

Today's Challenges in Financing for Development-

Identifying Policy Issues for the Doha Conference

Date: October 4-5, 2007
Edith Macy Conference Center
Briarcliff Manor, New York 10510

The retreat on Financing for Development is intended to convoke an informal discussion among prospective direct participants in the Monterrey process and past participants (“alumni”) in the run-up to the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development of the General Assembly in New York. The meeting is intended to focus on new and emerging issues and agenda items of the FfD debate rather than on procedural matters. The discussion will be in form of an unscripted and unrecorded dialogue (Chatham house rule) among about 35 participants that FES has invited in their personal capacity from governments in the North and South, multilateral institutions, civil society and the private sector.

Against this background, the objective of the retreat is to provide a space for in-depth discussions on the substantive issues of the FfD process, with a view for coming up with proposals that may help stakeholders prepare their participation in the Follow-up Conference on FfD in Doha, Qatar in 2008.

Agenda

Thursday, October 4

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| 4:30 p.m. | Bus departure from the United Nations |
| 6:30 p.m. | Arrival of participants – Check-in |
| 7:00 p.m. | Dinner |

8.00- 10.00 p.m. Evening Session
Building on the Monterrey Consensus and Addressing New Challenges

- Welcome:** **Mr. Jürgen Stetten**, Director, New York Office, Friedrich Ebert Foundation
Mr. Sha Zukang, Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UN-DESA
- Presentation:** **Mr. Jomo K.S.**, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, UN-DESA
- Discussant:** **Mr. Mauricio Escanero**, Former Facilitator, Financing for Development Conference

Friday, October 5

7:30 – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. 1st Session
Risks to Development from the International Financial System

- Speakers:** **Prof. Fernando Cardim de Carvalho**, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
Ms. Shari Spiegel, Senior Portfolio Manager, New Holland Capital
- Moderator:** **Mr. Frank Schroeder**, Senior Economist, FES New York

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Coffee Break

11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2nd Session
Development Assistance and Debt Relief: Volume, Ownership, Efficient Delivery

- Speakers:** **Mr. Helmut Reisen**, Counsellor, OECD Development Centre
Mr. Mark Roland Thomas, Lead Economist, Economic Policy and Debt Department, The World Bank
- Moderator:** **Mr. Hazem Fahmy**, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Development Office, UN-DESA

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. 3rd Session

Development Strategies for the Mobilization of Domestic Resources

Speakers: **Mr. Roberto Bissio**, Executive Director, Instituto del Tercer Mundo and Coordinator, Social Watch
Prof. Ajit Singh, Professor of Economics and Senior Fellow Queens' College, Cambridge University

Moderator: **Mr. Barry Herman**, Visiting Senior Fellow, New School University

**4:00 – 4:15 p.m.
Coffee Break**

4:15 – 5.00 p.m. Summary and Conclusions

Speakers: **Mr. Jomo K.S.**, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, UN-DESA
H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the UN
H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvvald, Permanent Representative of Norway to the UN

Moderator: **Mr. Oscar de Rojas**, Director, Financing for Development Office, UN-DESA

5:30 p.m. **Bus departure from Briarcliff Manor to the United Nations**