



arrangements to promote such cooperation would be held at UN Headquarters on 15 March 2012, in conjunction with the special high-level meeting of ECSSO with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (New York, 12-13 March 2012).

The discussion at the 15 March meeting of ECSSO will be informed by a report of the Secretary-General on the role and work of the UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters in promoting international cooperation in tax matters, including further options to strengthen the work of the Committee and its cooperation with concerned multilateral bodies and relevant regional and subregional organizations, prepared in consultation with the Members of the Committee and major multilateral organizations and regional organizations active in international tax cooperation.

In preparation for the 15 March meeting of ECSSO, the Financing for Development for the (DfN-DS) and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (ES) New York are jointly organizing an expert group meeting with a view to advancing the current priority areas of the work programme of the Committee. The expert group meeting will focus on practical transfer pricing issues for developing countries as a contribution to the Committee's current work on a Practical Manual on Transfer Pricing for Developing Countries, to be adopted at its next annual session in October 2012. This useful tool will provide assistance to developing countries in practical application of the 'arms' length' principle reflected in both the UN Model Tax Convention (Mo)- on Convent. The two-day event will also feature an official launch of the *Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries: 2011 Update*;

and a launch of the FES Perspectives Brief, entitled *Transfer Pricing is a Financing for Development Issue*