

REGIONAL CONSULTATION

Financing for Development

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Room XXV

DRAFT AGENDA AS OF 25 FEBRUARY 2015

Morning , Monday 23 March 2015

10:00 – 10:30	<p>OPENING SPEECHES</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Michael Gerber (Chair) Ambassador, Special Envoy for Global Sustainable Development, Switzerland</p> <p>Mr. Manuel Sager State Secretary and Director-General, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation</p> <p>Mr. Wu Hongbo United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs</p> <p>Mr. Christian Friis Bach Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe</p>
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Panel 1: FINANCING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE ECE REGION: TRENDS AND NEEDS</p> <p>The aim of this panel is to provide an overall background to the discussion by presenting financing needs in the ECE region, mapping current resource flows and identifying emerging trends in financing sustainable development in different groups of countries, paying attention to their particular needs. The panel is also expected to discuss the impact of domestic and international environments on potential sources of financing.</p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Michael Gerber , Ambassador, Special Envoy for Global Sustainable Development, Switzerland</p> <p>Mr. Alex Trepelkov Director, Financing for Development Office, UN DESA</p>

	<p>Mr. Erik Solheim (tbc) Chair, OECD DAC</p> <p>Representative of Eurasian Development Bank (tbc)</p> <p>Ms Serena Guarnaschelli Partner, Dalberg Global Development Advisors</p>
11:30 – 13:00	<p><u>Panel 2: UNLOCKING PRIVATE RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</u></p> <p>The main emphasis of the discussions on this panel will be on the sustainable mobilization of private resources, including through the creation of suitable mechanisms for risk-sharing between the public and the private sectors. Some of the questions that could be explored by this panel include financing solutions by banks, insurance companies, other financial intermediaries and the corporate sector in promoting sustainable development; blended finance instruments and the ways in which development finance institutions can play a catalytic role in mobilising private financing; sustainable finance initiatives; the different mechanisms of collaboration between the public and private sector to mobilise financing, including through the use of public-private partnerships for infrastructure development and the provision of public services and new investment vehicles with a sustainability focus, such as impact investment.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Commission for Europe</p> <p>Speaker from the UNEP Inquiry into the Design of a Sustainable Financing System (tbc)</p> <p>Ms. Terry Toyota Director, Business Management Foundations Community, World Economic Forum</p> <p>Ms. Piroska Nagy Director, Country Strategy and Policy, Office of the Chief Economist, EBRD</p> <p>Ms. Sabine Döbeli CEO - Swiss Sustainable Finance</p> <p>Speaker on UNECE’s public-private-partnerships work (PPPs)</p>

Afternoon, Monday 23 March 2015

15:00 – 15:10	<p><u>SPECIAL ADDRESS</u></p> <p>Ms. Amina J. Mohammed Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning</p>
15:10 – 16:30	<p><u>Panel 3: CREATING CONDUCTIVE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORKS FOR RESOURCE MOBILISATION</u></p> <p>This panel will highlight international cooperation towards legal, regulatory and institutional frameworks that improve the quantity and quality of resources for development. Some of the topics that may be covered in this panel include: taxation of multinational companies; the alignment of trade agreements with sustainable development; investment regimes; economic integration initiatives and their impact on cross-border financial flows for sustainable development and innovative mechanisms to mobilize additional resources.</p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Michael Gerber, Ambassador, Special Envoy for Global Sustainable Development, Switzerland</p> <p>Mr. Wolfgang Karl Lasars (tbc) UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, Germany</p> <p>Mr. Hans-Peter Werner Counsellor, Development Division, World Trade Organization</p> <p>Mr. James Zhan Director, Investment and Enterprise Division, UNCTAD</p> <p>Secretariat of the Leading Group on Innovative Financing for Development (France) (tbc)</p>

16:30 – 17:45	<p><u>Panel 4: A RENEWED GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP</u></p> <p>This panel will provide a broader context for the discussion on financing for sustainable development by addressing more systemic issues, including those related to monitoring and accountability, policy coherence and governance. The new development cooperation landscape, including emerging actors in development financing, South-South and regional cooperation could also be considered. The panel will discuss, in particular, how the development needs of the emerging countries in the region can be addressed in an effective way through multiple sources of financing.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe</p> <p>Mr. Guido Schmidt-Traub Executive Director, Sustainable Development Solutions Network's (SDSN)</p> <p>Ms. Jean Saldanha Chair of Financing for Development Taskforce, Concord</p> <p>Mr. Ben Slay Senior Advisor, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub for Europe and the CIS</p> <p>Ms. Carina Larsfälten Chief International Officer, World Business Council for Sustainable Development</p> <p>Ms. Annalisa Prizzon Research Fellow, Centre for Aid and Public Expenditure, Overseas Development Institute, United Kingdom</p>
17:45 – 18:00	CLOSING OF THE MEETING
