



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

22 July 2019

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 19 July 2019 from H.E. Mrs. Martha. A. A. Pobee, Permanent Representative of Ghana, and H.E. Mr. Marc-Andre Blanchard, Permanent Representative of Canada, co-facilitators to consult with Member States on the substantive work of the 2019 High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (FfD) to be held under the auspices of the General Assembly on 26 September 2019.

The co-facilitators have submitted for the consideration of Member States, the provisional draft Programme for the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (FfD) which is the result of informal consultations on the format and result of the High-level Dialogue.

The co-facilitators equally inform you that they look forward to receiving your feedback and that an Informative Note with details on timing and participation of Member States on each segment will be circulated in the oncoming days.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate my sincere appreciation, and that of my Office, to the co-facilitators for their leadership in facilitating the consultations as well as to all delegations for their constructive engagement.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. ESPINOSA', written over a faint blue grid.

María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York



19<sup>th</sup> July, 2019

Excellency,

We write to you in our capacities as co-facilitators appointed by the President of the General Assembly to consult with Member States on the substantive work, including possible outcomes, of the 2019 High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (FfD) to be held under the auspices of the General Assembly in September.

We convened informal consultations of the whole as well as at the level of regional groups and gave the opportunity for Member States to provide their views on the process, desired format and result of the High-level Dialogue.

We therefore have the honour to submit, for the consideration of Member States, the provisional draft agenda for the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (FfD) which is the result of our consultations.

We wish to express appreciation for the constructive engagement and active participation of Member States throughout the period of consultations and look forward to receiving your feedback. An Informative Note with details on timing and participation of Member States on each segment will be circulated in the oncoming days.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Martha. A. A. Pobee  
Permanent Representative of Ghana  
to the United Nations

Marc- Andre Blanchard  
Permanent Representative of Canada  
to the United Nations



# High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development

## HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE ON FFD Preliminary Programme

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



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## *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?



# High-level Dialogue on Financing for 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



## Financing for Development

