

**ECESA Plus Meeting of Principals  
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**Conclusions and action**

Programme of the Conference: The Bureau has recommended a programme of the Conference, which is posted on the Conference website. The PrepCom at its last meeting adopted an oral decision inviting the UN system organizations to participate in the general debate of the Conference. During the Conference, there will be a high-level side event of the CEB which will be presided over by the Secretary-General. The Prime Minister of Samoa is invited to attend the first part of the CEB meeting.

The outcome document: Negotiations are entering the final phase. Delegations have reached agreement on the majority of the text. They are now focusing on the climate change and means of implementation. There is a clear commitment of all main political groupings to bring this negotiation to a successful conclusion here in New York.

#### b. Engagement in the Conference and Partnership dialogues

Fifth, a significant innovation of the SIDS conference is its emphasis on partnerships. Six multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues will be held during the Conference, replacing the traditional ministerial round table. The concept notes and programmes of the dialogues will be posted on the conference website in the latter part of July.

#### c. Planning ahead for the implementation of the Conference outcome

Much of the emphasis has been on capacity-building support from the UN system to SIDS. To

Accountability: A message of the event of the General Assembly held by the President last month was that countries must put in place a robust

**Agenda Item V: Any Other Business:** Third international conference on financing for development on 13-16 July 2015

The UN General Assembly decided to convene a third international conference on financing for development on 13-16 July 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The scope of the Conference is set out by General Assembly resolution 68/204. The Conference will result in an intergovernmentally negotiated and agreed outcome, which will constitute an important contribution to the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda. The reports of the Inter

reflected. African countries will look at post-2015

However, issues raised in the ICPD Programme of Act

Agenda item II: UNWomen shared the comments made by UNFPA. It added that ensuring an ambitious agenda was very important at this stage of the post-2015 and SDG process.

**WFP:** Agenda item II: WFP also referred to the need for an ambitious post-2015 development agenda and mentioned, in particular, the importance of food security, nutrition and agriculture. Equally important would be to include issues related to peaceful societies and rule of law.

Agenda item III: WFP noted that together with IFAD and FAO, the WFP could support the accountability framework with robust data and helping countries translate targets into indicators. On HLPF and review of UN entities, WFP mentioned that it would be essential to agree on what would be covered in these reviews. Equally important would be to see how progress is defined and the particular means of monitoring it. WFP also recommended a multi-tier system of reviews, which would take into account experience of agencies. Evaluation should be the final tier, previous tiers could be actions implemented or not, final or interim output, among others

Agenda item IV: WFP noted its preference for option 2. It also mentioned the importance of practitioner and peer reviews in preparing the GSDR. The report should be pragmatic and accessible to larger audience and should identify integrated and scalable solutions.

**OCHA** expressed concerns about internally displaced persons have dropped off from the zero draft of the OWG. OCHA stressed lingering displacement is a concern and needs nationally owned solutions and need to be integrated in national development strategies. OCHA pointed out that the development community should discuss solutions to this challenge.

**UNHABITAT** Agenda Item I: UNHabitat informed ECESA Plus that initially there was no language related to human settlements in the draft outcome document. But, recently, some language was introduced. UNHABITAT is involved in the preparation of the SIDS Conference and hope to be involved in the implementation of the outcome document.

On SDGs, UNHABITAT mentioned that there is an urban goal and that they are following the process closely. However, it will be important to look at how the governance system can include governance at the local level. ECOSOC's integration segment has demonstrated how the three dimensions of sustainable urbanization development could be integrated at the city level and promoted dialogue between governance at different levels. It would bes

**CBD Secretariat:** Agenda item III: The CBD Secretariat discussed the Twelfth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Republic of Korea, 6 – 17 October 2014). It highlighted the importance of biodiversity for poverty eradication.

**The Convener** thanked ECESA Plus members for their active participation and then adjourned the meeting.