



**Invitation  
International Seminar**

**Money may not be everything, but ...  
Civil Society Perspectives on Financing the International Development Goals**

**Bonn, Gustav-Stresemann-Institut, 15-16 October 2007**

Towards the end of 2008, the United Nations plan to hold their 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Conference on Financing for Development (FfD) in Doha, the capital of the Arab Emirate Qatar. This conference intends to take stock of the implementation of the decisions taken at the first FfD conference in Monterrey in 2002 and the Summits of the following years (World Summit 2005, G8 Summit in Gleneagles, etc.). In addition, the conference will discuss what new financing initiatives are necessary to achieve the International Development Goals, particularly the MDGs.

The UN General Assembly decided to hold a High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development on the 22 and 23 October 2007 at UN Headquarters in New York. This event will mark the starting point of the substantive preparatory process leading up to the Doha conference. Many NGOs will use this process to assess progress made and identify obstacles and constraints encountered. Based on this analysis, they will formulate expectations and demands for the Monterrey follow-up conference.

Our international seminar aims to contribute to this process. Together with partners from Africa, Asia and Latin America, we want to discuss, among other things,

- what governments have to do in order to increase public revenue in developing countries, to combat tax evasion and capital flight, and to guarantee that the additional domestic resources are used to fight poverty and to provide essential services;
- what governments of donor countries have to do in order to fulfil their ODA commitments not only on paper but in reality; and how to assure that ODA effectively contributes to achieving the International Development Goals;
- which strategies towards the introduction of global taxes and solidarity levies could be most successful;
- how "new donors", such as China, and new challenges, such as the adaptation costs of climate change, might influence and change international development cooperation; and
- what future role the United Nations should play in Global Economic Governance.

We understand our seminar as a brainstorming meeting. We invite participants to share experiences and expectations and contribute to the formulation of civil society benchmarks for the Financing for Development Conference 2008.

*Jens Martens, Global Policy Forum*

*Peter Mucke, terre des hommes*

*Roberto Bissio, Social Watch*

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# Preliminary Programme

(as of 10 September 2007)

## Monday, 15 October 2007

11:00am-1:00pm	<b>Opening session</b> <b><i>Current trends, urgent issues and top priorities in Financing for Development</i></b> Spotlights from the regions.	<b>Peter Mucke</b> , terre des hommes Germany <b>Emily Joy Sikazwe</b> , Women for Change, Zambia <b>Ziad Abdel Samad</b> , Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND), Lebanon <b>Thida Khus</b> , SILAKA, Cambodia <b>Iara Pietricovsky</b> , Instituto de Estudos Socioeconômicos (INESC), Brasil*
1:00pm-2:00pm	<i>Lunch break</i>	
2:00pm-4:00pm	<b>Panel 1</b> <b><i>How to strengthen domestic public finance?</i></b> Taxation, capital flight and budget transparency.	<b>Prof. Leonor Magtolis Briones</b> , Social Watch Philippines <b>Prof. Edward Oyugi</b> , Social Development Network (SODNET), Kenia*
4:00pm-4:30pm	<i>Coffee break</i>	
4:30pm-6.30pm	<b>Panel 2</b> <b><i>How to count "aid"?</i></b> Quantity and Quality of ODA	<b>Mirjam van Reisen</b> , Eurostep/EEPA, Belgium <b>Roberto Bissio</b> , Social Watch, Uruguay <b>Stephan K. Ohme</b> , MDG-Commissioner of the German Development Ministry (BMZ), Germany
7:00pm	<i>Dinner</i>	

## Tuesday, 16 October 2007

9:00am-11:00am	<b>Panel 3</b> <b><i>Strategies towards "solidarity levies" to fund development and global taxes.</i></b>	<b>John Foster</b> , North-South- Institute, Canada <b>Eva Hanfstaengl</b> , consultant to the UN- FFD-office
11:00am-11:30am	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:30am-1:30pm	<b>Panel 4</b> <b><i>The "systemic issues" on the FfD agenda.</i></b> The crisis of the IMF and the role of the UN in global economic governance.	<b>Rainer Falk</b> , Editor, World Economy & Development, Luxembourg <b>Alexandra Spieldoch</b> , Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP), USA*
1:30pm-2:30pm	<i>Lunch break</i>	
2:30pm-4:00pm	<b>Closing session</b> <b><i>Civil society strategies and benchmarks for the Doha Conference 2008</i></b>	<b>Areli Sandoval Terán</b> , Equipo Pueblo, Mexico* <b>Jens Martens</b> , Global Policy Forum Europe, Germany
4:00pm	<i>End of Conference</i>	

\* to be confirmed

# Information for Participants

## Address of the Hotel and Conference Centre

### **GSI – Gustav-Stresemann-Institut e.V.**

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Germany  
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The GSI is located in the middle of Bonn's (former) government district, within 5-10 minutes' walking distance from the metro station "Max-Loebner-Strasse" and "Robert-Schuman-Platz"

**Participation fee** 20,00 € (includes conference folder, meals and beverages during the seminar)

### **Accommodation**

We have reserved a number of rooms for accommodation in the Gustav-Stresemann-Institut. Price: 59.00 € per night (incl. breakfast). As we have only a limited contingent of rooms, we recommend you to register as soon as possible. Accommodation will be on a self-pay basis.

**Unfortunately, travel and accommodation costs cannot be reimbursed by the organisers.**

### **Languages**

The seminar languages are English and German; there will be simultaneous translation during the plenary sessions.

### **Contact information**

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# Registration Form

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#### I herewith register for the seminar

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- I will pay the participation fee of 20.00 € at the beginning of the seminar.
- Please book a room for me in the GSI from
  - 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2007
  - 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October 2007
  - 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October 2007
  - I will pay the costs of 59.00 € per night (breakfast included) right at the conference venue.

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Date, Signature