Project LINK Fall Meeting 2008
United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
New York
October 23-24, 2008

Venue: The New York Helmsley Hotel, Knickerbocker Suite "D", 3rd Floor

Thursday, October 23, 2008

9:30 – 9:45  Opening and welcome
(DESA and Project LINK)

9:45– 11:15  World Economic Outlook
Chair: Lawrence Klein

LINK/UN DESA forecast (Rob Vos)
World Bank (Hans Timmer)

11:15– 11:30  Break

11:30– 13:00  World Economic Outlook (continued)
Chair: Bert Hickman

Lead discussants: Ray Barrell (NIESR)
Pete Richardson (OECD)

General Discussion

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch

14:30 – 17:30  Panel discussion on the global financial crisis
Chair: Stephen Hall (Leicester University)

Panel members:

Ray Barrell (NIESR)
Giorgio Basevi (University of Bologna)
Jose Antonio Ocampo (Columbia University)
John Walker (Oxford Economics)
Carl Weinberg (High Frequency Economics)

(16:00– 16:15  Break)
Friday, October 24, 2008

9:30-11:30  Global outlook: commodity prices and economic implications  
Chair: Charlotte du Toit (University of Pretoria)

Willy Meyers (University of Missouri-Columbia)  
Robert Kaufmann (Boston University)  
Pilar Fajarnes (UNCTAD)  
F. Gerard Adams (Northeastern University)

Discussion

11:30-13:00  Regional Outlook: developed regions  
Chair: Byron Gangnes (University of Hawaii)

United States (Lawrence Klein, University of Pennsylvania)  
Japan (Kanemi Ban, Osaka University)  
Western Europe (Ray Barrell, NIESR)

13:00-14:00  Lunch

14:30-17:30  Regional Outlook: developing and EiTs  
Chair: Pingfan Hong (UN/DESA)

Africa (Marva Corley, UN/DESA)  
East and South Asia (Tiziana Bonapace, ESCAP)  
West Asia (Ingo Pitterle, UN/DESA)  
Latin America and the Caribbean (Osvaldo Kacef, ECLAC)  
Economies in Transition (Malinka Koparanova and Grigor Agabekian, UN/DESA)

Each lead presentation is followed by comments from LINK country experts

17:30  Business and closing