



A first intergovernmental event on the road to Doha

The Special High-level Meeting of ECOSOC with the Bretton Woods Institutions (BWIs), the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) (New York, 16 April 2007) has special significance this year according to the President of ECOSOC, Ambassador Dalius Cekuolis (Lithuania).

Washington of the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) and the Development Committee. Under the overall theme of “**Coherence, coordination and cooperation for the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus – on the road to the Review Conference in Doha**”, it is proposed that the discussions focus on the following four sub-themes:

(I) Good governance at all levels;

(II) Voice and participation of developing countries in global decision-making;

(III) Effective use of trade and investment policies to fight poverty –realizing the Doha development agenda;

(IV) Aid architecture and aid effectiveness; Innovative sources of finance.

The format of the ministerial-level meeting will include a short opening plenary session with brief statements by the heads of the relevant intergovernmental bodies, followed by four simultaneous multi-stakeholder roundtable discussions with civil society participation. After the lunch break, a 3 to 6 pm afternoon session will feature reports back to the plenary by the roundtable chairs, followed by informal dialogues on each topic. Closing comments by the President of the Council will conclude the meeting. Updated information will be made available at

(4) Spring Meeting of ECOSOC with BWIs, WTO and UNCTAD (New York, April 2008)

(5) ECOSOC Development Cooperation Forum (New York, July 2008)

(6) Follow-up Conference on FFD (Doha, Qatar, second half of 2008)
(all dates and locations are subject to confirmation by Member States)



The Financing for Development Office has organized workshops, multi-stakeholder consultations, panel discussions and other activities aimed at better enabling UN Member States to implement their commitments as agreed in the Monterrey Consensus. All of these projects have been undertaken in close collaboration with experts from the public and private sectors, academia and civil society.

Current focus areas include:

(I) Rethinking the role of national development banks

(II) Financing basic utilities for all
