### Wednesday 14 April

**Morning Session**  
Chair: Lawrence Klein

#### 10:00-10:15 Opening  
United Nations

#### 10:15-1:00 Global Outlook

- United Nations Project LINK  
  Ian Kinniburgh, United Nations, New York (*Presentation*)
- World Bank  
  Hans Timmer, World Bank, Washington (*Presentation*)
- International Monetary Fund  
  Tim Callen, IMF, Washington (*Presentation*)
- National Institute of Economic and Social Research  
  Ray Barrell, NIESR, London (*Presentation*)

**General Discussion**

#### 1:00-2:30 Lunch

### Afternoon Session  
Chair: Peter Pauly

#### 2:30-3:30 Global Outlook

- The World Oil Market  
  Robert Kaufmann, Boston University, Boston (*Presentation*)
- Non-oil commodity markets  
  F. Gerard Adams, Northeastern University, Boston (*Presentation*)
  Patrick Westhoff, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia (*Presentation*)

**General Discussion**

#### 3:30-4:30 Regional Economic Outlook: Japan, Australia and New Zealand

Country participants (*Presentation*)

#### 4:30-5:30 Current Policy Issues I: The Economic Future of Europe

Olivier Blanchard, MIT, Boston (*Paper*)

**General Discussion**

#### 5:45-7:30 Reception

Ex-Press bar, 3rd floor (via elevator or escalator)

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**Thursday 15 April**
Morning Session:
Chair: Stephen Hall

10:00-11:00 Regional Economic Outlook: North America
Lawrence Klein, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia (Paper, Presentation)
Country participants

11:00-12:00 Current Policy Issues II: The Role of China in the Global Economy
Yongzheng Yang, IMF, Washington (Paper, Presentation)
Roundtable discussion:
Pami Dua, University of Delhi, Delhi (Presentation1, Presentation2)
Win-Lin Chou, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Roberto Mariano, Singapore Management University, Singapore
Tongsan Wang, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing (Presentation)

12:00-1:00 Regional Economic Outlook: South and East Asia
Hiren Sarkar, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok
Country Participants

1:00-2:30 Lunch

Afternoon Session:
Chair: Reneé Koekemoer

2:30-4:00 Current Policy Issues III: Stability and Growth in Europe: Implications of the EU Enlargement

(a) Stability and Growth in the Accession Countries
Laszlo Halpern, Institute of Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest (Presentation)

(b) The Implications of EU Enlargement for the Non-Accession Transition Countries
Rumen Dobrinsky, Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva (Presentation)

4:00-5:30 Regional Economic Outlook: Europe and CIS
Andre Dramais, European Commission, Brussels
Rumen Dobrinsky, Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva (Presentation)
Country Participants

Friday 16 April

Morning Session
Chair: Roberto Mariano

10:00-11:00 Regional Economic Outlook: Africa
Shamika N. Sirimanne, Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa (Presentation)
Country Participants

Impact of dollar depreciation on developing countries: the South African case
Walter de Wet, University of Pretoria, Pretoria (Presentation)

11:00-12:00 Current Policy Issues IV: Perspectives on International Trade for Africa

(a) Unlocking Africa’s Trade Potential
12:00-1:00  **Regional Economic Outlook: Middle East**
Fadhil Mahdi, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Beirut (Paper, Tables, Presentation)
Edouard Nsimba, United Nations, New York
Yacov Sheinin, Economic Models Ltd, Israel (Presentation)
Country Participants

1:00-2:30 Lunch

**Afternoon Session**
Chair: Bert Hickman

2:30-4:00  **Current Policy Issues V: Trade and exchange rate issues for Latin America**

(a) Free Trade Areas: Building Blocks or Stumbling Blocks for the World Trading System?
Dominick Salvatore, Fordham University, New York

(b) NAFTA ten years after: a Mexican perspective
Alfredo Coutiño, Center for Economic Forecasting of Mexico, Philadelphia (Presentation)

(c) Exchange rate regimes and their consequences for trade and growth in Latin America
Alfredo Calcagno, UNCTAD, Geneva (Presentation)

General Discussions

4:00-5:00  **Regional Economic Outlook: Latin America**
Andre Hofman, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago (Presentation)
Country Participants

**The Dynamics of Inflation in Latin America**
Sandra Manuelito, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago (Presentation)

5:00 LINK Business Meeting