



**The President
of the
Economic and Social Council**

17 March 2014

Excellency,

I am writing to advise you of the substantive focus and organizational format of the Special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to be held on 14-15 April 2014 in the ECOSOC Chamber at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The overall theme of the meeting will be “*Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of financing for sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda*”. The meeting is taking place at a critical moment in the elaboration of the UN development agenda beyond 2015, as the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing are due to submit their reports later this year.

Building on previous experience, the format of the meeting will serve to encourage a dynamic and interactive debate and promote an open exchange of views among participants. Following the opening plenary, a Ministerial segment will focus on the theme “*World economic situation and prospects*”, to be followed by an interactive discussion, as well as brief statements by the heads of relevant intergovernmental bodies and other senior officials of the institutional stakeholders of the meeting.

I would greatly appreciate the participation of your Minister of Finance / Development Cooperation / Foreign Affairs or Central Bank Governor in the forthcoming meeting. All Ministers and Central Bank Governors attending the meeting will be invited to intervene during the morning session on Monday, 14 April 2014.

All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers
to the United Nations
New York

The meeting will also include thematic debates on the following themes:

- (a) “*Mobilization of financial resources and their effective use for sustainable development*”; and
- (b) “*Global partnership for sustainable development in the context of the post-2015 development agenda*”.

The thematic debates on the above topics will be held consecutively in an informal plenary setting of the whole, in order to facilitate greater engagement of all participants, including representatives of civil society and the business sector. To kick-off the thematic debates, there will be brief presentations by experts from the institutional stakeholders of the meeting.

A renewed effort will be made to promote strict adherence to the meeting schedule and time limits for interventions, in order to stimulate more interactive dialogue among all participants. No list of speakers will be established in advance of the meeting. All participants will be requested to avoid reading from written statements, although this will not preclude the distribution of full texts.

The meeting will conclude with my closing remarks highlighting the main points of discussions and common messages. A full summary of the meeting will be issued as an official document of ECOSOC and the General Assembly.

The programme of the event will be circulated at a later date. For further information and periodic updates, please consult the website of the meeting at www.un.org/esa/ffd/ecosoc/springmeetings/2014/index.htm

For any questions, please contact Mr. Gregory Dubois in the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail: duboig@un.org; tel.: 1-212-963-5435).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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