

**Co-Chairs' Summary of the First Session of the
Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing
New York, 28-30 August 2013**

The Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing was established by the General Assembly on 21 June 2013 in follow-up to the outcome of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) with a mandate to prepare “a report proposing options on an effective sustainable development financing strategy to facilitate the mobilization of resources and their effective use in achieving sustainable development objectives.” A common view is that the wide range of expertise among its members is a strength of the Committee, which should greatly benefit the final report.

The Committee held its first session from 28 to 30 August 2013. During its highly interactive meetings, the Committee took a range of important decisions, as follows:

1. Agenda: The Committee adopted the provisional agenda for the whole duration of its work, as contained in document A/AC.282/2013/1. The following items are included as part of its agenda:

- Election of presiding officers (completed during the first session);
- Adoption of the agenda and other organisational matters (completed during the first session);
- Preparation of the report proposing options on an effective sustainable development strategy to facilitate the mobilisation of resources and their effective use in achieving sustainable development objectives;
- Other matters;
- Adoption of the report.

The Committee took note of the proposed programme of work for its subsequent sessions, as contained in the annex to document A/AC.282/2013/1, on the understanding that the programme could be revised for each session of the Committee, taking into account the progress made in the Committee's work.

2. Modalities of work: The Committee approved its modalities of work, as distributed during the session.

3. Calendar of meetings: The dates of the future sessions of the Committee were set as follows, reflecting co-chairs' decision for the December session:

Second Session: 2-6 December 2013

Third Session: 3-7 March 2014

Fourth Session: 12-16 May 2014

Fifth Session: 4-8 August 2014

4. Clusters: The Committee agreed to organise its work in three thematic clusters, facilitated by Committee members, tentatively titled as follows (subject to amendments):

- Cluster 1: Assessing financing needs, mapping of current flows and emerging trends, and the impact of domestic and international environments. Facilitators: Mr. Reginald Darius (Saint Lucia), Ms. Liz Ditchburn (UK);
- Cluster 2: Mobilisation of resources and their effective use. Facilitators: Mr. Nathan Dal Bon (Australia), Mr. Francisco Gaetani (Brazil), Mr. Zou Ji (China), Mr. Norbert Kloppenburg (Germany), Mr. Joseph Enyimu (Uganda);

- Cluster 3: Institutional arrangements, policy coherence, synergies and governance issues. Facilitators: Mr. André Lohayo Djamba (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Mr. Tonis Saar (Estonia), Mr. Amjad Mahmood (Pakistan).

It was further agreed that intersessional work on cluster 1 would start immediately, as well as consultations on cluster 2.

5. Terms of Reference. As requested by the Committee, the Co-chairs prepared terms of references for the facilitators of each cluster based on the principles of inclusiveness and transparency and taking into account limited support capacity available to some of the Committee members.

6. Communication and Consultation Activities. The Committee members agreed to consult with stakeholders broadly on their work. Four types of activities were proposed: (i) multi-stakeholder consultations in the form of written contributions and dialogues; (ii) dedicated periods reserved for interaction with Member States and other relevant stakeholders during each Committee session; (iii) interventions by outside experts (e.g., academics, think tanks, regional development banks and representatives from the private sector and institutional investors) at Committee meetings; and (iv) regional meetings organised by UN regional commissions, in collaboration with regional development banks or other actors and with participation of interested Committee members. On this basis, it was decided that the Co-Chairs will share a document outlining communication and consultation activities with Committee members, with the understanding that this is a living document that can be reverted to in the December session.