



## **PROGRAM:**

### **Financing the United Nations: More Effective Funding for Global Priorities?**

Conference Wednesday, February 11, 2009

New York City

German Mission to the UN, Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Co-Sponsors: Global Policy Forum (GPF) and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)

- 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Registration and Light Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. **Welcome:**  
James A. Paul (GPF) and Werner Puschra (FES)  
H.E. Thomas Matussek, Permanent Representative of  
Germany to the UN
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Keynote: Financing the UN – Funding for Global  
Priorities**  
Angela Kane, USG for Management
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Panel 1: Putting the UN Budget into Perspective**
- Moderator:**  
Hilary French, Worldwatch Institute
- Speakers:**  
Luis Guilherme Nascentes da Silva, Office of the President  
of the General Assembly  
Klaus Hübner, professor emeritus, Free University of Berlin  
Lydia Swart, Center for UN Reform Education  
Steven A. Dimoff, UNA-USA Washington Office
- Topics for Discussion:**
- UN financing in comparative and historical perspective;
  - Problem of the overall budget levels and arrears;
  - Effects of a new administration in Washington;
  - How will the global financial crisis affect the UN?
  - Are new streams of income (e.g. global taxes) worth considering?
- 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Coffee Break

11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

**Panel 2: Penny Wise, Pound Foolish? The Politics of Agreeing on the UN Budget**

**Moderator:**

Jeffrey Laurenti, The Century Foundation

**Speakers:**

Mohammad Tal, ACABQ

Klaus de Rijk, Mission of the Netherlands, Fifth Committee

Motumisi Tawana, Mission of South Africa, Fifth Committee

**Topics for Discussion:**

- Considerations on the new budget;
- The budget-setting process: Does the scale of assessments make sense?
- Cost-benefit analysis and measuring results to prevent overlap?
- Problems caused by donor-driven priorities: Extra-budgetary resources, seconded staff, state vs. private monies, earmarked funds;
- Proliferation of mandates: Only a problem for the UN's peacekeeping budget?

1:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Wrap-up Remarks**

Hilary French and Jeffrey Laurenti

1:30p.m.- 2:45 p.m.

**Lunch and informal discussions**