

NGO Participation in FfD Multi-stakeholder Round Tables

On behalf of the FfD Global Forum International Support Committee (ISC), we wish to provide information regarding NGO participation at the Multi-stakeholder Round Tables at the International Conference on Financing for Development in Monterrey, Mexico in March, 2002.

ROUND TABLES

There will be 12 round tables at the Conference. Four will be with Heads of State and eight will be at the Ministerial level. Each round table will have 70 seats. Of these, 48 are assigned to governments, 8 are for UN and other institutional stakeholders, 7 are for civil society and 7 are for the business sector. Every round table participant is permitted to bring two advisors, but they will not be allowed to intervene. Every participant at the round tables will have equal status and equal amounts of time in the discussion.

The round tables will be 3-hour sessions. While there is no need to submit papers or statements beforehand, it is recommended that written statements be brought to the round tables.

The structure and proposed themes of the round tables are:

Tuesday, March 19; morning - 2; afternoon - 2 Total for day: 4
Ministerial level proposed theme: "Partnerships in FfD"

Wednesday, March 20; morning - 2; afternoon - 2 Total for day: 4
Ministerial level proposed theme: "Coherence on Development"

Friday, March 22; morning - 2; afternoon - 2 Total for day: 4
Heads of State proposed theme: "FfD Looking Forward"

Total: 12

UN PROCESS

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NGO PARTICIPATION

It is possible for up to 84 NGO representatives to participate in these round tables. We are asking ACCREDITED NGOs who will be present at the official FfD Conference in Monterrey to indicate their interest in participating in these round tables.

Please provide your names and the following information by Friday, February 1, 2002 to the e-mail: ffdround@chasque.net

- Name of Participant
- Organization
- Contact Information
- Issue Focus
- Round table Preference (rank order)

ROUND TABLE CRITERIA

Following a meeting of the ISC on January 13, we submit the following criteria for round table participation:

1. Assure regional representation
2. Reflect gender balance
3. Represent diverse issues on the FfD agenda
4. Reflect participation in the FfD process

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

- Indicate interest and names by FEBRUARY 1
- Compile list of round table participants by FEBRUARY 15
- Submit list to FfD Bureau by FEBRUARY 20

This proposed process for NGO round table participation will be distributed to participants at the Preparatory Committee and on list serve beginning January 14. This will be discussed with NGO participants at the PrepCom on Thursday evening 6:15-7:45 pm in Conference Room 6. We also welcome your comments by email. It is our hope that on Thursday evening we can reach a consensus.

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