

UNECE FfD Regional Consultation Expert Meeting  
May 13, 2008  
Palais des Nations, Salle VIII

- 9:30 Opening Welcome, Overview of the FfD Process, the Regional Consultations, and an Outline of the Day's Event - *Marek Belka, Executive Secretary, UNECE*
- 9:40 Introduction of the experts with a 5 minutes (maximum) introduction by each of who they are and on what important issues that they will be focusing on today
- 10:20 Overview of the UNECE Secretariat and its member States views of the important issues that need to be addressed – *Robert Shelburne, UNECE*
- 10:30 Mobilizing Domestic Resources  
Human resources: increasing employment and the quality of the labor force  
Mobilizing women's potential, *Discussion led by Ewa Ruminska-Zimny, UNECE*  
Improving domestic savings and financial intermediation  
Improving governance  
Distribution
- 11:15 Attracting and Using International Capital and other Financial Resources  
Is the transition economies' reliance on foreign capital a sign of success or failure? *Discussion led by Christopher Rosenberg, IMF*  
  
Is FDI really increasing capital formation?  
  
Is there an unproductive race to the bottom in corporate tax rates?  
  
Remittances and migration: a major financial flow in the region basically unaddressed in the Monterrey Consensus. *Discussion led by Robert Shelburne, UNECE*
- 12:00 Trade  
WTO accession for south-east Europe and CIS  
Completion of the WTO Doha "Development" Round  
The role of regional preferential trade agreements
- 12:45 Lunch at the DSR rooftop restaurant of the Palais des Nations
- 2:30 Financial Aid and Technical Cooperation  
Contractor Report of Dr. Pietras on, "The Lessons from Using EU Funds that Can Be Applied to Development Assistance"
- 2:50 Discussion of Dr. Pietras' Conclusions
- 3:00 The Role of Middle Income Countries as New Donors and Challenges of Aid Effectiveness, *Discussion led by Daniel Hanspach, UNDP*

- 3:30 External Debt
- 3:50 Enhancing the Coherence of the International Economic System  
Have the international organizations become more representative?  
Has the international economic system become more development friendly?  
Has coherence improved amongst the international development and financial organizations?
- 4:45 New Issues (may also covered in respective sessions)  
The Environment- Global Warming  
The Sovereign Wealth Funds- What are the best practices, and do they require a code of conduct?  
The Food Crisis
- 5:15 Final Conclusions
- 5:30 End
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## **Participants**

### Confirmed

Marek Belka, Executive Secretary, UNECE

Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, UN-New York

Daniel Hanspach, Emerging Donors Policy Specialist, UNDP-Europe and the CIS

Heiner Flassbeck, Director of Globalization and Development Strategies Division,  
UNCTAD

Hans-Peter Lankes, Deputy Chief Economist, European Bank for Reconstruction and  
Development

Moazam Mahmood, Senior Technical Specialist, Policy Integration Department, ILO

Jaroslav Pietras, Faculty of Economics, Warsaw University (former Deputy Finance  
Minister of Poland and Head of the Polish Office for European Integration)

Tibor Palankai, Director of European Studies, Corvinus University of Budapest

Shishir Priyadarshi, Director of Development Division, WTO

Christopher Rosenberg, Senior Regional Representative for Central Europe and the  
Baltics, International Monetary Fund

Ewa Ruminska-Zimny, Senior Social Affairs Officer & Head of Gender Programme,  
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Robert Shelburne, Senior Economist, UNECE