



Commonwealth Ministerial Debt Sustainability Forum

The World Bank, 1818H Street NW, Washington, DC 20433, USA
9 April 2008

DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, 9th April

- 08:30-09:00 *Registration*
- 09:00-09:10 Opening Remarks
Ransford Smith, Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General
- 09:10-09:20 Report by outgoing Chairperson, *Hon Kwadwo Baah-Wiredu, MP*,
Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Ghana
- 09:20-09:25 Address by the incoming Chairperson
Hon Ashni Singh, Minister of Finance, Guyana
- 09:25-09:40 Statement by Representative of Francophone countries
- SESSION I**
- 09:40-09:50 Progress Report on HIPC Initiative and MDRI Implementation
African Development Bank
- 09:50-10:00 Progress Report on HIPC Initiative, MDRI and Exogenous Shock Facility
Implementation - *International Monetary Fund*
- Progress Report on HIPC Initiative and MDRI Implementation -
- 10:00-10:10 Presentation by *International Development Association, The World Bank*
- 10:10-10:20 Presentation by *Inter-American Development Bank*
- 10:20-10:35 An Appraisal of Recent Developments on the HIPC Initiative, MDRI and other
Debt-related Issues - *Dinesh Dodhia, Rappidd Consultancy*, Consultant
- 10:35-11:05 **Discussion**
- 11:05-11:25 *Group Photograph for Heads of Delegation - Tea/Coffee Break*

SESSION II

Ghana's Preparation for Accessing the International Capital Market-

11:25-11:40

Presentation by *Capital Markets Committee, Ghana*

11:40-11:55

Presentation by *Citibank Group*

11:55-12:10

Cross-country Experience in Accessing International Capital Market-
Udaibir S Das, International Monetary Fund

12:10-13:00

Discussion

13:00-13:15

Presentation on the Policy Support Instrument (PSI) of the IMF-
Prof Andreas Antoniou, Consultant

13:15-13:30

Discussion

13:30-14:40

Lunch

SESSION III

Maintaining Debt Sustainability: The Challenges and Safeguards for
Managing the New Opportunities for External Financing

14:40-14:55

Presentation by *Economic Affairs Division*, Commonwealth Secretariat

14:55-15:05

Presentation by *European Network on Debt and Development (EURODAD)*

15:05-15:50

Discussion

SESSION IV

15:50-16:05

Legal Referral Service (Debt Legal Clinic)- Fiscal Sustainability
*Mrs Devi Sookun, Resident Legal Adviser, Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Division*, Commonwealth Secretariat

16:05-16:20

Effective Public Debt Management – The Way Forward
Special Advisory Services Division, Commonwealth Secretariat

16:20-16:50

Discussion

16:50-17:10

Tea/Coffee Break

17:10-17:40

Ministerial Statement

18:00-20:00

*Cocktail Reception hosted by Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General,
Mr Ransford Smith*