



Financing for Development

Review Session 1	General Assembly Sixty-second session	
Review Session 2	Informal Review Session on Chapter III of the Monterrey Consensus "International trade as an engine for development" (19-20 May 2008, UN Headquarters, Conference Room 4)	
Review Session 3	Provisional Programme	
	19 May 2008	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Review Session 4	Panel Discussion	
Review Session 5	<i>Co-Chairs:</i>	
Review Session 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations ▪ H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations 	
Civil Society Hearings	<i>Panelists:</i>	
Business Sector Hearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Acting Deputy Secretary-General and Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, UNCTAD ▪ Mr. Martin Khor, Director, Third World Network ▪ Mr. Kym Anderson, George Gollin Professor of Economics, University of Adelaide, Australia ▪ Mr. Peter Thompson, Director for Trade and Development, European Commission ▪ Mr. Hamidur Rashid, Director-General for Multilateral Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh 	
	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Interactive Debate
	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Interactive Debate (continued)
	20 May 2008	
	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Interactive Debate (continued)

Biographical Notes

Ms. Lakshmi Puri is Acting Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD and Director of UNCTAD's Division on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities. From 1999 to 2002, she was Ambassador of India to Hungary, concurrently accredited to Bosnia and Herzegovina. Prior to this position, she served as Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations Office in Geneva. Ms. Puri has more than 28 years of experience in the Indian Foreign Service in policy-making and administration and in bilateral and multilateral economic diplomacy, with the focus on trade, development and economic cooperation. She has first-hand knowledge of national trade policy formulation and of the development implications of multilateral trade negotiations, having served for several years as Joint Secretary in India's Ministry of External Affairs, where she was in charge of the Economic and Multilateral Economic Relations Divisions.

Mr. Martin Khor is Director of Third World Network (TWN) and editor of its monthly publication, *Third World Resurgence*. He has led TWN since its inception in 1984, advocating on behalf of citizen groups throughout the developing world on a wide number of development issues. These include environmental sustainability, the protection of human rights and the impact of corporate-led globalization. A former economist and university lecturer, he is also advisor and consultant to a number of United Nations agencies and other important international bodies. He is a member of the United Nations Committee for Development Policy, a member of the Steering Group of the Helsinki Process and a member of the NGO Advisory Committee of the UNDP Administrator. He graduated from Cambridge University and is the author of several books and articles on international trade, development and environmental issues.

Mr. Kym Anderson is George Gollin Professor of Economics at the University of Adelaide, Australia, where he has served as Executive Director of the Centre for International Economic Studies. From 2004 to 2007, he was also the Lead Economist in the International Trade Unit of the World Bank's Development Research Group. Before joining the World Bank, he served as Counsellor and Deputy to the Director of Research at the GATT (now WTO) Secretariat in Geneva. Prior to this post, he was Director of the Agricultural Trade Policy Unit in Australia's Department of Trade. He was a Visiting Fellow at Stockholm's Institute for International Economic Studies and a Ford Foundation Visiting Fellow at South Korea's Rural Economics Institute in Seoul. Before joining the University of Adelaide, he held academic positions at the Australian National University. Mr. Anderson obtained Bachelors degrees from the Universities of New England and Adelaide in Australia, a Masters from the University of Chicago and a PhD from Stanford University.

Mr. Peter Thompson is Director for Trade and Development Policy and Bilateral Trade Relations with the African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries at the European Commission (EC). He is the chief negotiator in the Directorate General (DG) for Trade for the Economic Partnership Agreements and is also responsible for the EC's Generalised System of Preferences (GSP). He has represented the EU in multilateral and bilateral trade negotiations. Prior to working in the DG for Trade, he worked in the DGs for Agriculture and Energy. He was responsible for bilateral agricultural trade matters and represented the EU in selected International Commodity Organisations. Concerning energy, he worked as an oil market specialist dealing with emergency stocks, relations with the International Energy Agency and contributed to EU legislation on exploration and production of hydrocarbons. He holds a Bachelors degree from London University and a Masters in Applied Economics from Cornell University.

Mr. Hamidur Rashid is Director-General for Multilateral Economic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bangladesh. He is responsible for conceptualizing, coordinating and representing Bangladeshi positions on various economic and social issues at the United Nations and other international forums. He has over sixteen years of experience working for the Government of Bangladesh as well as for the World Bank, UNDP and UNICEF. His research interests include international trade and finance. He recently co-authored a piece with Professor Joseph Stiglitz, entitled "Making a travesty of free trade," which was published in eight languages in more than 200 papers and journals worldwide. Mr. Rashid attained his PhD in Finance and Economics from Columbia University in New York, working under Professor Stiglitz, winner of the 2001 Nobel Prize in Economics. He earned his MPA from Columbia University and Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Texas.
