



“Financing for Development: Progress and Prospects 2017”

13 July 2017, 1:15 – 2:30 p.m., CR B, UN Headquarters

The [2017 report of the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development](#), the first substantive assessment of progress in implementing the Addis Agenda and the means of implementation of the SDGs, found that efforts have begun at all levels to mobilize resources and align financing flows and policies with economic, social and environmental priorities. The Task Force found that progress can be reported in all seven action areas of the Addis Agenda, but that the challenging global environment in 2016 had significant impacts on national implementation efforts, and that many gaps remain.

This assessment provided the basis for the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the FfD Forum, which will be presented at the HLPF. The outcome of the FfD Forum also contained new mandates for substantive work of the Task Force to be included in its 2018 report. This side event will serve to present both the findings of the 2017 Task Force report, as well as upcoming priorities for analytical work. It will also explore how to further strengthen the links between the Task Force’s work and the HLPF, especially in relation to the means of implementation of the SDGs.

Programme

1. Opening of the meeting and opening remarks

- Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General, UN DESA, and Chair of the IATF
- Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Director, Financing for Development Office, UN DESA

2. Panel discussion

Moderated by Ms. Shari Spiegel, Chief of Policy Analysis, Financing for Development Office, UN DESA

- Mr. Leulseged T. Abebe, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the United Nations
- Ms. Judith Marcia Arrieta Munguía, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations
- Mr. Erich Crompton, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations
- Mr. Stefano Prato, Society for International Development and Civil Society FfD Group

3. Open discussion

Led by interventions from members of the Task Force

- Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary, UN-ESCAP
- Mr. David Kuijper, Adviser, Financing for Development, World Bank Group
- Mr. Chris Lane, Special Representative of the IMF to the United Nations
- Ms. Chantal Line Carpentier, Chief, UNCTAD NY Office
- Ms. Nergis Gulasan, Policy Specialist, UNDP

Followed by an open discussion with all participants.