# 2005 Project LINK fall meeting

**October 31-November 2, 2005**  
**UNCTAD, Geneva**  
**Conference Room 23, Building E**

## Agenda

### Monday October 31

**10:00-10:15 Opening**  
**Chair:** Peter Pauly

Supachai Panitchpakdi  
Director-General, UNCTAD, Geneva (TBC)

**10:15-12:00 Global Outlook**  
**Chair:** Peter Pauly

United Nations Project LINK  
Rob Vos, United Nations, New York

International Monetary Fund  
Thomas Helbling, IMF, Washington

World Bank  

**12:00-13:00 Invited Presentation**  
**Chair:** Peter Pauly

Recovery in Europe: Will It Eventually Materialize?  
Norbert Walter, Deutsche Bank, Frankfurt

**13:00-14:30 Lunch**

**14:30-16:30 Global Outlook (cont.)**  
**Chair:** Bert Hickman

OECD  
Pete Richardson, OECD, Paris

National Institute of Economic and Social Research  
Ray Barrell, NIESR, London

Agricultural Markets  
William Meyers, University of Missouri

The World Oil Market  
Robert Kaufmann, Boston University

General Discussion

**16:30-17:30 Invited Presentation**
Chair: Thomas Wilson

Unwinding Global Economic Imbalances
Heiner Flassbeck, UNCTAD, Geneva

General Discussion

Tuesday November 1

9:30-11:30 Regional Economic Outlook
Chair: Delia Nilles

Western Europe: Summary
Ray Barrell, NIESR, London

Eastern Europe and the CIS: Summary
Rumen Dobrinsky, UN - ECE, Geneva (TBC)

Sustainability of Economic Growth in Russia
Andrei Roudoi, Global Insight, Boston

General Discussion

11:30-13:00 Regional Economic Outlook (cont.)
Chair: Byron Gangnes

United States
Lawrence R. Klein, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

Japan
Kanemi Ban, Osaka University

General Discussion

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:30 Invited Presentations
Chair: Stephen Hall

Quality of Life: Comparing India and China
S.R. Basu and A.L. Nagar, UNCTAD and NIPFP, Delhi

Official Reserves and Currency Management in Asia
Avinash Persaud, Intelligence Capital Ltd., London

General Discussion

16:30-17:30 Regional Economic Outlook (cont.)
Chair: Adolfo Castilla

Asia: Summary
Hiren Sarkar, ESCAP, Bangkok

General Discussion
## Regional Economic Outlook (cont.)

**Chair:** Mette Rolland

### Latin America
André Hofman, ECLAC, Santiago

General Discussion

### Africa: Summary
Janvier Nkurunziza, ECA, Addis Ababa

Foreign Direct Investment in Africa
Hilary Nwokeabia, UNCTAD, Geneva

General Discussion

### Middle East: Summary
Fadhil Mahdi, ESCWA, Beirut (TBC)

General Discussion

### 13:00-14:30 Lunch

### 14:30-15:00 Special Session
**Chair:** Peter Pauly

Economic Aspects of a Global Pandemic
Clark Abt, Abt Associates, Boston

### 15:00-17:00 UNCTAD Special Session
**Chair:** TBA

Presentation of UNCTAD Report "Developing Countries in International Trade 2005 – Trade and Development Index"
Khalilur Rahman, UNCTAD, Geneva

2005 Raul Prebisch Memorial Lecture
Lawrence R. Klein, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

### 17:00 Close of Meeting

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