

2017 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up
Ministerial Round Tables (23 May 2017)
Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations, New York
Guidance note

Ministerial Round Tables on “Steps taken towards implementation of commitments contained in the Addis Agenda and other FfD outcomes.”

The ministerial round tables will be guided by paragraph 131 of General Assembly resolution 69/313 on the “Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development”, which states that the FfD follow-up process should promote the sharing of lessons learned from experiences at the national and regional levels. Each round table would bring together a balanced mix of Ministers from developed and developing countries, one high-level representative from an international financial institution or an intergovernmental organization, and, time-permitting, high-level representatives from civil society and the business sector. The purpose of the ministerial round tables is to provide space for Member States to discuss and learn from each other’s experiences in operationalizing and implementing the commitments contained in the Addis Agenda and other financing for development outcomes.

Ministerial Round Table 1

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

- *Moderator:* Mr. Tao Zhang, Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund
- H.E. Ms. Isabel de Saint Malo de Alvarado, Vice President of the Republic of Panama and Minister of Foreign Relations, Panama
- H.E. Mr. Neven Mimica, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission
- H.E. Mr. Admasu Nebebe, State Minister, Ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation, Ethiopia
- H.E. Ms. Karen Singson, Chief of Staff and Undersecretary for Privatization and Office of Special Concerns, Department of Finance, Philippines
- Mr. Dmitry Pankin, Head, Eurasian Development Bank
- *Lead Discussant:* Mr. Saqib Rashid, Principal, The Abraaj Group

Ministerial Round Table 2

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- *Moderator:* Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President for the 2030 Agenda, United Nations Relations and Partnerships, World Bank Group
- H.E. Mr. Nabindra Raj Joshi, Minister of Industry, Nepal
- H.E. Mr. Tevita Lavemaau, Minister of Finance and National Planning, Tonga
- H.E. Mr. Väino Reinart, Undersecretary of Economic and Development Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Estonia
- H.E. Ms. Tanneh Brunson, Deputy Minister, Budget and Development Planning, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Liberia
- H.E. Mr. Agustín García-López, Head, Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), Mexico
- *Lead Discussant:* Mr. Mpho Khunou, Mayor of Rustenberg, National Chair of South African Local Governments Association (SALGA)

Ministerial Round Table 3

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

- *Moderator:* Mr. Yonov Frederick Agah, Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization
- H.E. Mr. Miguel Angel Estuardo Moir Sandoval, Secretary of Planning, Guatemala
- H.E. Dr. Teuea Toatu, Minister for Finance and Economic Development, Kiribati
- H.E. Mr. Modeste Randrianarivony, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Madagascar
- H.E. Ms. Carola Iniguez Zambrano, Undersecretary of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ecuador
- Ms. Inger Buxton, Deputy Head, Global Agenda Department, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden
- *Lead Discussant:* Mr. Fanwell Kenala Bokosi, Executive Director, AFRODAD

Guiding questions:

1. What steps have been taken at national level as well as by international financial institutions towards the implementation of commitments contained in the Addis Agenda and other FfD outcomes?
2. What obstacles and challenges have been encountered in the implementation of the financing for development outcomes and the delivery of the means of implementation of the SDGs?
3. How can the FfD Forum best promote the sharing of lessons learned from experiences at the national and regional levels?

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