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International Dialogue

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

Berlin, 19 November 2009

INVITATION



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 coordination 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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14:00



Programme

9:00 Registration

9:30 Welcome and Introduction

Jürgen Stetten
 Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

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

15:30

16:00

17:30

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
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Coffee break

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

Roberto Bissio
 Social Watch

Claire Courteille
 International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), Brussels

Jürgen Zattler (tbc)
 German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Sascha Raabe, MdB (tbc)
 German Bundestag

Chair:
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End of the Conference

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