

High-level Side Event
2018 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow up

TRANSFORMING FINANCE IN ASIA-PACIFIC: THE FINTECH REVOLUTION

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

18:15 – 18:30 **Registration and refreshments**

18:30 – 18:50 **Introductory remarks**

- **Ms. Shamshad Akhtar**, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP [Moderator]

Key note addresses

- **H.E. Mr. Abul Maal Abdul Muhith**, Minister of Finance, Bangladesh
- **H.E. Mr. Bambang P.S. Brodjonegoro**, Minister of National Development Planning, Indonesia
- **H.E. Mr. Yerzhan Ashikbayev**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kazakhstan

18:50 – 19:20 **Panelists**

- **H.E. Mr. Mustafa Mastoor**, Minister of Economy, Afghanistan
- **H.E. Mr. Nim Dorji**, Finance Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Bhutan
- **H.E. Mr. Mohammad Khzaee**, Vice Minister of Economic Affairs & Head of Organization for Investments and Economic Assistance, Islamic Republic of Iran
- **H.E. Mr Somchith Inthamith**, Deputy Minister, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Lao People's Democratic Republic
- **Ms. Azeema Adam**, Government of Maldives Envoy for Financing for Development and former Governor of Maldives Monetary Authority
- **H.E. Mr. Odo Tevi**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative of the Republic of Vanuatu to the United Nations

19:20 – 19:45 **Lead discussants**

- **Ms. Kathleen DeRose**, Clinical Associate Professor, Finance, FinTech Leader, New York University, Stern School of Business
- **Mr. Xiaochen Zhang**, President, Fintech4Good
- **Ms. Alisa DiCaprio**, Head of Research at R3
- **Mr. Alexander R. Malaket**, CITP, CTFP, President, OPUS Advisory Services International Inc.
- **Ms. Lidy Nacpil**, Coordinator, Jubilee South Asia Pacific Movement on Debt and Development

19:45 – 19:55 **Open discussion**

19:55 – 20:00 **Closing remarks**



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Monday, 23 April 2018
18:30 – 20:00 hrs

The West Terrace, 4th Floor, Main building
United Nations Headquarters, New York

Objective and format

- The objective of this side event on "Transforming Finance in Asia-Pacific: The FinTech Revolution" will be to discuss various aspects of the prospects for FinTech from the perspective of Asia and the Pacific.
- The event will a) review experiences of Asia-Pacific countries in pursuing various initiatives pertaining to FinTech; b) identify policy and regulatory challenges in harnessing the potential of FinTechs; and c) discuss ways by which enhanced regional cooperation, with the support of ESCAP, can facilitate member States in taking the initiatives forward.
- The side event will be organized as a high-level panel discussion, which will be followed by open discussion.

Priority issues

- Prospects and achievements of countries in the region in advancing the priority areas of financing for development;
- Positive developments in improving financial inclusion in countries in the region;
- Prospects for FinTech in Asia and the Pacific;
- Contours of a proportional approach to regulation of FinTech which promotes financial inclusion while maintaining financial stability;
- Policies for Governments and the private sector to work better together to promote FinTech.

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