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*The global economic crisis  
and development - the way forward*

## Monday 18 May

## Programme

### 10:00–13:00 OPENING

Room XIX

Chair: H. E. Ambassador Dian Triansyah Djani, President, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Trade and Development Board

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Mr. Juan Somavia, Director General, International Labour Organization (ILO)

Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)

Mr. Anders B. Johnsson, Secretary-General, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

Mr. Guy Ryder, Secretary-General, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

Ms. Céline Charveriat, Head of Geneva Office, OXFAM International

Followed by

### PLENARY SESSION 1

#### **The global economic crisis – its causes and its multiple impacts**

The debate will consider in particular the effects on developing countries in the area of trade, investment, food security and jobs.

Moderator

Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka, Bangladesh

Discussants  
include

Ms. Nuria Molina, European Network on Debt and Development (Eurodad); Mr. Vice Yu, South Centre; Mr. Jan Atteslander, Economiesuisse; Ms. Diana Aguiar, International Gender and Trade Network (IGTN)/Women's Working Group on Financing for Development (WWG on FfD); Mr. Arjun Karki, Least Developed Countries Watch (LDC-Watch); Mr. Manzoor Ahmad, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and UNCTAD resource persons.

### INTERACTIVE DEBATE

### 14:15–15:45

Room XIX

#### **Breakout Session 1**

**The global jobs crisis: issues related to rising unemployment, wage deflation, implications for global aggregate demand, and proposal for a global jobs pact** [led by the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS), Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), ILO and ITUC].

Room XXVI

#### **Breakout Session 2**

**Least developed countries (LDCs) in the crisis: specific challenges and solutions** [led by Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS) and Oxfam International].

Room XXVII

#### **Breakout Session 3**

**The global downturn: Are women disproportionately affected?** [led by IGTN/WWG on FfD, AWID/WWG on FfD, UNCTAD, International Organization for Migration (IOM) and ILO].

### 15:30

Coffee break

### 16:00–18:00

### PLENARY SESSION 2

#### **Assessing existing responses to the crisis at international, regional and national levels – limitations, perspectives and best practices**

In addition to examining the effectiveness of stimulus packages implemented in some countries, the debate will address multilateral efforts to find solutions to the crisis, including the G-20 Summit outcome and regional initiatives/perspectives.

Moderator

Mr. Ernesto S. Martínez Gondra, Minister plenipotentiary and Deputy Permanent Representative of Argentina, Geneva

Discussants  
include

Ms. Elizabeth Tankeu, African Union, Ethiopia; Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, ILO; Mr. Janwillem C. Acket, Bank Julius Baer & Co; Mr. Rudy de Meyer, 11.11.11; Mr. Peter Wahl, World Economy, Ecology and Development (WEED); Mr. Emmanuel Gyekye Tanoh, Third World Network-Africa; Mr. Carlos Benavente (LATINDAD network, Nicaragua) and Mr. Mustafizur Rahman (CPD, Bangladesh)

### INTERACTIVE DEBATE

### 18:15–20:15

Delegates  
Restaurant

**Cocktail reception hosted by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and presentation of the FES Geneva Scenarios on “Global Economic Governance 2020”**  
(8<sup>th</sup> Floor, above Assembly Hall)



## Tuesday 19 May

### 10:00–13:00 PLENARY SESSION 3

#### Room XIX **Proposals for the way forward – obstacles and opportunities**

The debate will include opportunities arising from the upcoming United Nations conference on the world financial crisis and its impact on development, and longer-term issues such as the reform of the international financial architecture and global economic governance.

**Moderator** Mr. Martin Khor, Executive Director, South Centre

**Discussants include** Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram (UN-DESA); Mr. Pedro Paez, Former Minister of Economic Coordination of Ecuador and Member of the Stiglitz Commission; Ms. Esperanza Durán, Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation (AITIC); Ms. Jacqueline Coté, International Chamber of Commerce; Ms. Joy Kategekwa, OXFAM International; Mr. Christophe Aguiton, Association for the Taxation of Financial Transactions to Aid Citizens (ATTAC); Ms. Marina Durano, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN); Ms. Sanya Reid Smith, Third World Network-Geneva; Mr. Stephen Pursey, ILO and UNCTAD resource persons.

#### INTERACTIVE DEBATE

### 14:15–15:45 Breakout Session 4:

Room XIX **Trade/investment agreements and effective crisis responses** [led by Third World Network]

### Room XXVI Breakout Session 5:

**Financing crisis recovery in developing countries and transition economies: issues related to official development assistance, new contingency funds and conditionality** [led by Eurodad and UNCTAD]

### Room XXVII Breakout Session 6:

**Global financial architecture reform: including proposals for a new global reserve system, exchange rate stabilization and regional financial initiatives** [led by UNCTAD/NGLS, WEED and DAWN]

15:30 Coffee break

### 16:00–17:30 CLOSING: NEXT STEPS

Chair: H. E. Ambassador Dian Triansyah Djani, President, UNCTAD Trade and Development Board

**Moderators of plenaries** Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Mr. Ernesto S. Martínez Gondra, Minister plenipotentiary and Deputy Permanent Representative of Argentina, Geneva  
Mr. Martin Khor, Executive Director, South Centre

#### Final reflections from the floor

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

**Closing remarks:** H. E. Ambassador Dian Triansyah Djani, President, UNCTAD Trade and Development Board

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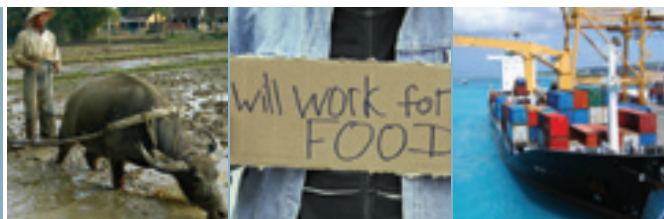
Room XXVII 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, E. Building

Cyber café Outside meeting rooms XXVI and XXVII

Documents Outside meeting rooms XXVI and XXVII

Food & drinks Bar "Le Serpent", 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, E. Building  
Bar "Palette", 6<sup>th</sup> floor, E. Building  
Cafétéria, ground floor

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