

**Economic and Social Council
2008 High-level Segment
New York, 30 June - 3 July 2008**

Provisional Programme

Monday, 30 June morning session

- 9:00 – 9:30 am **Opening of the High-level Segment** (Trusteeship Council Chamber)
Opening addresses
Léo Mérorès, President of the Economic and Social Council
Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General, United Nations (statement delivered by Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General)
- 9:30 – 11:00 am **Keynote addresses on the theme “achieving sustainable development” followed by Q&A**
Rajendra K Pachauri, Chairman, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
Lord Stern of Brentford, author of the Stern Review
- 11:00 am – 1:00 pm **High-level Policy Dialogue with the international financial and trade institutions on current developments in the world economy**
Moderator: Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA
Panelists: Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
Murilo Portugal, Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund
Justin Lin, Chief Economist, World Bank
Valentine Rugwabiza, Deputy Director General, World Trade Organization
- 1:15 – 2:45 pm **Luncheon for Heads of delegations hosted by the President of ECOSOC¹ (DDR)**

Afternoon session

3:00 – 3:20 pm

Opening of the Development Cooperation Forum (CR 4)

Leo Mérorès, President of the Economic and Social Council

Thomas Stelzer, Assistant Secretary-General, UNDESA

3:20 – 3:30 pm

11:00 – 1:00 pm **Development Cooperation Forum roundtables** (parallel)
A. **Identifying gaps and obstacles**
“*Are capacities ready for more aid at the country-level?*” (CR 1)
B. **Exchanging lessons learned**
“*How can development aid support national development strategies?*” (CR 4)

1:15 – 2:45 pm **Lunch meeting**⁴.

Tuesday, 1 July afternoon session

3:00 – 6:00 pm **General debate for the High-level Segment** (parallel with the Development Cooperation Forum roundtable) (ECOSOC Chamber)

Opening address

Léo Mérorès, President of the Economic and Social Council

Introduction of the reports of the Secretary-General on the Annual Ministerial Review and the thematic discussion

Thomas Stelzer, Assistant Secretary-General, UNDESA

Development Cooperation Forum (continued, CR 4)

3:00 – 3:30 pm **Special presentation**
“*Key policy messages and recommendations of the Rome Stakeholder Forum*”⁵ (CR 4)

3:30 – 5:45 pm **Development Cooperation Forum roundtable**
A. **Identifying gaps and obstacles**
“*Aid effectiveness agenda: towards consensus at Accra and Doha*” (CR 4)

5:45 – 6:00 pm **Closing of the Development Cooperation Forum** (CR 4)
Concluding remarks by Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General, UNDESA
Summary statement by Léo Mérorès, President of the Economic and Social Council

Wednesday, 2 July morning session

8:00 – 9:20 am **Ministerial roundtable breakfasts**⁶ (DDR)

⁴ Upon invitation. Additional information to be provided separately

⁵ Rome Stakeholder Forum: “*The role of national and local stakeholders in contributing to aid quality and effectiveness*”, 12-13 June 2008

⁶ Additional information to be provided separately

9:30 am – 1:30 pm **Annual Ministerial Review: National Presentations** (ECOSOC Chamber)

Belgium

H.E. Charles Michel, Minister for Development Cooperation,
Belgium

Chile

H.E. Paula Quintana, Minister of National Planning and Cooperation,
Chile

United Kingdom

Mr. Andrew Steer, Director General, Policy and Research,
Department for International Development, United Kingdom

United Republic of Tanzania

H.E. Peter Msola, Minister of Science, Technology and ICT, United
Republic of Tanzania

Wednesday, 2 July afternoon session

3:00 – 6:00 pm **General debate for the High-Level Segment** (concluded) (ECOSOC Chamber)

Annual Ministerial Review roundtable (parallel with the General debate for the High-Level Segment)

A. *“The role of ecosystem services in sustainable development”* (CR 4)

Thursday, 3 July morning session

9:30 am – 1:30 pm **Annual Ministerial Review: National Presentations** (ECOSOC Chamber)

Lao People’s Democratic Republic

H.E. Bounkeut Sangsomsak, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lao
PDR

Luxembourg

H.E. Jean-Louis Schiltz, Minister for Development Cooperation and
Humanitarian Affairs, Luxembourg

Kazakhstan

H.E. Nurlan Danenov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Kazakhstan

Finland

H.E. Paavo Väyrynen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development,
Finland

Thursday, 3 July afternoon session

Thematic discussion: “Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development, taking into account current challenges”

3:00 – 5:30 pm

Panel discussions

- A. *“Bioenergy, sustainable livelihoods and rural poor”* (CR6)
- B. *“Harnessing the current boom in agricultural commodities for poverty eradication and sustainable development: the case of small scale farmers”* (ECOSOC Chamber).

5:35 – 6:00 pm

Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration (ECOSOC Chamber)

6:00 pm

Closing of the High-level Segment