

Expert Group Meeting: Innovative Finance for Sustainable Development

October 18-19, 2007
Conference Room 7, UN Headquarters, New York

Agenda

Meeting Website: <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/sdiissues/finance/egm2007/index.htm>

Day 1: Thursday, October 18 2007

10:00-10:30 Opening Session: Welcome remarks & conference overview

Speakers: **David O'Connor**, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA
Alex Trepelkov, Financing for Development, UN DESA

10:30-12:30 Session 1: Financing agricultural R&D

Speakers: **William Masters**, Purdue University
Nienke Beintema, IFPRI
Annik Dollacker, Bayer Cropscience

Moderator: David O'Connor, DESA-DSD

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-17:15 Session 2: Index-based insurance for agriculture

Speakers: **Joanna Syroka**, WFP/World Bank
Christina Ulardic, Swiss Re, Switzerland
Jerry Skees, University of Kentucky
Olivier Mahul, World Bank
Hemanth Valvekar, BASIX

Moderator: David Le Blanc, DESA-DSD

Day 2: Friday, October 19 2007

10:00-13:00 Session 3: Micro health insurance in Africa

Speakers: **Gerry Noble**, MicroCare, Uganda
Rupalee Ruchismita, Institute of Financial Management and Research, India
Agnes Chakonta, Madison Insurance, Zambia

Moderator: Malika Bhandarkar, DESA-DSD

13:00-15:00 Lunch

15:00-17:15 Session 4: Sub-national instruments for financing basic utilities

Speakers: **Jason Ngobeni**, City of Johannesburg, South Africa
Isaura A. Guzmán L., Fitch Ratings, Mexico
Randall Dodd, International Monetary Fund
Vikram Kapur, Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Ltd., India

Moderator: Daniel Platz, DESA-FfD

17:15-17:45 Closing Session

Speakers: **David O'Connor**, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA