



**Note provides background
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points for reflection at the
2007 Spring Meeting of
ECOSOC**

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Q&A with Alex Trepelkov

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Alex Trepelkov, Chief, Multi-stakeholder Engagement and Outreach Branch, FfDO, responds to questions from NGOs.

Q: In your opinion, what is the role of civil society in the FfD process?

A: Civil society is an integral part of the FfD process. CSOs participate in all meetings that are held in the follow-up to Monterrey, whether it is a small expert group meeting on a technical topic or a major follow-up event. For high-level intergovernmental events, NGO networks are invited to nominate their representatives to participate in informal roundtable discussions with ministers and other government officials, heads and senior managers of international institutions and the private sector. These roundtable exchanges are highly interactive and give CSOs an opportunity to share their views with other stakeholders on all aspects of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus.

Q: What do you see as a likely outcome of the Spring meeting of ECOSOC/BWIs/ WTO/UNCTAD?

A: There are really two types of outcomes. At the official level, the meeting will result in a summary by the President of ECOSOC, which will serve as an input to the intergovernmental deliberations on FfD at the substantive session of the Council in July and at the GA High-level Dialogue on FfD in October. At the same time, the meeting will be a unique opportunity for a multi-stakeholder engagement on current

issues of the follow-up to the Monterrey Consensus through an open and highly interactive exchange between ministers and high-level officials in the areas of trade, finance, development cooperation and foreign affairs and civil society and private sector representatives.

Q: What will be the level of engagement of CSOs at the meeting in Doha in 2008?

A: In its resolution 61/191, the GA stressed the importance of the 'full involvement' of civil society. In this regard, it is our hope that CSOs will have a strong presence in the process leading up to Doha and the Conference itself. It should be recalled that an important feature of the Monterrey Conference was a high-profile NGO forum.

Q: What is the relation between the new ECOSOC functions (including the Development Cooperation Forum) and the FfD process?

A: Much of the focus of the development Cooperation Forum will be on issues covered in section II.D of the Monterrey Consensus, entitled "The Monterrey Consensus, entitled (t)4TJEMC /Pw 1.557for a m