



## Dialogue on Globalization

**September 9-14, 2003**

**The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung at the  
5<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Conference in  
Cancún, Mexico**



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The Friedrich Ebert Foundation is a non-profit political public interest institution committed to the principles and basic values of social democracy and the labour movement.

The 5th WTO Ministerial Conference will be a significant event in global policy making. Cancún will not only decide on the future of the Development Round, it will also provide an opportunity for a debate on the broader context of trade and development. The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) will contribute to this debate in many ways – by hosting panel discussions and meetings, by providing briefing and background material and by supporting the participation of representatives from trade unions, NGOs and journalists from the South.

#### LIST OF FES EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Public Panel Discussion

■ **Green biotechnology – Able to feed the world?** (In Spanish)

■ **La biotecnología verde: ¿capaz de alimentar al mundo?**

Los gobiernos de los países latinoamericanos no tienen una posición común en cuanto al uso de transgénicos. En México, por ejemplo, no es permitida su utilización en la agricultura, sólo en la investigación. La discusión actual enfrenta, entre otras, las posiciones siguientes: la perspectiva de poder cambiar el estado de alimentación deficiente por la utilización de plantas transgénicas. Al mismo tiempo existen muchas preocupaciones debido a la “venta” de la biodiversidad de muchos países e inseguridades sobre consecuencias del uso de transgénicos. Los participantes en la discusión representan tres esferas diferentes de la sociedad civil: una organización mexicana de investigación cercana de la industria transformadora del maíz, la industria agroquímica internacional y organizaciones no gubernamentales mexicanas y de los Estados Unidos: Ana de Ita (CECCAM), **Peter Rosset** (Food First), **José Enrique Tron** (CNMAIZ), N.N. (ANIQ)

**Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup> 2003, 10h00-13h00, Ambiance Hotel, Boulevard Kukulcán Km 8.5**

Public NGO Meeting with Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

■ **Globalization with a Human Face – what to do next?**

At a recent UNCTAD meeting, **Minister Wieczorek-Zeul** demanded that “the Doha Development Round must be seen as part of efforts to shape globalization in such a way that it is socially just and involves the developing countries. Social, ecological and economic considerations must all come together in our shaping of the trade system”. This meeting provides NGO representatives with an opportunity to meet Minister Wieczorek-Zeul and to discuss with her the concept of a global structural policy and the role of international development cooperation.

**Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup> 2003, 14h30-16h30, NGO Centre “Sierra Cancún”, Room 8**

Public Panel Discussion

■ **WTO and Investment**

Whether to include an investment agreement as part of the WTO rules is one of the most controversial issues on the agenda at the 5th WTO Ministerial Conference in Cancun. In Singapore in 1996, it was agreed to examine the relationship both between trade and competition and between trade and investment, as well as transparency in government procurement and trade facilitation (“Singapore issues”). According to the Doha Declaration of November 2001 the Cancun Ministerial should decide on modalities by explicit consensus and open the way for negotiations on these issues. Whereas developed countries and in particular the European Union are keen to include these “new issues” into the “single undertaking” of the Doha Round, many developing countries remain unconvinced that an investment agreement in the WTO will bring benefits for them and some are strictly opposed. This panel brings together officials and experts from the respective international organizations, representatives of business, trade unions and developing countries: **Richard Eglin** (WTO), **Karl P. Sauvant** (UNCTAD), **Mike Waghorne** (PSI), **Kavaljit Singh** (India) and others.

**Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup> 2003, 15h00-18h00, NGO Centre “Sierra Cancún”, Room 8**

Public Panel Discussion

■ **10 Years of the WTO: Everything for the Corporations – No rights for workers?**

Given the strong effects of trade and investment on workers worldwide, trade unions demand far-reaching reforms of the WTO and the international trading system. Although the call for rules to protect workers’ rights is a key demand of trade unions, their reform agenda is much broader. Trade unions want the WTO to be more transparent and democratic and to strengthen the negotiating position of developing countries. They do this by building new alliances and by overcoming the divide between North and South. The panel which will bring in different perspectives of the international trade union movement, includes: **Guy Ryder** (Brussels), **Archie Palane** (South Africa), **Michael Sommer** (Germany), **Raquel F. Clavillas** (Phillippines) and others.

**Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup> 2003, 10h00-13h00, NGO Centre “Sierra Cancún”, Room 8**

Public Panel Discussion

■ **GATS – Mode 4**

The panel will highlight the debate on the “temporary movement of natural persons” or “Mode 4” under the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS). Although Mode 4 is not about the free movement of workers but the right of employers to post their workers abroad, a number of developing countries expect new employment opportunities abroad. On the other hand, many in both the North and the South see “Mode 4” as a highly problematic area of the ongoing negotiations. They fear growing competition of “cheap labour”, a continuing race to the bottom and conflicts between resident and migrant populations. Trade unions not only demand the observance of core labour standards, national labour law and existing collective agreements. They also call for the protection of migrant workers against all forms of discrimination and of the remittance of their contribution to social security and insurance schemes. The panel includes: **Erika Mann** (MEP, Brussels), **Johannes B.R. Bernabe** (Phillippines), **Pascal Kerneis** (Brussels), **Rama Chandra Khuntia** (India), **Archie Palane** (South Africa), **Frank Schmidt-Hullmann** (Germany) and **Peter Boldt** (Finland).

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Public Panel Discussion

■ **Between Reform and Rejection: Can a Gender Agenda be integrated in the WTO?**

The current WTO negotiations ignore the different impact trade liberalization has on women and men in various regions of the world. The panel provides an opportunity to explore whether an equal participation of women and men in negotiations and decision-making structures at all levels of the WTO is possible and whether a gender agenda can be profoundly integrated in the issues discussed and deliberated at the WTO. The panel consists of: **Aminata Traoré** (Mali); **Mariama Williams** (USA), **Sigrid Skarpelis-Sperk** (Germany), **Maria Karadenizli** (WIDE), **Brigitte Young** (Germany) and others.

**Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2003, 10h00-13h00, NGO Centre „Sierra Cancún“, Room 8**

Public NGO Meeting with representatives of the “Cardoso Panel”

■ **Making Voices Stronger! Global civil society and democracy in international institutions**

International institutions such as the WTO, the Bretton Woods Institutions and the UN serve to anchor global cooperation. However, in terms of representation, the existing architecture of global governance is characterized by democracy deficits. Not only that most of the institutions do not allow for equal participation of the rich and the poor, the transparency and accountability of decisions is limited. A noteworthy initiative that aims to tackle these deficits is the UN Secretary-General's High Level Panel on UN-Civil Society Relations, chaired by the former President of Brazil, Henrique Cardoso. The public meeting provides an opportunity to relate the work of the Cardoso Panel to the debate at the WTO and to share views with two of its representatives: **Aminata Traoré** (Mali) and **John Clark** (UN).

**Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2003, 13h30-15h00, NGO Centre „Sierra Cancún“, Room 8**

Public Panel Discussion

■ **Peasant Farmers, Small Scale Farmers and Enhanced Market Access – Any Positive Effects on Poverty Alleviation and Development?**

The panel will discuss the potential positive or negative effects of enhanced market access for small or peasant farmers that are the majority of agricultural producers in most developing countries. Can they make use of new market and export opportunities and how? Or will they be exposed to growing competition from more productive commercial farming enterprises, agriculture exporting countries and through import pressure on their domestic markets? Are the special safeguards proposed in the “Development Box” a realistic solution to protect and enhance domestic food production and the livelihood of the poor? What are the most feasible alternatives? Speakers on the panel are **Peter Kaindi** (MP, Kenya), **Abid Qaiyum Sulehri** (Pakistan), **Christian Häberli** (Switzerland), **Larry Kohler** (ILO), **Frank Schmidt-Hullmann** (Germany) and **Ajay Vashee** (Zambia).

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Public Panel Discussion

■ **Environmental Consequences of Service Liberalization**

An aspect often neglected in the debate about GATS are the environmental implications and effects of service liberalization. This particularly applies to the liberalization of water – an area that plays an important role in the current GATS negotiations and that in many countries has already undergone a significant process of liberalization and privatisation. The panel looks into the direct and regulatory impact of service liberalization and explores the policy options that exist within the framework of GATS such as environmental impact assessment and the building in of environmental safeguards. The panel includes experts from the European Commission, NGOs, business and trade unions (names to be announced).

**Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 2003, 10h00-13h00, NGO Centre “Sierra Cancún“, Room 8**

Other activities

■ **Co-operation with trade unions**

To support the international trade union movement to actively take part in Cancún, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in cooperation with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) are contributing to the participation of trade unionists from Africa, Asia and Latin America.

■ **Supporting Journalists from the South**

As part of its commitment to a free, independent and well-informed media, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung is supporting the participation of a group of 14 journalists from the least-developed countries in Cancún.

Time	September 9 Tuesday	September 10 Wednesday	September 11 Thursday	September 12 Friday	September 13 Saturday
10h00-13h00	Panel: “ <b>La biotecnología verde: ¿capaz de alimentar al mundo?</b> ” Note: Event will be in Spanish language only Venue: Hotel Ambiance	(Official Opening)	Panel: “ <b>10 Years of WTO: Everything for the Corporations – No rights for workers?</b> ” Venue: NGO Centre Sierra Cancun, Room 8	Panel: “ <b>Between Reform and Rejection: Can a gender agenda be integrated in the WTO?</b> ” Venue: NGO Centre Sierra Cancun, Room 8	Panel: “ <b>Environmental Consequences of Service Liberalization</b> ” Venue: NGO Centre Sierra Cancun, Room 8
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**Venues**

**NGO Centre**

**Hotel Sierra Cancún**  
Bldv. Kukulcán Km. 10, Room 8

**Ambiance Hotel**

Boulevard Kukulcán, Km 8.5

**Logistical Note**

*If not specified, all events will be held in English language only.*

*Although most speakers and dates are confirmed, changes may occur. For programme updates and for further information on our work on trade and development, please visit:*

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