is the role of the United Nations?
- How can **integrated national financing frameworks** help countries align their financing policies and budgets with long-term priorities?
- What steps can be taken to turn the tide on **illicit financial flows**, including tax related illicit flows?

Keynote address

Questions and statements by Member States

Interactive discussion with panel of experts

11:45 - 13:00

INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE #2

FINANCING THE SDGs AND CLIMATE ACTION AGAINST RISING DEBT BURDENS

Guiding questions:

- What are the **structural factors** underpinning the repeated **debt crises**?
- What **systemic changes** are needed on the part of borrowers, official creditors, and private creditors to address **debt vulnerabilities**?
- What **policies** can countries and the international community take to **preserve and create fiscal space while maintaining debt sustainability**?
- What role should the **United Nations** have with respect to debt crises?

Keynote address

Questions and statements by Member States

Interactive discussion with panel of experts

13:15 - 14:45

HIGH LEVEL LUNCHEON (by invitation only)

15:00 - 16:15

INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE #3

- MOVING THE MONEY TO FILL THE CLIMATE ACTION AND SDG FINANCING GAP

Guiding questions:

- How can we remove the obstacles that prevent the **mobilization of private capital** at scale for achieving sustainable development and promoting climate action?
- How to ensure that **micro, small and medium-sized enterprises** are adequately supported, including through closing persistent gaps in **access to finance**?
- How can **official development assistance** best be used to leverage additional sources of financing for climate action and sustainable development? What are the challenges and the concerns related to this?
- What systemic issues need to be addressed to promote the **greening of the financial system**? What is the role of governments (policies and regulatory frameworks) and the United Nations in aligning private sector investments with sustainable development?

Keynote address

Interactive dialogue with representatives of Member States and panel of experts

16:15 - 17:30

INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE #4

- ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEW INITIATIVES

Presentation of new announcements, commitments and initiatives by Member States and other stakeholders supporting the implementation of climate action and the SDGs

17:30 - 18:00

CLOSING SESSION

- Concluding remarks