



**Geneva, Friday, 6 July 2007
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Scenario

Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the UN Regional Commissions

The interactive dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the UN Regional Commissions will be primarily based on: “Regional aspects of the themes of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council’s 2007 substantive session”, and will consider from a regional perspective the theme for the thematic discussion, “Strengthening efforts at all levels to promote pro-poor sustained economic growth, including through equitable macroeconomic policies” and the theme for the annual ministerial review, “Strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through the global partnership for development”.

The President of the ECOSOC will open the meeting and make a brief introduction about the event, which also serves as the primary opportunity for substantive interaction by the Executive Heads of the Commissions with the members of the Council. For this purpose, the Council will have the following background documents at its disposal:

- Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2007/15 and Add.1 and 2) ([see Advanced unedited versions of E/2007/15/Add.1 and E/2007/15/Add.2](#))
- [Economic developments in the Economic Commission for Europe region \(E/2007/16\)](#)
- [Overview of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa 2007 \(E/2007/17\)](#)
- [Summary of the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2007 \(E/2007/18\)](#)
- [Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook, 2006-2007 \(E/2007/19\)](#)
- [Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region, 2006-2007 \(E/2007/20\)](#)

The time available for the Dialogue will be distributed into six slots of 30 minutes each, to enable presentation by the respective Executive Secretary on perspectives and developments in each region (for 7 minutes) to be followed by interactive discussion focusing on the contents of his/her presentation as well as the relevant analysis in the report of the Secretary-General on Regional Cooperation (E/2007/15). The remaining half hour will be utilized for the purposes of introduction by the President, interactive discussion on relevant issues of interregional cooperation as well as concluding remarks and closure of the Dialogue by the President.

The Dialogue will be moderated by the Current Coordinator of the regional commissions, Mr. Jose Luis Machinea, USG and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), who will also be the first among the Executive Secretaries to make presentation. Following interactive discussions relating to ECLAC presentation, Mr. Machinea will invite the following to make presentation, in successive order, as given below, followed by interactive discussions in each case:

- Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, USG and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA);
- Mr. Atif Kubursi, Acting Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA);
- Mr. Marek Belka, USG and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE); and
- Mr. Kim Hak-Su, USG and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).