



The North-South Institute • L'Institut Nord-Sud

PROGRAMME

SOUTHERN PERSPECTIVES ON REFORMING THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ARCHITECTURE

Saturday 19th – Tuesday 22nd May 2007

887th WILTON PARK CONFERENCE
in co-operation with
The North-South Institute, Ottawa

Synopsis

The central issue for this conference is the fact that most proposals for 'reform' of the international development architecture are made by Northern governments and experts. The perspectives of developing country governments, civil society, and experts are seldom, if ever, heard. The North-South Institute and its Southern research partners will present key findings and policy recommendations from a two-year research programme on southern views on how the development architecture should be reformed.

Through consideration of background papers and case study reports, the conference will consider the overall legitimacy of the current architecture, and its impact on country leadership. It will explore Southern perspectives on contextual factors that affect successful reform, and on proposals currently on the international agenda, such as the Paris Declaration, One UN, IFI governance reform, the MDRI, and innovative forms of financing for development.

Presentations and discussion will also explore southern views on the relative importance, comparative advantage, and relevance for low-income countries of :

- the main types and sources of development finance;
- the architecture's key institutions;
- other international and regional factors, including trade and investment agreements;
- specific trends in the current aid architecture, including scaling up and new aid modalities;
- the emergence of "new" donors;

The conference will identify priorities for reform and will articulate policy recommendations.

(* to be confirmed)

SATURDAY 19 MAY

1300 Lunch

1500

Welcome to the Conference

Roger WILLIAMSON

Programme Director, Sustainable Development, Wilton Park

Roy CULPEPER

President and Chief Executive Officer, The North-South Institute, Ottawa

- 1515-1630 1 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Samuel WANGWE
Chairman, Daima Associates, Dar es Salaam
- Richard MANNING**
Chair, Development Assistance Committee, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- 1630-1715 Tea and Coffee and Conference photograph
- 1715-1830 2 **OVERVIEW: SOUTHERN PERSPECTIVES RESEARCH PROGRAM**
Bill MORTON
Researcher, Development Cooperation, The North-South Institute, Ottawa
- STEERING GROUP PERSPECTIVE**
Alejandro BENDAÑA
Founder and Director, Centro de Estudios Internacionales, Managua
- 1900 Drinks Reception
- 1930 Dinner
- SUNDAY 20 MAY**
- 0845-1000 3 **OVERARCHING ISSUES (1)**
POWER IMBALANCES
Norman GIRVAN
Professorial Research Fellow, UWI Graduate Institute of International Relations, University of the West Indies; St Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago
- Commentator: Darini RAJASINGHAM**
Senior Fellow, Social Scientists Association, Sri Lanka
- 1000-1115 4 **BOLIVIA**
Gover BARJA
Director, Public Policy Master Programme, Catholic University of Bolivia
- Commentator: Marcelo BARRON ARCE**
DFID Harmonization Seconded, Inter-American Development Bank, Bolivia
- 1115-1145 Coffee and Tea
- 1145-1300 5 **BURUNDI**
Dismas BARANSKA
Independent Consultant, Burundi
- Astere GIRUKWIGOMBA**
Independent Consultant, Burundi
- Commentator: Matthew MARTIN**
Director, Development Finance International, London
- 1300-1430 Lunch
- Steering Group Lunch
- 1430-1545 6 **OVERARCHING ISSUES (2)**
SECURITY, THE WAR ON TERROR AND ODA
Kwesi ANING
Head, Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution Department, (CPMRD)
Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), Accra
- Commentator: Alejandro BENDAÑA**
Founder and Director, Centro de Estudios Internacionales, Managua

1545-1615		Tea and Coffee
1615-1730	7	<p>VIETNAM NGUYEN Thi Thu Hang Centre for Analysis and Forecasting, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences</p> <p>Commentator: Ariel BUIRA Professor, International Monetary Economics, National Autonomous University of Mexico</p>
1730-1900	8	<p>Language-based DISCUSSION GROUPS What are the emerging themes? What are the policy implications and policy recommendations so far? English, Spanish, French break-out groups</p> <p>FEEDBACK TO PLENARY</p>
1930		Dinner

MONDAY 21 MAY

- 0845-1000 9 **OVERARCHING ISSUES (3)**
POLICY COHERENCE: Aid, Trade and Investment
Ademola OYEJIDE
Professor of Economics and Director, Trade Policy Research and Training Programme (TPRTP), University of Ibadan
- Commentator: Amar BHATTACHARYA**
Director, G24 Secretariat, Washington DC
- 1000-1030 Coffee and tea
- 1030-1145 10 **SRI LANKA**
Saman KELEGAMA
Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), Colombo
- Commentator: Darini RAJASINGHAM**
Senior Fellow, Social Scientists Association, Sri Lanka
- 1145-1300 11 **NIGERIA**
Sam OLOFIN
Professor of Economics and Director, Centre for Econometric and Allied Research (CEAR), University of Abadan
- Commentator: Louis KASEKENDE**
Chief Economist, African Development Bank, Tunis
- 1300-1430 Lunch
(Optional Steering Group Lunch)
- 1430-1600 12 **REPORT BACK FROM WORKING GROUPS (4 TIMES 5 MINUTES EACH)**
- SYNTHESIS AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**
Presentation by:
Roy CULPEPER
Bill MORTON
Sam WANGWE
What are the priorities for reform, how could these occur, and how can these be articulated in policy recommendations?
- Discussion**
- 1600-1630 Tea and Coffee
- 1630-1830 13 **STEERING GROUP PRESENTATION**
Responses to overall Southern Perspectives project, the conference and presentation of recommendations
- CONCLUSION**
- 1830-1930 Interval for Changing
- 1930-2000 Drinks Reception
- 2000 Conference Dinner

TUESDAY 22 MAY

- 0730-0915 Breakfast and payment of bills
- 0915 Participants depart