



Preparatory Meeting for the Thematic Debate 2008 High-level Segment

**17 April 2008, UN Headquarters, New York
3:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

Draft Programme

3.00 pm Opening of the meeting

Welcome by **H.E. Ambassador Léo Mèrorès**, President of ECOSOC

Opening remarks by **Mr. Sha Zukang**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

3.15 – 4:15 pm Panel: Land and Vulnerable People in a World of Change

Moderator: Mr. Thomas Stelzer, Assistant Secretary General for Policy Coordination and Interagency Affairs

Panelists:

Ms. Isabel Lavadenz-Paccieri, Programme Coordinator, Sustainable Development Network, World Bank will provide an overview of the impact of recent global trends on land, vulnerability and poor people.

Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Chairperson of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, will highlight the affects of climate change and biofuel production on the lives and livelihoods of indigenous peoples.

Mr. Andy White, Coordinator, Rights and Resources Initiative, Washington D.C., will focus on forests and the social dimension of climate change

Mr. Papa Mawade Wade, Centre de Suivi, Senegal, will discuss the impact of climate change, increased biofuels production etc on land degradation and desertification

4:15 – 5:15 pm Interactive Dialogue

5:20 – 5:30 pm Closing of meeting by President of ECOSOC