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INVITATION



International Dialogue

**Putting People First:
Social Consequences and
Policy Implications of the
Global Financial Crisis**

Berlin, 19 November 2009

The global economic and financial crisis has hit developing countries with full force. Even World Bank and IMF have been speaking of a “development emergency”. In many countries of the Global South, this emergency is intensifying the already existing crises of chronic hunger, poverty and climate change. Dramatic social consequences of these crises are emerging: unemployment and extreme poverty are on the rise, the number of people suffering from chronic hunger has in 2009 crossed the billion mark, and the United Nations is warning of social unrest in the affected countries.

In the past 12 months governments have responded to the crises through a series of international meetings. At the G20 Summits in Washington, London and Pittsburgh, the United Nations Conference on the crisis in New York in June and the Annual Meetings of IMF and World Bank in Istanbul, they agreed on a varied package of measures on how to cope with the crisis. Their main objectives were to recover financial stability, to increase global liquidity and to improve political co-ordination and surveillance. But are these measures sufficient to overcome the social consequences of the crisis?

With our conference we want to take stock of the human costs of the crisis and the political responses so far. Together with partners from the Global South, we will highlight the social consequences of the crisis for people in different regions of the world. We will analyse how they are affected by the decisions and action programmes of the G20, the UN and the Bretton-Woods-Institutions. Finally, we will discuss which further short-term measures must be taken in order to cope with the current emergency and which long-term structural reforms are necessary to prevent future financial bubbles and economic busts.

Our conference is taking place in cooperation with the international civil society network Social Watch, whose 2009 report “Making Finances Work: People First” will be presented on this occasion.

We invite you to participate in this joint exchange of experiences and ideas.

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Jens Martens, Global Policy Forum

Roberto Bissio, Social Watch

Klaus Schilder, terre des hommes

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Programme

9:00 Registration

9:30 Welcome and Introduction

Jürgen Stetten

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9.45 **Panel 1:**
**The social consequences of the global
economic crisis – reports from the regions**

Neeta Hardikar

ANANDI, India

Plamenka Markova

Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation
(BRGF), Bulgaria

Prof. Edward Oyugi

Social Development Network (SODNET), Kenya

Civil Society Representative

Mexico (tbc)

Chair:

Klaus Heidel

Social Watch Germany

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 **Panel 1 continued**

12:45 Lunch break

14:00

Panel 2:
**Policy responses to the crisis –
an interim assessment**

Manuel F. Montes

United Nations Department of Economic
and Social Affairs (UNDESA), New York

Rebecca Buchholz

United Nations Research Institute for
Social Development (UNRISD), Geneva

Bhumika Muchhala

Third World Network, Geneva

Chair:

Klaus Schilder

terre des hommes

15:30

Coffee break

16:00

Panel 3:
**Ways out of the crisis: conclusions
for the international agenda**

Roberto Bissio

Social Watch

James Howard

International Trade Union Confederation
(ITUC), Brussels

Jürgen Zattler (tbc)

German Ministry for Economic Cooperation
and Development (BMZ)

Bärbel Kofler, MP

German Bundestag (tbc)

Chair:

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Global Policy Forum

17:30

End of the Conference

Simultaneous translation

German-English/English-German