

**Points of Intervention
Delegates of the Republic of Indonesia
Informal Consultations on the Draft Conclusions and
Recommendations of
The 2017 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development Follow-Up
New York, 4 April 2017**

- Allow me, first of all, to congratulate H.E. Ambassador Jerry Matthews Matjila of South Africa, and H.E. Ambassador Marc Pecsteen de Buytsverve of Belgium, for their appointment as co-facilitators to prepare the draft conclusions and recommendations of the 2017 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development Follow-Up, as well as convening the informal consultations process.
- Let me also align ourselves with the statement by Ecuador on behalf of the G77 and China.
- As mandated by the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the FFD follow-up Forum has been aimed and dedicated as a follow-up and review mechanism for the Agenda, which particularly emphasizes the feasible means of implementation not only the Agenda 2030 but further to seek innovative financing for the whole development system.
- The year 2016 was the first full year of implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. Besides the Forum, we have seen the inception of multi-stakeholder science technology and innovation, continuing discussion on debt restructuring, technology bank, Global Infrastructure Forum (GIF) and, of course, the debate on reforming the UN tax committee.
- By and large, we have seen the Addis Ababa Action Agenda is on the right track, even though at the working level we saw more work need to be conducted coherently.
- In that regard, and as our initial comment for the convening of the 2017 Forum, we would like to suggest two points for your further consideration:

- First, **avoid repeating what has been agreed on the AAAA**. We must try not to repeat our failure last year on agreeing a procedural outcome document. Indonesia calls upon all Member States to exercise utmost flexibility and an open mind during the consultation process. Be focus on the most practical solution.
- We, therefore, welcome the circulation of the draft of 2017 Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) Report and commend the UNDESA for organizing a series of technical briefings on the Report to familiarize Member States with materials covered in the Report, and prepare us to deliberate on them.
- Second, **coherency with other processes**. As I mentioned earlier, this forum is not a self-sufficient one. We need to take into account the development in the other fora and harmonize the other outcome into consideration. For example, we know the GIF will have its meeting on April 22 in Washington, D.C. It is pertinent that this forum could give guidance as well to that process.
- Again, as I always mentioned in other Forum, working in silos is a hard habit to break. We all like comfortness and are afraid to do differently. But that is our challenge. All of us need to work together in getting the best possible solution for this financing issues. Otherwise, we end up in a more severe and unpredictable situation.
- To this end, Indonesia would like to reaffirm its readiness to work closely and constructively towards a substantive and meaningful outcome of the Forum that meets our collective aspirations. Indonesia wishes the Co-Facilitator and the Forum this year every success and sets the standard for the following Forums in the coming years.
- I thank you