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Monday 17 April

10:00–10:30 **Opening of the Forum**

Trusteeship Council Chamber

10:30–11:45 **Panel discussion 1: Coping with cascading crises and investing in sustainable development: How to make the right policy choices?**

Our world is facing a poly-crisis that threatens achievement of the SDGs. Adding to the health crisis, new geopolitical tensions, a once-in-a generation surge in inflation and tight financial conditions have led to a global growth slowdown and created an extremely challenging global macroeconomic environment. This session will assess the existing policy response to current crises to 1) take stock of results; 2) evaluate monetary and fiscal policy options for countries as they seek to clamp down on inflation despite incomplete economic recoveries and large unmet financing needs; and 3) develop recommendations to manage policy trade-offs and address immediate needs and long-term structural challenges.

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11:45–13:00 **Panel discussion 2: Remaking the international financial architecture to achieve the SDGs**

This session will unpack the steps needed to remake international systems, institutions and norms for finance to achieve the Goals by 2030, including in support of an SDG Stimulus: 1) tackling the high cost of debt financing and rising risks of debt distress; 2) massively scaling up affordable long-term financing for development; 3) expanding contingency financing to countries in need; and 4) advancing towards an international financial architecture that is more coherent and better aligned with the needs of the 21st century.

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15:00–15:15 **Introduction of the 2023 Financing for Sustainable Development Report: Financing sustainable transformations**

Presentation of the Financing for Sustainable Development Report by Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

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15:15–16:45 Panel discussion 3: Development cooperation: Long-term resilience and the role of multilateral development banks

Building on the Development Cooperation Forum, this session will look at 1) How a risk-informed approach to development cooperation can reduce disaster risk, build climate change-resilient and sustainable infrastructure, bridge the digital divide, promote gender equality and strengthen social protection; 2) How to enhance access to reliable, predictable concessional finance to help developing countries address exogenous shocks; and 3) The critical role multilateral development banks (MDBs) can play in this regard through the expansion of concessional lending and other instruments.

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16:45-18:00 General Debate

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Tuesday 18 April

8:30 – 9:30 Opening SDG Investment Fair Ceremony

Welcome Panel Discussion “Making deals happen: Catalyzing Capital for Resilient and Sustainable Recovery”.

SDG Investment Fair Event

Speakers:

- *Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations*
- *H.E. Lachezara Stoeva, President of ECOSOC*
- *Dr. Werner Hoyer, Head of European Investment Bank*

Panelists:

- *Hon. Mr. Neal Herman Rijkenberg, Minister of Finance, Eswatini*
- *Ketan Patel, Chair of the Force for Good Initiative; CEO and Founder, Greater Pacific Capital*
- *Thomas Brigandi, CFA, Chair of the Board of Directors, CFA Society New York; Managing Director, RisCura USA*

Moderator: Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

ECOSOC Chamber

10:00–12:00 Special High-level Meeting with Bretton Woods Institutions, WTO and UNCTAD

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12:00–13:00 Panel discussion 4: Fostering debt sustainability by addressing gaps in the sovereign debt architecture

This session will explore reforms to the sovereign debt architecture to close longstanding gaps, and immediate steps that can be taken now towards such reforms. This includes policy actions to 1) Create fiscal space for countries that suffer from debt overhangs to invest in climate action and the SDGs, 2) Close longstanding gaps in the international debt architecture to more effectively and fairly resolve debt crises, and 3) reduce risk of a future repeat of widespread debt crises, through more effective debt crisis prevention, transparency, better debt management, and related measures.

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13:00 – 14:30 Investment Opportunities in Ethiopia & Colombia

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Speakers:

- *H.E. Ms. Leonor Zalabata Torres, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the UN*
- *Julio César Puentes Montaña, Vice President for Investment Promotion, ProColombia*
- *Abdurehman Eid Tahir, CEO, Ethiopian Investment Holdings*
- *Guido Patrignani, CEO, Greenwood Energy, Colombia*

Moderator: Jon Miller, CEO, Integrated Media Co

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15:00–16:30 Panel discussion 5: Private investment for developing countries

Bolstering private investment is a critical factor for countries to develop sustainably and to meet the SDGs. Yet overall trends in cross-border investment flows to developing countries are not encouraging. This session will explore 1) The challenges to augment private investment in developing countries in the context decelerating global growth and fragmentation; 2) The challenges developing countries face in effectively developing a pipeline of projects at scale that can match investors' standards and risk profiles; and 3) The role the system of development banks can play to foster private investment where it is most needed.

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16:30–18:00 General debate

Wednesday 19 April

8:45-9:45 On the road to the SDG Summit: Enhancing Partnerships with the Private Sector

This roundtable co-hosted by DESA's Financing for Sustainable Development Office and the Division of the Sustainable Development Goals will inform participants about the SDG Summit and explore ways that the investment and financial community can contribute to bridging the financing gaps for the SDGs.

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*Introduction by: **Navid Hanif**, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)*

*Keynote Address by: **Sanda Ojiambo**, Assistant Secretary-General and CEO of UN Global Compact*

Speakers:

- ***H.E. Ms. Alya bint Ahmed Al Thani**, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations*
- ***Julio César Puentes Montaña**, Vice President for Investment Promotion, ProColombia*
- ***Tahmina Haque**, Executive Director, Standard Chartered Bank*
- ***Arsalan Mahtafar**, Executive Director of Development Impact, JP Morgan*
- ***Mariangela Parra-Lancourt**, Chief, SEPIB/FSDO*

Moderator:

- ***Lotta Tahtinen**, Chief of Outreach and Partnerships, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA*

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10:00–11:30 Panel Discussion 6: Financing sustainable industrial transformations

This session will explore policies to finance structural transformations to drive growth, job creation, technological advancement and low-carbon transitions in developing countries. Discussions will assess 1) how the revival of industrial policies can support sustainable transformations, and how measures across all the action areas of the Addis Agenda can contribute; 2) international support and action can ensure that the 'great finance divide' and an unlevel playing field does not undermine developing countries' ability to invest in sustainable industrial transformations and ultimately to achieve the SDGs.

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11:30–13:00 Panel discussion 7: Climate financing for adaptation and the SDGs

Despite record investment in the energy transition in 2022, the world is on track to warming of 2.8 degrees, far above the targets of the Paris Agreement. The climate crisis continues unabated, and vulnerable countries are facing a precarious future–. This session will 1) take stock of the current climate financing landscape, to identify lessons that can contribute to defining the contours of a new collective quantified goal on climate finance; 2) how to significantly scale up adaptation finance and 3) how to ensure a balanced approach to mitigation and adaptation in development cooperation policies and practices.

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13:30–14:30 Investment Opportunities in Honduras, Mauritania & Suriname

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Speakers:

- *Rider Calix, Director of External Cooperation, Sustainable Development Secretary, Honduras*
- *Ms. Aissata Lam, Director-General, Mauritania Investment Promotion Agency*
- *Mrs. Hendrika K. Gajadin-Soerdjoesing, Permanent Secretary (ag) of International Business, Suriname*

Moderator: Krishnan Sharma, Chief of Unit, SEPIB/FSDO

Conference Room 5

15:00–16:30 Panel discussion 8: Advancing international tax cooperation and tackling illicit financial flows to safeguard and mobilize domestic resources

Building on the outcomes of the 2023 ECOSOC Special Meeting on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, this session will look at ways countries and the international community can: 1) Strengthen international tax cooperation to make it fully inclusive and more effective 2) Expand data collection and information sharing to bolster financial integrity, and 3) Close policy and administrative gaps, including through the deployment of new tools and technologies, to bolster international tax cooperation and combat IFFs.

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16:30–18:00 General debate

17:30 – 19:00 **Advancing Pakistan’s Climate Resiliency by Catalyzing Innovative SDG Financing**

This special event serves as a follow-on to the International Conference on Climate Resilient Pakistan held in Geneva, with a focus on mobilizing private and impact investors into a portfolio of SDG-aligned, climate adaptation investments with focus on existing local companies poised to drive to climate-resilient growth.

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Remarks by:

- *Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)*
- *Kanni Wignaraja, Assistant Secretary General, Assistant Administrator and Director for Regional Bureau of Asia-Pacific, UNDP*
- *Ambassador Munir Akram, Pakistan Permanent Representative to U.N., Government of Pakistan*

Presenters:

- *Tariq Bajwa, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Finance, Government of Pakistan*
- *Hamid Yaqoob, Federal Secretary, Ministry of Finance/Finance Division, Government of Pakistan*
- *Muhammad Aurangzeb, CEO & President, Habib Bank Limited, Pakistan*
- *Syed Mohsin Ahmed, CEO, Pakistan Microfinance Network*

Moderator: *Marcos Neto, Director, Sustainable Finance Hub, UNDP*

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Thursday 20 April

8:45 – 9:45 Powering sustainable food systems by expanding access to innovative financing and export markets for Agro-MSMEs

Achievement of SDGs 2,3,5, 8 and 10 will require renewed commitment to financing efforts to increase agricultural productivity to guarantee access to adequate and nutritious food for all, end extreme poverty, ensure decent jobs and sustainable economic growth.

This policy dialogue will shed light on the prevailing market conditions and delve into actionable measures that can unlock additional financing for MSMEs in the agriculture and agribusiness value chains in Africa, which have the potential to adequately feed the whole continent and add on to the global food supply.

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Speakers:

- *Michael van den Berg, Investment Manager, Common Fund for Commodities*
- *Tanja Havemann, CEO, Clarmondial, Food Securities Fund*
- *Elnur Ibrahimov, Lead Advisor on SDGs, Department on Sustainable development and social policy, Ministry of Economy Azerbaijan*
- *Adriano Campolina, Senior Policy Officer, FAO*

Moderator: Mariangela Parra-Lancourt, Chief of Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration Branch, UN DESA

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9:45 – 9:50 **Closing ceremony**

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Remarks by: Mariangela Parra-Lancourt, Chief of Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration Branch, UN DESA

10:00-11:30 **Panel discussion 9: Safeguarding food security through multilateralism, trade, and national actions**

After years of gains on SDG 2, global food security has been grossly eroded by the ongoing effects of multiple crises. This session will place 1) a renewed focus on the sustainable production of agricultural commodities; and 2) policies to ensure fair distribution of gains derived from trade in commodities and processed products, with the aim of safeguarding food security.

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11:30 – 13:00 **Panel discussion 10: Integrated National Financing Frameworks – national actions to raise financing for the SDGs**

Building on the growing momentum for the demand and support for Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs) implementation, this session will provide: 1) a forum to share experiences and lessons learned by countries that are developing INFFs and to report back to ECOSOC on INFF progress as part of their follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and 2) for the international community to explore how to make use of INFFs to align its support with national priorities and plans.

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15:00–16:00 **General debate**

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16:00–18:00 **Closing of the Forum**

18:30 – 20:00 Sustainable Infrastructure investment opportunities in El Salvador

By Invitation Only

Speakers:

- *H.E. Ms. Adriana Mira de Pereira, Vice minister of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador.*
- *H.E. Ms. Egriselda López, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations*
- *Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs*
- *René Francisco Núñez, Director of Planning of Public Works, Ministry of Public Works and Transportation*

Moderator: Mariangela Parra-Lancourt, Chief, SEPIB/FSDO

SDG Investment Fair Event

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