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**Forum on financing for development  
follow-up  
New York, 18-20 April 2016****Information note prepared by the President of the Economic and Social Council on  
arrangements for the 2016 Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development  
follow-up****I. Introduction**

1. The General Assembly in its resolution 69/313 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA) of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development established an annual Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up with universal, intergovernmental participation, to be launched during the Council's current cycle. The General Assembly in the AAAA also decided that the forum's modalities of participation would be those utilized at the international conferences on financing for development. The forum would consist of up to five days, one of which would be the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), as well as additional institutional and other stakeholders depending on the priorities and scope of the meeting; up to four days would be dedicated to discussing the follow-up and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

2. By its resolution 70/192, the General Assembly further defined the modalities of the forum and encouraged the President of the Economic and Social Council, in collaboration with the Secretary-General, to produce an information note regarding arrangements for the meeting of the forum in 2016. The present note is prepared in response to this request and should be read in conjunction with the concept note on the modalities for the 2016 ECOSOC forum on financing for development follow-up.<sup>1</sup>

**II. Organizational arrangements**

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<sup>1</sup> See [http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Modalities\\_for\\_the\\_2016\\_ECOSOC\\_FfD\\_Forum.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Modalities_for_the_2016_ECOSOC_FfD_Forum.pdf).

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**A. Dates and venue**



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- (d) Round table D: “Debt and systemic issues”;
  - (e) Round table E: “Trade, science, technology, innovation and capacity-building”;
  - (f) Round table F: “Data, monitoring and follow-up”.

17. The Chairs of the interactive round tables will be appointed by the President of the Council from among ministers and other high-level officials attending the forum. In appointing the Chairs of the round tables, the President of the Council will endeavour to ensure a balanced representation of developing countries as well as developed countries and countries with economies in transition. Member States wishing to serve as Chairs of the six interactive round tables may wish to contact the Office of the President of ECOSOC (c/o Mr. Namki Kim (email [korea.un@mofa.go.kr](mailto:korea.un@mofa.go.kr); tel: 1-212-439-4056) with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (Ms. Isabel Tañedo, email [tanedo@un.org](mailto:tanedo@un.org); tel: 1 (212) 963-0500)). The President of ECOSOC may also invite the heads or high-level officials of relevant institutional stakeholders to act as moderators of the interactive round tables.

18. Each round table will be open to participation by representatives of all participating States; up to 20 representatives of accredited intergovernmental organizations and up to 10 relevant entities of the United Nations system; 3 representatives of accredited civil society organizations; and 3 representatives of accredited business sector entities. Each representative of participating States may be accompanied by one adviser.

19. To encourage an interactive discussion, there will be no prepared list of speakers for the round tables. In order to facilitate preparations for the interactive round tables, representatives of States and accredited intergovernmental organizations are invited to indicate to the Secretariat (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon, e-mail [leonc@un.org](mailto:leonc@un.org); fax: 1 (212) 963 5935) in which of the round tables they intend to participate. The representatives of the relevant entities of the United Nations system wishing to participate in the round tables are invited to indicate to the Financing fo



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## V. Registration

27. Registration for States and intergovernmental organizations will be opened with the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service in New York, following an announcement in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

28. For inclusion in the list of participants, delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the forum to the Secretary of the Council (e-mail [olvida@un.org](mailto:olvida@un.org); Room S-1281; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

29. Registration for relevant organizations of the United Nations system, civil society organizations and the business sector entities has been opened. Registration for civil society organizations can be found at <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ffd-follow-up/ecosoc-ffd-forum/cso-registration.html>. Registration for the business sector can be found at: <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ffd-follow-up/ecosoc-ffd-forum/business-sector-registration.html>. Registration for civil society and the business

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- (a) Agreed conclusions and recommendations of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow up;

33. An informal summary of the Economic and Social Council forum on Financing for Development follow-up will be prepared by the Secretariat and posted on the website of the forum (<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ffd-follow-up/ecosoc-ffd-forum.html>).

#### **D. Inputs from all relevant stakeholders**

34. Background information on the forum, including inputs received from all relevant stakeholders, will be posted and updated, on a regular basis, on the website of the forum (<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ffd-follow-up/ecosoc-ffd-forum.html>).

### **VII. Media arrangements**

#### *Live coverage*

35. The Department of Public Information will provide live coverage of the forum. Live and on-demand webcasts of the meetings of the forum and press conferences, in English and the original language of the speaker, will be available at the United Nations Web TV website (<http://webtv.un.org>). Press releases, official documents, statements and other information material will be made available at <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ffd-follow-up/ecosoc-ffd-forum.html>. The forum will also be covered live on Twitter using the hashtag #FFDForum. Participants are encouraged to share content on their own social media platforms using that hashtag.

#### *Media facilities*

36. A press kit containing background information relevant to the forum will be available from the Department of Public Information in all official languages. It will be posted on the forum website.

### **VIII. Side events**

37. A series of side events, organized by Member States and other stakeholders will complement the official programme of the forum. All side events should be registered through

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