

I. Background

In its resolution 68/279 of 30 June 2014, the General Assembly decided to hold the third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 13 to 16 July 2015, at the highest possible political lev

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Other global events

In parallel to the preparatory process conducted under the auspices of the General Assembly, a number of relevant international events and intergovernmental processes addressing issues related to the Conference will be taking place within and outside the United Nations, in the lead up to the Conference. The outcomes of these events and processes may provide some relevant inputs to the preparations for the Conference and complement the discussions held in the substantive informal sessions, informal interactive hearings with civil society and the business sector, and regional consultations.

Drafting sessions of the outcome document

The three drafting sessions of the outcome document of the Conference will be held on 27-29 January 2015, 13-17 April 2015 and 15-19 June 2015. The draft outcome document will be prepared by February 2015 on the basis of the substantive informal sessions and other relevant inputs. During the opening substantive session which was held on 17 October 2014, several delegations expressed strong need to secure the participation of representatives from Ministries of Finance and other relevant ministries in the drafting sessions.

Major institutional stakeholders

General Assembly resolution 68/270 affirms the special role that the international financial and trade institutions, in particular the major institutional stakeholders involved in the financing for development follow-up process, should play in all aspects of the third International Conference on Financing for Development including their active involvement in its preparatory work, following the experience of Monterrey and Doha Conferences.”

The UN Secretariat is setting up an ad hoc and high-level Advisory Group to contribute to the substantive preparation of the Conference, including substantive informal thematic sessions, informal interactive hearings and other relevant intergovernmental meetings. The Group will be comprised of the major institutional stakeholders (the World Bank, IMF, WTO, UNCTAD and UNDP) and other UN entities willing to contribute to the process. It will seek to strengthen coherence, coordination and cooperation across the system in the lead up to the Conference.

III. Objective of the project

The overall objective of the project is to prepare a meaningful outcome of the third International Conference on Financing for Development which should constitute an important contribution to and support the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda. To that end, the project seeks to (i) ensure the inclusion, engagement, contribution and participation of country representatives and relevant stakeholders in the Conference and its preparatory process, especially from developing and transition economies; (ii) provide significant outputs of thematic discussions and consultations through commissioning and preparation of policy papers; and (iii) promote and mobilize significant support for the Conference through public outreach and communications activities.

	well as other global events relevant to the preparatory process of the Addis Conference
1.5	Participation of up to 49 2-person delegations from Least Developed Countries (Minister and one advisor) in the Addis Conference
1.6	Participation of up to 30 government representatives from other developing and transition economy countries in the Addis Conference

Activities

3.1	Preparation of a communications strategy for the Conference
3.2	Development and maintenance of the Conference website
3.3	Production