

Securing Development in the Midst of Financial Crisis and Climate Change

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Speakers: **Mrs. Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul**, German Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development; Member of Commission of Experts of the President of the UN General Assembly on Reforms of the International Monetary and Financial System; and Member of the High-Level Commission on the Modernization of World Bank Group Governance

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The combined challenges presented by the global financial crisis, its repercussions for the economy and the labor markets, and the persistent threat of climate change demonstrate that it is imperative to identify systemic risks and to coordinate an international response. The matter is of critical importance in order to secure development. The G20 have recognized the global challenge and taken steps in the right direction. The United Nations will soon follow and consider action at the level of the “G192”. The Friedrich Ebert Stiftung invites representatives of civil society, together with experts from the United Nations, governments, and multilateral institutions, to take the occasion of the spring meetings of the IMF and World Bank to discuss these multi-faceted and interwoven matters of concern to the international community with German Development Minister Wieczorek-Zeul.