



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

22 September 2019

Excellency,

It is my pleasure to convey herewith revised preliminary programme, information note and list of guiding questions for the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development. The meeting will be held on Thursday, 26 September 2019, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York.

Speakers are kindly requested to keep their interventions within the stipulated time limit, in order to give each Member State the opportunity to deliver their statement.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive script.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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



High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development

Information Note

Overview

The High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development, convened by the President of the General Assembly, will be held on Thursday, 26 September 2019, from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 3.00 to 6.00 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

A previous information note was distributed by the President of the General Assembly outlining the details on format, timing and participation of Member States and other stakeholders in a letter dated 25 July 2019.

Access and Participation

Permanent Missions

In addition to the UN grounds pass required to access the UN premises, secondary access passes will be required to enter the Trusteeship Council Chamber for the High-Level Dialogue. For that purpose, every Permanent Mission will be issued two passes for access to the Trusteeship Council Chamber issued by the Protocol and Liaison Service. The secondary passes are transferable amongst members of a delegation.

IGOs, Specialized Agencies and UN system

Limited seating will be available for intergovernmental organizations and the UN system, including funds, programmes, specialized agencies, and regional commissions that have registered for the High-Level Dialogue, with no more than one seat per organization. Secondary passes for IGOs and Specialized Agencies will be issued by the Protocol and Liaison Service. One secondary pass for each UN organization that has expressed interest to participate in the high-level dialogue will be issued by UN Security and distributed by UN DESA, with details on pick-up to follow. These passes will be transferable. The list for secondary passes is now closed.

Other stakeholders and invited guests

Representatives of non-governmental organizations and the private sector must be accredited either through ECOSOC or the financing for development follow-up process. Due to space limitations, registration will not guarantee participation. Only registrants who have been approved and issued special event tickets (SETs) will be able to attend the meeting. The SET will display the name of the approved registrant and therefore are non-transferable.

A government-issued photo ID is required to receive the special event ticket and to enter the United Nations compound. **Participants should plan to arrive one hour ahead of the event to ensure enough time for the mandatory airport-standard security screening and reaching the Trusteeship Council Chamber.**



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Security and pedestrian access points

Due to security restrictions for the High-Level week of the General Assembly, access to the UN will be via the pedestrian checkpoints along 2nd Avenue at East 44th, 45th and 46th Street.

For all other pre-approved stakeholders and invited speakers who will enter using a special event ticket, a UN DESA liaison will be stationed in front of the pedestrian entrance at 2nd Avenue and East 46th Street on 26 September at the following times:

- 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Alternative arrangements can be made with UN DESA to pick up tickets in advance of the day of the meeting, from Tuesday, 24 September onward.

Seating Arrangements

Seating will be very limited for the High-level Dialogue. Seating for participating Member States will follow the General Assembly seating protocol and will be 1+1 for each delegation.

Arrangements have also been made for the UN system entities, specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations to each have **1 seat per organization**.

A number of reserved seats will also be assigned for other pre-approved stakeholders and invited speakers.

Speaking Guidance

Delegations were previously invited to submit their expression of interest to participate in one of the four interactive dialogues of the event.

Apart from keynote speakers and unless otherwise arranged, **a time limit of three minutes will be implemented for each Member State representative speaking. For non-Member State speakers, the time limit for each intervention will be two minutes.** Time limits will be strictly enforced by the moderators.

Delegations wishing to circulate their remarks are invited to submit PDF versions via email to papersmart@un.org. The name of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the email and in the heading of the statement. The remarks would be embargoed until their delivery and then posted.

To facilitate the provision of interpretation services, 20 copies of the remarks should be submitted to the conference officers' desk located at the rear of the Trusteeship Council Chamber at least 30 minutes beforehand.



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The programme, reflecting the speakers, is updated regularly on the webpage of the meeting at: <https://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ffddialogue/#home>.

Media Access Arrangements

Media are welcome to cover the High-Level Dialogue and to conduct press encounters, in accordance with the United Nations media accreditation procedure. The information on press encounters can be found at the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (MALU) website, under Media Alert (<http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/alert.shtml>).

A very limited number of media seats will be available in the gallery of the Trusteeship Council Chamber upon request to MALU on a first-come, first-served basis.

Webcast and Social Media

The United Nations Webcast services will provide live streaming coverage of the high-level meeting in 6 languages as well as on-demand coverage (recorded video) in English and original language, through the UN Web TV website at: <http://webtv.un.org>. The coverage will include the opening segment, the four interactive dialogues and the closing segment.

The discussion can also be followed on social media using the hashtags #Fin4Dev #GlobalGoals #UNGA.

High-level attendees making announcements or bringing initiatives to accelerate financing for sustainable development at the High-Level Dialogue are invited to showcase their actions at the VIP Social Media Studio, which will be located in the UN Visitors' Lobby. There will be an Instagram Studio as well as potential opportunities for Facebook Live, Twitter Mirror, Snapchat and more. Appointments are highly recommended and may be made by contacting Ms. Pooja Premchandran: premchandran@un.org.



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HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON FfD Preliminary Programme

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

10:00 - 10:30 Opening Segment

Opening and Welcome Remarks

H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the 74th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations

Statement

H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Keynote address

H.E. Mr. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of **Ghana**

Mr. Bill Gates, Co-chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Ms. Sola David-Borha, CEO Africa Regions, Standard Bank Group

10:30-11:45 Interactive Dialogue 1 – Putting public resources to work for more equal, sustainable societies, including by combatting illicit financial flows

Moderated by Ms. Sarah Cliffe - Director of New York University Center on International Cooperation

10:30– 11:10 Segment 1

H.E. Mr. Muhammadu Buhari, President of **Nigeria**

H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the **State of Palestine**

H.E. Mr. Kokhir Rasulzoda, Primer Minister of **Tajikistan**

H.E. Mr. Alexander De Croo, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Development Cooperation of **Belgium**

H.E. Mr. Darren Henfield, Minister of Foreign Affairs of **Bahamas**

Ms. Svetlana V. Lukash, G20 Sherpa and Deputy Chief, Presidential Experts' Directorate, Office of the President of the **Russian Federation**

Response by experts

11:10– 11:45 Segment 2

H.E. Mr. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of **Angola**

H.E. Mr. Idriss Déby Itno, President of **Chad**



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H.E. Mr. Imran Khan, Prime Minister of **Pakistan**

H.E. Mr. Neven Mimica, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development of the **European Union**

H.E. Mr. Richard Martinez, Minister of Economy and Finance of **Ecuador**

H.E. Mr. Ma Zhaoxu, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of **China**

Response by experts

Experts:

Mr. Carlos Correa, Executive Director of the South Centre

Mr. Kevin P. Gallagher, Professor, Boston University

Ms. Irene Ovonji-Odida, Commissioner, Independent Commission for the Reform & International Corporate Taxation, & Member of AU/ ECA High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows (Mbeki panel).

Ms. Sneha Shah, Refinitiv - Thomson Reuters

11:45-13:00 Interactive Dialogue 2 - Financing the SDGs and climate action against rising debt burdens

Moderated by Mr. Matthew Bishop, The Rockefeller Foundation

11:45– 12:25 Segment 1

H.E. Ms. Sahle-Work Zewde, President of **Ethiopia**

H.E. Mr. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of **St. Vincent and the Grenadines**

H.E. Mr. Voreqe Bainimarama, Prime Minister of **Fiji**

H.E. Ms. Francine Baron, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of **Dominica**

H.E. Dr. Dionisio da Costa Babo Soares, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, **Timor- Leste**

H.E. Mr. Ciarán Cannon, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Trade of **Ireland**

Response by experts

12:25 – 13:00 Segment 2

H.E. Mr. Danny Faure, President of **Seychelles**

H.E. Ms. Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of **Barbados**

H.E. Mr. José Ulisses Correia e Silva, Prime Minister of **Cabo Verde**

H.E. Mr. Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of **Antigua and Barbuda**

H.E. Ms. H.E. Ms. Ohood al Roumi, Minister of State of Happiness and Wellbeing of the **United Arab Emirates**

H.E. Ms. Emanuela Claudia Del Re, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of **Italy**



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Response by experts

Experts:

Mr. Eric LeCompte, Jubilee USA Network
Ms. Gita Gopinath, Chief Economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Ms. Rebecca Grynspan, Ibero-American Secretary General
Mr. Baba Musa, Director General of the West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management

15:00-16:25 Interactive Dialogue 3 – Moving the money to fill the climate action and SDGs financing gap

Two sessions featuring a small number of institutional investors having an engaging discussion on removing the obstacles to attract private capital with select Heads of State or Government and/or Ministers of Finance or Central Bank Governors.

Moderated by Ms. Gillian Tett, Chair of Editorial Board and Editor-at-Large, the Financial Times

15:00 – 15:45 Segment 1

Keynote address by H.E. Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Senior Minister of the **Republic of Singapore** and Chair of the G20 Eminent Persons Group on Global Financial Governance

H.E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of **Kenya**
H.E. Mr. Julius Maada Bio, President of **Sierra Leone**
Mr. Frank Elderson, Executive Director of Supervision of the **Netherlands Bank**
Mr. Matthew Rycroft, Permanent Secretary at the Department for International Development (DFID), **United Kingdom**
Mr. Akinwumi Adesina, President of the **African Development Bank**
Ms. Anne Finucane, Vice Chair and CEO of **Bank of America**
Mr. Mark Wiseman, Chairman of **BlackRock Alternative Investors**

15:45 – 16:25 Segment 2

Keynote address by Mr. David Lipton, IMF Acting Managing Director (5 minutes)

H.E. Mr. Andrew Holness, Prime Minister of **Jamaica**
H.E. Mr. Jusuf Kalla, Vice President of the Republic of **Indonesia**
Ms. Carin Jämtin, Director General of the **Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency**
Mr. Maurice Tulloch, Chief Executive Officer of **Aviva**
Ms. Julie Hanna, Executive Chairwoman of **Kiva**
Mr. Eric Xiandong Jing, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer **Ant Financial Services Group**
Mr. Michael Sabia, President and CEO of the **Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec**



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16:25-17:45 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

Moderated by Amb. Louis Alfonso de Alba, Special Envoy for the 2019 Climate Summit

16:25 – 17:15 Segment 1

H.E. Mr. Jean Asselborn, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Grand Duchy of **Luxembourg**

H.E. Mr. Ville Skinnari, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of **Finland**

H.E. Mr. Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne, Secretary of State to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of **France**

H.E. Mr. Ola Elvestuen, Minister of Climate and Environment, **Norway** (TBC)

H.E. Mr. Mohamed Azmin Ali, Minister of Economic Affairs of **Malaysia**

H.E. Mr. Rasmus Prehn, Minister for Trade and Development Cooperation of **Denmark**

H.E. Mr. Nasser Bourita, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, **Morocco**

Mr. Amar Bhattacharya, Brookings Institute -
Report of the Technical Task Force on Mobilizing \$100 billion per year by 2020

Mr. Rémy Rioux, International Development Finance Club Chair

Ms. Barbara Zvan, Investor Leadership Network

Ms. Stephanie von Friedeburg, International Finance Corporation

Ms. Anne-Marie Levesque, Chair of the 2X Working Group -
2X Challenge of the Development Finance Institutions of Canada (FinDev), Denmark (IFU), Finland (Finnfund), France (Proparco), Germany (DEG), Italy (Cassa Depositi e Prestiti – CDP), Japan (JBIC and JICA), the Netherlands (FMO), Sweden (Swedfund), the United Kingdom (CDC) and the United States (Overseas Private Investment Corporation - OPIC)

Ms. Lise Kingo, CEO and Executive Director, UN Global Compact

Mr. Richard Curtis, SDG Advocate and Movie Director



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17:15 – 17:45 Segment 2

Moderator: Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General

H.E. Mr. Allen Chastanet, Prime Minister of **St. Lucia**

H.E. Mr. Peter Eriksson, Minister for Development Cooperation of **Sweden**

H.E. Mr. Marcelo Ebrard, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of **Mexico**

H.E. Mr. Luis Alberto Rodriguez, Minister of National Planning of **Colombia**

Mr. Keith Krach, Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment of the **United States**

Ms. Maria Ramos, Secretary-General's Task Force on Digital Financing of the SDGs

Mr. Manuel Sager, Director-General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, **Switzerland**

Two representatives from the Youth Climate Summit:

Ms. Dominique Souris, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Youth Climate Lab

Ms. Genevieve Jiva, Pacific Islands Climate Action Network Coordinator

17:45-18:00 Closing Session

H.E. Marc Andre Blanchard, Permanent Representative of Canada and Co-Chair of Group of Friends of Financing for Development

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

H.E. Ms. Mona Juul, President of the Economic and Social Council

H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the 74th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations



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Guiding Questions

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

10:00-10:30

Opening segment of the High-level Dialogue

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 do we ensure that inclusive **international tax cooperation**, including the development of **international tax norms** and action on tax-related illicit financial flows, can support domestic resource 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?
- How can we turn the tide on all forms of **illicit financial flows**?
- How can we mobilize **broad political support** for all these policies?

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?
- To what extent can **creditors address climate change** in their lending policies?
- What **breakthrough idea** could be the next game changer in creating sustainable debt?



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15:00-16:25

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?

16:25-17:45

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

17:45-18:00

CLOSING SESSION