Towards a Global Package Deal?

International Workshop in preparation
of the UN Millennium+5 Summit

Berlin, 13-14 June 2005

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THE FES-GPF SERIES ON THE UNITED NATIONS IN 2005

Against the background of an intensifying debate on the future of the United Nations, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and the Global Policy Forum Europe (GPF) have initiated a series of events and publications on UN reform. The program includes a public debate on the *UN High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change* which took place in Berlin earlier this year and a briefing paper series called *Global Reports 2005*. With the international workshop on June 13-14 we wish to continue this series.

**IN LARGER FREEDOM – KOFI ANNAN’S PLAN FOR UN REFORM**

The latest point of reference in the debate on UN reform is the report of the Secretary-General titled *In larger freedom – towards development, security and human rights for all*. In his report, Kofi Annan has rather boldly formulated a global policy agenda that will be put on the table of world leaders due to meet in September 2005 for the Millennium follow-up summit. By urging the world community to make use of what he sees as a *historic opportunity* Kofi Annan’s combines security, development, human rights as well as institutional aspects into a “package deal” – an agenda, that many observers view as the most ambitious plan of reform that has ever been formulated at the UN Secretariat.
WORKSHOP OBJECTIVE – STRENGTHENING NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE

The workshop aims at engaging stakeholders and experts from North and South, from government and civil society in a policy-oriented dialogue in preparation of the Millennium+5 Summit. It is expected that a group of about 40-50 policy makers, representatives from civil society, experts and resource persons from countries in the South, Germany and other European Union countries as well as from the United Nations attend. During the workshop, they will:

- Discuss the proposals of the UN-Secretary General’s report *In larger freedom*;
- Assess the state of negotiations and the positions of governments and civil society in preparation for the Millennium+5 Summit;
- Identify common ground between North and South, Governments and civil society;
- Engage German decision makers and public opinion leaders in a (this will be done by a public panel discussion which will be held at the end of the workshop and to which about 100-150 participants are expected).

AGENDA
(as of June 3, 2005)

Monday June 13th 2005

Morning Arrival of Participants

12h00 Lunch for participants who already have arrived

13h00 Welcome

- Jürgen Stetten, Director, New York Office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
- Jens Martens, Director, Global Policy Forum Europe, Bonn

13h30 Introductory Session: The Secretary-General’s report “In larger freedom” and the way forward

The introductory session (1) discusses the key findings and recommendations of the Secretary General’s report; (2) outlines the process and milestones on the way to the Millennium+5 summit; and (3) provides room for a first general debate on the issues.

Input (30 minutes):

- Henk-Jan Brinkman, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, United Nations, New York
14h45  Coffee and Tea

15h15  **Session 1: “Freedom from want” – the Development Agenda**

*This session and the three following ones follow the same format, i.e. they (1) identify the key issues for debate at the Millennium+5 summit as far as the particular topic is concerned; (2) discuss the different positions that exist within and among UN member countries, governments and civil society; and finally (3) explore the room for consensus on the issues at hand.*

Chair: **Frank Schroeder**, Senior Economist, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, New York Office

**Input:**
- **Christiane Overkamp**, Secretary-General of CIDSE, Brussels

**Comments:**
- **Candido Grzybowsky**, Executive Director of IBASE, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- **Thomas Fues**, Senior Fellow, German Development Institute, Bonn

16h45  Coffee and Tea

17h15  **Session 2: “Freedom from fear” – the Security Agenda**

Chair: **Tanja Brühl**, Assistant Professor, University of Frankfurt

**Input:**
- **Winrich Kühne**, Director of the Center for International Peace Operations, Berlin

**Comments:**
- **Varun Sahni**, Professor at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- **James Paul**, Director of the Global Policy Forum, New York
- **Feng Shaolei**, Dean, School of Advanced International Studies, and Area Studies, East China Normal University (Shanghai)

18h45  End of day one

19h00  Dinner
Tuesday June 14th 2005

09h30 **Session 3: “Freedom to live in dignity” – the Human Rights Agenda**

Chair: N.N.

Input:


Comments:

- **Peter Splinter**, Amnesty International, Geneva
- **Okechukwu Obinna Ibeanu**, Professor at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka

11h00 Coffee and Tea

11h30 **Session 4: “Strengthening the UN” – the Institutional Reform Agenda**

Chair: **Pera Wells**, Deputy Secretary-General, World Federation of United Nations Associations, New York

Input:

- **David Mepham**, Associate Director, Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR), Head of International Programme, London

Comments:

- **Peter Wittig**, Deputy Director General, German Foreign Office, Berlin
  **Nhamo W. Samasuwo**, Director of Multilateral Affairs, Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD), Pretoria

13h00 Lunch

14h30 Excursion: Guided Tour of the new Memorial of Murdered Jews in Europe (10 minutes walking distance from the venue)
17h00  **Public Panel Discussion: Towards a Global Package Deal?**  
**Views from the South**

*Please note that this part of the event will take place at the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Conference Centre, Hiroshimastrasse 17, 10785 Berlin.*

**Panelist:**

- **Michael Hofmann**, Director General, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Berlin
- **Marcel Fortuna Biato**, Advisor, Office of the President of Brazil, Brasilia
- **Christoph Zöpel**, Member of the German Parliament and Chairperson of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee on the UN, Berlin
- **Candido Grzybowsky**, Executive Director of IBASE, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- **Mohamed El Sayed Said**, Director of the Al Ahram Centre for International and Strategic Studies, Cairo

**Moderator:**

**Thomas Nehls**, ARD Radio, German Public Broadcasting Corporation, Berlin

19h00  **Reception**
A note on the workshop's structure

The workshop aims at engaging all participants in an open, constructive and lively debate. To facilitate this, each session will be opened by one keynote speaker who frames the discussion and highlights key topics currently under debate (15 minutes). He will be followed by 2 panellists, one from the North (EU or Germany, governmental) and one from the South (governmental or civil society) commenting on the statement of the keynote speaker (10 minutes each). Afterwards about 60 minutes will be available for a roundtable discussion with all participants.

Further information on the organizers

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