



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16 March 2015

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Co-Facilitators for the preparatory process of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, H.E. George Wilfred Talbot, Permanent Representative of Guyana, and H.E. Mr. Geir O. Pederson, Permanent Representative of Norway, forwarding a draft resolution on modalities for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

You will recall that in accordance with resolution 68/279 on the Modalities for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Secretary-General in November 2014 provided a Note (A/69/542) on the organizational arrangements for the Conference.

The Co-Facilitators have scheduled informal consultations on 19-20 March 2015 to consider the draft resolution in order to finalize the organizational modalities. The venue will be announced in the Journal.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam K. Kutesa".

Sam K. Kutesa

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



**PERMANENT MISSION OF NORWAY
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF GUYANA TO THE
UNITED NATIONS**

March 13, 2015

Excellency,

We take the opportunity to recall that in keeping with the mandate of GA resolution 68/279 on the Modalities for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Secretary-General in November 2014 provided a Note (A/69/542) on the organizational arrangements for the Conference.

Accordingly, we now propose to convene informal consultations in order for the Assembly to finalize the organizational modalities for the Conference in an expeditious manner.

In this regard, a draft resolution is attached for your consideration. The dates for the consultations on the draft resolution will be announced in the UN Journal. We count on your strong support for this process.

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

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Geir O. Pedersen
Permanent Representative of
Norway to the United Nations

Handwritten signature of George Talbot in black ink.

George Talbot
Permanent Representative of the Republic of
Guyana to the United Nations

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Modalities for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 68/279 of 30 June 2014 on modalities for the third International Conference on Financing for Development and resolution 69/208 on Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development,

Noting the appointment of the Secretary-General for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,

Acknowledging with appreciation those Member States that have made voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the travel and participation of representatives from developing countries, in particular the least developed countries,

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on proposed organization of work of the third International Conference on Financing for Development¹;
2. *Recommends* the provisional rules of procedure for the Conference set forth in annex I to the note and the provisional agenda of the Conference set forth in annex II to the note for adoption at the Conference;
3. *Decides* that the Conference shall be conducted in accordance with its rules of procedure and the organization of work set forth in the annex to the present resolution;
4. *Takes note* of the holding of the two series of substantive informal sessions, on 17 October, 10-13 November and 9-12 December 2014, which provided input to the preparations for the Conference;
5. *Reiterates* the importance of concluding negotiations on the draft outcome document by June 2015;
6. *Calls upon* all Member States and other potential donors, on an urgent basis, to contribute generously to the Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the travel and participation of representatives from developing countries, in particular the least developed countries;
7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to provide all appropriate support to the work of the preparatory process for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and to the Conference itself and to ensure inter-agency cooperation and effective participation and coherence within the United Nations system, as well as the efficient use of resources, so that the objectives of the Conference can be addressed;
8. *Reiterates that* the outcome of the Conference should constitute an important contribution to and support the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda.

¹ A/69/542.

Annex

Organization of work of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development

Addis Ababa, 13 to 16 July 2015

1. The arrangements set out below have been formulated pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/279 of 30 June 2014.
2. The Third International Conference on Financing for Development will be held in Addis Ababa, at the headquarters of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, from 13 to 16 July 2015.
3. The work of the Conference will be conducted in accordance with its rules of procedure as well as the following arrangements.

I. Organization of work

A. Plenary meetings

4. The Third International Conference on Financing for Development will consist of an opening and a closing and a total of six plenary meetings, to be held as follows:

Monday, 13 July 2015: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 14 July 2015: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 15 July 2015: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Thursday, 16 July 2015: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

5. The list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the Conference will be established in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference and established practice.
6. At the opening plenary meeting on Monday, 13 July, statements will be made by the President of the Conference, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the General Assembly, the President of the World Bank, the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Director General of the World Trade Organization (WTO).
7. At the beginning of the second plenary meeting on Monday, 13 July, statements will be made by the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), speaking in her capacity as the Chair of the United Nations Development Group.

B. Multi-stakeholder round tables

8. The Third International Conference on Financing for Development will include six multi-stakeholder round tables, held in parallel with the plenary meetings, as follows:

Monday, 13 July 2015: from 3 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 14 July 2015: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 15 July 2015: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Thursday, 16 July 2015: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

9. The six round tables will cover various aspects of priorities and experiences regarding domestic and international action in mobilizing resources for sustainable development.

10. Each round table will be co-chaired by two Chairs to be appointed by the President of the Conference from among the Heads of State or Government and ministers attending the Conference, in consultation with the regional groups. High-level officials from the major institutional stakeholders would be invited to act as moderators of the round tables.

11. The round tables will be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature, with 50 seats each: up to 40 for representatives of participating States; 6 for other participants, including observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations; up to 4 for representatives of accredited civil society organizations; and up to 4 for representatives of accredited business sector entities. The Special Advocate of the Secretary-General for Inclusive Finance for Development and his Special Adviser on Innovative Financing for Development will each be invited to participate in one of the round tables. Member States and other participants are encouraged to be represented at the round tables at the highest possible level.

12. Any given State, observer, relevant entity of the United Nations system, other accredited intergovernmental organization or accredited civil society organization or business sector entity may participate in only one of the round tables. Each representative may be accompanied by one adviser.

13. Participants will be invited by the Secretariat to sign up for participation in one of the round tables in advance of the Conference, bearing in mind the total number of participants outlined above.

14. The Secretary-General of the Conference, in consultation with the President of the General Assembly, will identify up to four panelists and a moderator for each of the round tables. The panel discussion will be followed by an interactive debate among States and other relevant stakeholders.

15. A summary of the round tables will be included in the report of the Conference.

C. Institutional stakeholders

16. Pursuant to operative paragraph 16 of resolution 68/279, other relevant intergovernmental organizations that were accredited to the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey, and the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, held in Doha, and their follow-up processes, as well as relevant organizations of the United Nations system, may

participate in the deliberations of the Conference, as appropriate, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference.

17. In addition, interested intergovernmental organizations that were not accredited to the Monterrey and Doha Conferences on Financing for Development or their follow-up processes may apply to the Secretariat for accreditation following the established accreditation procedure.