



UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE WORLD FINANCIAL
AND ECONOMIC CRISIS AND ITS IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT

NEW YORK 24-26 JUNE 2009

Programme of the Round Tables [Conference Room 4]

ROUND TABLE 1 – WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 2009, 3 – 6 P.M.

Theme

The role of the United Nations and its Member States in the ongoing international discussions on reforming and strengthening the international financial and economic system and architecture

Chairs

H.E. Mr. David John Howard Thompson, Prime Minister of Barbados; and

H.E. Mr. Mirko Cvetković, Prime Minister of Serbia

Panellists

Mr. Joseph Stiglitz, University Professor, Columbia University; Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences (2001); Chairman of the Commission of Experts of the President of the UN General Assembly on Reforms of the International Monetary and Financial System

Ms. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Managing Director of the World Bank

Mr. Andrei Bougrov, Managing Director and Member of the Board of Directors of the Interros Company; Former Principal Resident Representative of Russia; Executive Director and Member of the Board of Directors of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Mr. Yu Yongding, former Director of the Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Former Member of the Monetary Policy Committee, People's Bank of China

Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

ROUND TABLE 2 – THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 2009, 10 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Theme

Coordinated and collaborative actions and appropriate measures to mitigate the impact of the crisis on development

Chairs

H.E. Mr. Tongloun Sisoulit, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; and

H.E. Mr. Jean Asselborn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration of Luxembourg

Panellists:

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary of UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific of the United Nations

Mr. Martin Khor, Executive Director of the South Centre

Mr. Robert Johnson, Former Chief Economist of the US Senate Banking Committee and former Senior Economist of the US Senate Budget Committee

Mr. Yaga Venugopal Reddy, Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India

ROUND TABLE 3 – THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 2009, 3 – 6 P.M.

Theme

Present and future impacts of the crisis on, inter alia, employment, trade, investment and development goals and the Millennium Development Goals

Chairs

H.E. Dr. Diego Borja, Minister of Coordination of Economic Policy of the Republic of Ecuador; and
H.E. Mr. Bert Koenders, Minister for Development Cooperation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Panellists

Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa

Mrs. Valentine Rugwabiza, Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organization

Mr. Sha Zukang, UN Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Ms. Navanethem Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Mr. Stephen Pursey, Director Policy Integration Department of the International Labour Organization

Mr. Francois Houtart, Emeritus Professor of the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium); founder of the Tricontinental Center (New Louvain)

ROUND TABLE 4 – FRIDAY, 26 JUNE 2009, 10 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Theme

Contributions of the United Nations development system in response to the crisis

Chairs

H.E. Mr. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; and

H.E. Ms. Dipu Moni, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh

Panellists

Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator of UNDP

Ms. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director of UNFPA

Mr. Manuel Aranda DaSilva, Deputy Executive Director, a.i. WFP

Ms. Hilde F. Johnson, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF

Mr. Pedro Páez, Former Minister for Economic Coordination of Ecuador, Member of the Commission of Experts of the President of the General Assembly