



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

24 October 2014

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 23 October 2014 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, convening the next substantive informal session from 10 - 13 November 2014 in New York.

You recall that at the first informal meeting, held on 17 October 2014, Member States shared views on the proposed road map detailing the preparatory process and the tentative programme of work for the substantive informal sessions. The updated roadmap and programme of work are attached.

In this regard, I strongly encourage Member States to participate actively in the substantive informal session, including from capitals especially from Ministries of Finance, Central Banks and development planning or cooperation agencies, as appropriate.

The background notes with further details of the session will be provided in due course to facilitate adequate preparations and productive deliberations.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam K. Kutesa', written over a horizontal line.

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**

23 October 2014

Excellency,

We are pleased to enclose herewith the updated road map and programme of work for the substantive thematic sessions of the preparatory process of the third International Conference on Financing for Development, taking into account views expressed during the first session on 17 October 2014.

We were encouraged by the feedback received during the meeting last Friday and very much appreciated the broad participation by Member States and other stakeholders.

The next substantive informal session will be held from the afternoon on 10 November to 13 November 2014 at the United Nations Headquarters, New York. We wish to encourage the active participation of all Member States, including from capitals and especially from Ministries of Finance, Central Banks and development planning or cooperation agencies, as appropriate.

In advance of the next session, background notes with further details of the sessions will be provided to enable adequate preparation by delegations and to foster interactive, focused and productive discussions.

The Financing for Development Office is finalizing arrangements to support the participation of delegates from developing countries. Interested delegations are encouraged to take up requests for support directly with that Office as soon as possible.

We wish to thank all delegations for their participation in the first substantive session and anticipate your continued and active involvement in the next session.

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

Geir O. Pedersen
Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of
Norway to the United Nations

George Talbot
Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the Republic
of Guyana to the United Nations

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Preparatory Process for the third International Conference on Financing for Development - Roadmap

Substantive Informal Sessions

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| 17 October 2014 3-6 pm | Opening session - <i>Financing sustainable development - setting the stage</i> - <i>Discussion of the proposed roadmap</i> |
| 10 November 2014 3-6 pm | The global context - <i>Global context</i> - <i>Financing across the three dimensions of sustainable development – major trends and data</i> - <i>Implications for sustainable development, including poverty eradication and inequalities</i> |
| 11-13 November 2014 | Mobilisation and effective use of resources - <i>Domestic and international public finance, including Official Development Assistance</i> - <i>Private (domestic and international) and blended finance</i> |
| 9-12 December 2014 | Enabling environment, systemic issues, follow-up process and learning from partnerships - <i>Enabling and conducive policy environment</i> - <i>Trade, technology and capacity building and other non-financial means of implementation</i> - <i>Governance</i> - <i>Learning from partnerships and follow-up process</i> |
| Interactive Hearings | |
| 15-16 January 2015 ¹ | Informal interactive hearings with civil society and the business sector |
| Regional Consultations | |
| Dates tbd | Held by the UN Regional Commissions |
| Drafting Sessions on the Outcome Document | |
| 27-29 January 2015 | First drafting session |
| 13-17 April 2015 | Second drafting session |
| 15-19 June 2015 | Third drafting session |
| Conference | |
| 13-16 July 2015 | Third International Conference on Financing for Development |

¹ Tentative dates, alternative dates: 5-6 March 2015

Work program for the substantive informal sessions

1. Financing sustainable development (0.5 days) - 17 October 2014, 3-6 pm

- Setting the stage
- Discussion of the proposed roadmap

2. Mobilisation and effective use of resources (3.5 days)

The global context (0.5 days) - 10 November 2014, 3-6 pm

- The global context
- Financing across the three dimensions of sustainable development – major trends and data
- Implications for sustainable development, including poverty eradication and inequalities

Domestic public finance (1 day) - 11 November 2014

- Mobilizing domestic public resources:
 - policy reforms
 - taxation and capacity development for effective collection
 - sustainable debt financing and international cooperation for debt resolution
 - impact of illicit flows on domestic resource mobilization
- Effective use of domestic public finance: mainstreaming sustainable development criteria

International public finance, including Official Development Assistance (1 day) - 12 November 2014

- Mobilizing international public finance: meeting ODA commitments; environment/climate finance
- Aid and development effectiveness; improving coherence of the international public finance architecture
- Innovative mechanisms of financing
- North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation

Private finance (domestic and international) and blended finance (1 day) - 13 November 2014

- Inclusive finance, including SME financing
- Long-term investment
- International capital flows
- Sustainable finance (EESG considerations), including impact investing
- Local capital market development
- Blending arrangements including PPPs, guarantees, and other innovative mechanisms
- Remittances and private development assistance

3. Enabling environment, systemic issues, follow-up process and learning from partnerships (4 days)

Enabling and conducive policy environment (1 day) – 9 December 2014

- International monetary and financial system and financial market stability
- Balancing access to credit with stability in regulatory regimes
- International tax cooperation and fighting illicit flows
- Debt crisis prevention and resolution
- Key policy reforms to implement individual SDGs

Trade, technology and capacity building and other non-financial means of implementation (1 day) – 10 December 2014

- Trade reforms and facilitation
- Trade and investment regimes for sustainable development
- Fostering science, technology and innovation for sustainable development
- Capacity building

Governance (1 day) – 11 December 2014

- Enabling and conducive national governance, including capacity development, transparent and accountable institutions
- Enabling and conducive international governance, including global economic governance, transparent and accountable institutions
- Closing data gaps and strengthening statistical capacities

Learning from partnerships and follow-up process (1 day) – 12 December 2014

- Financing needs for sustainable development
- Learning from sector partnerships and funds (e.g. global funds, partnerships)
- Interplay of financing sources at the national level and national sustainable development financing strategies
- Sustainable development financing in LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS, African countries and other country-specific contexts
- Strengthening the FfD follow-up process; accountability framework