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

Draft Programme

Monday, 30 June am session

9:00 – 9:30 am

Opening of the High-level Segment

Opening address

Léo Mérorès, President of ECOSOC

Addresses

Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General, United Nations

Srgjan Kerim, President of the General Assembly

9:30 – 11:00 am

Keynote addresses on the theme “achieving sustainable development”

H.H. Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain

The Honourable Al Gore, tbc

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

Pascal Lamy, Director-General, World Trade Organization (via video conference)

Justin Lin, Chief Economist, World Bank

John Lipsky, First Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund

1:15 – 2:45 pm

**Luncheon for Heads of delegations hosted by the President of ECOSOC¹
(Delegates Dining Room)**

¹ Upon invitation

Monday, 30 June pm session

- 3:00 – 3:30 pm **Opening of the Development Cooperation Forum**
Addresses
Leo Mérorès, President of ECOSOC
Ban-Ki-moon, Secretary-General, United Nations
- 3:30 – 3:45 pm **Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General**
Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA
- 3:45 – 4:30 pm **Keynote Q&A** “*A new vision for development cooperation in the 21st century*”
Louis Michel, European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid
- 4:35 – 6:30 pm **Development Cooperation Forum roundtables** (parallel)
- A. **Identifying gaps and obstacles** “*Allocating more aid: where should it go?*” (Conference Room 3, tbc)
 - B. **Reviewing trends and progress** “*South-South and triangular development cooperation: what can development actors learn?*” (Conference Room 4)
 - C. **Reviewing trends and progress** “*How are civil society and new actors enhancing impact at the country-level?*” (Conference Room 1)

Tuesday, 1 July am session

- 8:30 – 9:50 am **Breakfast meetings**²
- 10:00 – 10:45 am **Keynote Q&A** “*A new vision for development cooperation in the 21st century*”
- 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?*” (Conference Room 1)
 - B. **Exchanging lessons learned** “*How can development aid support national development strategies?*” (Conference Room 4)
- 1:15 – 2:45 pm **Luncheon meeting**³

² Additional information to be provided separately

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Tuesday, 1 July pm session

- 3:00 – 6:30 pm **General debate for the High-level Segment** (parallel with the Development Cooperation Forum roundtable)
Statement by the Secretary-General, tbc
Introduction of the reports of the Secretary-General on the Annual Ministerial Review and the thematic discussion
Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA
- Development Cooperation Forum** (continued, Conference Room 4)
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm **Special presentation** “*Key policy messages and recommendations of the Rome Stakeholder Forum*”⁴
- 3:15 – 5:45 pm **Development Cooperation Forum roundtable**
A. Identifying gaps and obstacles “*Aid effectiveness agenda: towards consensus at Accra and Doha*”
- 5:45 – 6:00 pm **Closing of the Development Cooperation Forum**
Summary statement
Léo Mérorès, President of ECOSOC
Concluding remarks
Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA

Wednesday, 2 July am session

- 8:00 – 9:20 am **Ministerial roundtable breakfasts**⁵
- 9:30 am – 1:30 pm **Annual Ministerial Review: National Presentations**
Belgium
Chile
United Kingdom
United Republic of Tanzania

Wednesday, 2 July pm session

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

⁴ Rome Stakeholder Forum: “*The role of national and local stakeholders in contributing to aid quality and effectiveness*”, 12-13 June 2008

⁵ Additional information to be provided separately

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

A. *“The role of ecosystem services in sustainable development”* (Conference Room 6)

B. *“Meeting the challenges of water and sanitation”* (Conference Room tbc)

Thursday, 3 July am session

9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Annual Ministerial Review: National Presentations

Lao People’s Democratic Republic

Luxemburg

Kazakhstan

Finland

Thursday, 3 July pm 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”* (ECOSOC Chamber)

B. *“Harnessing the current boom in agricultural commodities for poverty eradication and sustainable development: the case of small scale farmers”* (Conference Room 1)

5:35 – 6:00 pm

Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration