

**Executive Committee of Economic and Social Affairs
Meeting of Principals**

**13 February 2009
8:30am, New York time**

ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Coordinated ECESA support to the Secretary-General in advance of the G20 meeting in London

Among the forthcoming opportunities to discuss the global financial and economic crisis is the next meeting of the Group of 20 on 2 April in London, in which the Secretary-General will be representing the United Nations. The Secretary-General has asked for advice on the preparations for his participation in the G20 meeting.

DESA has thus begun brainstorming on a strategy paper that could be produced within ECESA. The paper could also be the basis for consultations in the Secretary-General's Policy Committee, should he decide that the Committee will take up the item. The paper would complement the discussion to take place on the UN system and the financial crisis in the HLCP/CEB meeting later this month in Geneva.

- **Principals are invited to discuss the proposal to prepare an ECESA strategy paper advising the Secretary-General on his preparation for the upcoming G20 meeting**

2. Role and contribution of ECESA members to the preparations for the UN conference at the highest level on the world financial and economic crisis

The General Assembly, in its resolution 63/239 adopted on 24 December 2008, endorsed the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development, which stated that the United Nations will hold a conference at the highest level on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development. The Declaration further stated that the conference will be organized by the President of the General Assembly and the modalities will be defined by March 2009 at the latest.

The PGA circulated a draft resolution on the modalities of the conference to Member States on 28 January and will hold an informal consultation of the plenary on 12 February. The draft resolution invites UN system entities to participate in the conference's preparatory process and to provide technical inputs. It also envisages regional consultations to be convened by the UN Regional Commissions and others, as well as inputs from the Spring Meeting of ECOSOC with the international trade and financial institutions.

- **Principals are invited to discuss the role and contribution of ECESA members to the preparations for the UN Conference at the highest level on the financial and economic crisis**

3. Update on the implementation of the Mobility and Occupational Networks

The Secretary-General launched a pilot exercise in the areas of Political Affairs, Economic and Social Affairs, and Management with the principle objective of promoting cross-departmental and cross-duty station mobility.

In their meeting of 16 October 2008, Principals requested Alicia Bárcena to act as focal point for the implementation of the pilot on mobility and occupational networks within the context of ECESA. Principals were requested to appoint a focal point.

- **Principals are invited to provide guidance on the next steps to coordinate the implementation of the initiative within the context of ECESA**

4. Report of Deputies on the Coordination of the preparation of the Programme Planning Budget (PPB) 2010-2011

In their meeting of 16 October 2008, Principals tasked Deputies to lead the coordination exercise for the preparation of the Proposed Programme Budget for the Biennium 2010-2011 with a view to achieving greater coherence, identifying synergies and avoiding duplication.

‘Narrative snapshots’ of programmatic intentions were prepared by the thematic clusters to highlight the coordination and cooperation processes engaged under each theme, and to identify the synergies and complementarities forged among ECESA entities on specific outputs and activities.

- **Principals are invited to review the coordination of the preparation of the PPB 2010-2011 led by Deputies;**
- **Principals may wish to transmit the compilation of the ‘narrative snapshots’ as a supplementary document to ACABQ.**

5. Seventh Tranche of the Development Account: Decision on the short-list of projects

Principals agreed in their Meeting of 8 July 2008 that the theme for the 7th Tranche of the development account will be “Support to addressing key global

development challenges to further the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, through collaboration at global, regional and national levels.”

In response to a request by the Programme Manager for proposals, ECESA entities submitted 58 project concept proposals. 28 projects have been selected for inclusion in the 7th tranche on the basis of meeting the criteria set by Member States for the Development Account, and with due regard to the funding envelope. On 6 February, the Development Account Steering Committee agreed in principle on the selection of the 28 projects for funding under the 7th tranche.

The Programme Manager also includes the provision for the dedicated programme management as part of the SG's proposal for the 7th Tranche. The current arrangement in DESA to manage the growing number and complexity of DA-related tasks is no longer sustainable. In line with the need to identify critical gaps in the delivery of mandates and to support ways to address these gaps, the SG's report on strengthening the Development Pillar (A/62/708) contained a particular provision related to support to effective management of the Account. ACABQ endorsed this proposal, while the GA did not make any decision on it.

- **Principals are invited to endorse the list of projects to be financed under the 7th Tranche of the Account.**

6. Other matters

- a. Update on the work of the SG's Policy Committee and ECESA communications on Policy Committee matters;
- b. Update on GA consultations on the draft resolution on the 2010 MDG Summit