



**Economic and Social
Commission for Western Asia
(ESCWA)**



**Ministry of Foreign Affairs
State of Qatar**



**Department of Economic
and Social Affairs
(DESA)**

**Consultative Preparatory Meeting for the Follow-up
International Conference on Financing for Development**

Tentative Agenda

Millennium Hotel

**Doha, Qatar
29-30 April 2008**

Tuesday, 29 April 2008

08:00 - 09:00

Registration of participants

09:00 - 9:30

Opening Session

H.E. Mr. Badr Omar Al-Dafa, UN Under-Secretary General,
Executive Secretary, UN- ESCWA

H.E. Mr. Majed Abdelaziz, Permanent Representative of Egypt
to the United Nations.

H.E. Mr. Youssif Hussain Kamal, Minister of Finance, State of
Qatar

09:30 - 9: 45

Coffee Break

09:45 - 10:45

**Session One: Progress Made Since Monterrey
Conference**

Chair: H.E. Mr. Majed Abdelaziz, Permanent Representative of
Egypt to the United Nations.

10:45 – 11:00

Progress made Since Monterrey Conference: Global
Perspective. Mr. Hazem Fahmy, UN-DESA

11:00 – 11:15

Overview of the Progress made by ESCWA Member
Countries since Monterrey Conference. Mr. Abulgasim
Abdullah, UN-ESCWA

11:15 – 11:45

Interactive Debate

10:45 - 11: 30

Break

11:30-13:00

Session Two

<p>Review of Chapter I of the Monterrey Consensus: Mobilizing Domestic Financial Resources for Development</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Hazem Fahmy, UN-DESA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Mobilizing Domestic Financial Resources for Development in Arab Countries.</u> Mr. Mushtaq Khan, University of London, UK (15 min)• <u>The Role of Tax Revenues in Development Finance in ESCWA Region.</u> Ms. Rima Arris, Lebanese American University (15 min)• <u>The Role of Arab Stock Markets in Financing for Development.</u> Mr. Fawzi Behzad, Securities & Commodities Authority, United Arab Emirates (15 min)• Interactive Debate (45 min)	<p>Review Chapter IV of the Monterrey Consensus: Increasing international financial and technical cooperation for development</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Fawzya Al-Mubarak, Abu Dhabi Fund for Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Official Development Assistance to and from ESCWA Region</u> Mr. Talaat Abd ElMalek, PEMA and Consultant to the World Bank (15 min)• <u>The Experience of Qatar Development Bank in Development Finance .</u> Shaikh Hamad Al-Thani, Qatar Development Bank (15 min)• <u>The Islamic Development Bank experience in Financing for Development.</u> Mr. Mohamed Al-Salem, Islamic Development Bank (15 min)• <u>The role of Kuwait Fund for Economic Development in Development Finance.</u> Mr. Mohamed Al-Hadidi and Mr. Khaled Al-Khaled, Kuwait Fund (15 min)• Interactive Debate (30 min)
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13:00-13:15

Coffee Break

13:15-14:30

Session Three

Review Chapter II of the Monterrey Consensus: Mobilizing International Resources for Development

Chair: Mr. Adel Khalil, Council of Arab Economic Unity

- Foreign Direct Investment: Mobilizing International Resources for Development in ESCWA Region. Mr. Riad Meddeb, UNCTAD (15 min)
- Business Environment Benchmarking: Public Policy Tool to Attract FDI. Ms. Mona Abu Elkheir, General Authority for Investment and Free Zones, Egypt.
- Financing for Development in United Arab Emirates. Ms. Nada Al-Hashmi, Ministry of Economy, UAE (15 min)
- Interactive Debate (30 min)

Review Session on Chapter V on the Monterrey Consensus: Debt and Debt Management

Chair: Mr. Khaled Derbesti, Ministry of Economy & Trade, Qatar

- External Debt in ESCWA Member Countries. Mr. Salah Abusdra, Lebanese American University (15 min)
- Internal Debt in ESCWA Member Countries. Ms. Amal Shebaro, Ministry of Finance, Lebanon (15 min)
- Financing for Development in Yemen. Mr. Galal Moula, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Yemen (15 min)
- Interactive Debate (30 min)

14:30-15:30

Lunch

Wednesday, 30 April 2008

8:30-9:30

Session Four

<p>Review Chapter III of the Monterrey Consensus: Trade as an Engine for Growth</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Talaat Abd ElMalek, PEMA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Trade as an Engine for Growth</u>. Mr. Adel Khalil, Council of Arab Economic Unity (15 min)• <u>Financing for Development in Oman</u>. Mr. Mehdi Al-Abduwani, Ministry of National Economy, Oman (15 min)• <u>Financing for Development in Palestine</u>. Ms. Mona Abdel-Hafiz, Ministry of Planning, Palestine (15 min)	<p>Review Chapter VI of the Monterrey Consensus:: Enhancing the Coherence and Consistency of the International Monetary, Financial and Trading Systems in Support of Development</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Fawzi Behzad, Securities & Commodities Authority, United Arab Emirates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>The International Monetary, Financial and Trading Systems in Support of Development</u>. Mr. Aldo Caliari, Center of Concern, Washington.• <u>Financing for Development in Lebanon</u>. Ms. Rafif Berro, Ministry of Economy, Lebanon (15 min)• <u>Financing for Development in Egypt</u>. Ms. Mahy Abdellatif, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt (15 min)
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9:30-10:00

Coffee Break

10:00 – 11:30

Four Five (Continued)

<p>Review Chapter III of the Monterrey Consensus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Intra-Regional trade in the ESCWA Region</u>. Mr. Ahmed El-Kawaz, Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait (15 min)• <u>Financing for Development in Syria</u>. Mr. Fadlala Garzaldeen, State Planning Commission, Arab Republic of Syria (15 min)• <u>Financing for Development in Iraq</u>. (tbc)• Interactive Debate (45 min)	<p>Review Chapter VI of the Monterrey Consensus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>The impact of the international economic environment on GCC Countries</u>. Mr. Khaled Derbesti, Ministry of Economy and Trade, Qatar (15 min)• <u>Financing for Development in Jordan</u>. Mr. Mohammad Al- Hamouri, Ministry of finance, Jordan (15 min)• <u>Financing for Development in Bahrain</u>. Mr. Salah El-Malki, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Bahrain. (15 min)• Interactive Debate (45 min)
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11:30-12:00

Coffee Break

12:00-13:30

**Round Table to discuss emerging issues, recommendations
and the adoption of the declaration**

Chair: H.E. Mr. Badr Omar Al-Dafa, ESCWA

13:30-15:00

Lunch

End of Day 2

