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Executive summary

This publication is a compilation of summaries of panel discussions and selected papers on themes deliberated by debt management experts and professionals at UNCTAD's Fifth Inter-regional Debt Management Conference, held in Geneva in June 2005. The conference was organized by UNCTAD's Debt Management and Financial Analysis System (DMFAS) Programme, with the aim of helping countries with developing and transitional economies build their capacity in debt management.

The conference panels covered the following themes: operationalizing debt sustainability, an inclusive approach to managing sovereign debt in good and bad times, debt crisis management, the changing role of the debt manager, recent experiences in the organization of debt management offices, delivering greater information and transparency in debt management, and debt relief.

The conference also served as a forum for the third and final round of the multi-stakeholder consultations on "sovereign debt for sustained development", coordinated by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA), as a follow-up to the Monterrey Consensus. As such, certain panel themes were chosen to reflect some of the main concerns that had so far been raised in the consultation process. In addition, smaller groups met in informal sessions outside the main plenary to further discuss these themes. The outcome of these discussions is also included in these proceedings.

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