



## **Cutting the Costs of Remittances: The Role of Mobile Money**

A Special Event  
20 June 2014, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Room XXI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

### **PROGRAMME**

- 10.00      **Opening session**
- Statement by the Chair*  
H.E. Md. Abdul Hannan Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in Geneva
- Welcoming remarks*  
Dr Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- 10.20      **Setting the scene: Current state of play in remittances and mobile money**
- Trends in global remittances and opportunities for development*  
Mr Adolfo Brizzi, Director, Policy and Technical Advisory Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- The mobile money landscape for remittances*  
Mr Edwin Macharia, Partner, Dalberg Global Development Advisors
- 11.00      **Roundtable discussion: How to make international remittance flows affordable and inclusive by leveraging mobile money and online transfer mechanisms**
- Panelists*  
Mr Bishar A. Hussein, Director General, Universal Postal Union  
Ms Seema Desai, Director for the Mobile Money for the Unbanked Programme, GSMA  
Mr Klaus M. Löber, Head of Secretariat, Committee on Payment and Settlement Systems, Bank for International Settlements  
Mr Olutunmbi Idowu, Head of Compliance & Risk Control, Solution Area M-Commerce, Business Unit Support Solutions, Ericsson
- 12.00      **Interactive discussion**
- 12.40      **Wrap-up and closing remarks**

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