



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

20 March 2009

Excellency,

With reference to the letter dated 17 March 2009 from the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, please find attached the draft programme of the extraordinary interactive thematic dialogue to be held by the General Assembly from 25 to 27 March 2009, on the subject of "The World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development".

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norma Miranda". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Norma Miranda
Ambassador
Chef de Cabinet

All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers
to the United Nations
New York

Interactive Thematic Dialogue

On the Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development

25 – 27 March 2008

United Nations Headquarters, New York
(Provisional)

Programme

25 March (Analysis of the crisis)

10:00 a.m. Opening statement by the President of the General Assembly

Morning Panel - The crisis: origins, evolution, and systemic aspects

Moderator: H. E. Morten Wetland, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations.

10:20 a.m. 11:20 a.m.

Presentation 1: Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General. DESA.

Presentation 2: Ms. Jane Stewart, Special Representative to the United Nations. International Labor Organization (ILO).

Presentation 3: Ms. Alicia Barcena, Executive Secretary ECLAC. Regional dimensions of the crisis. Videoconference.

11:20 a.m. – 11:40 p.m.

Comments by:

- Mr. Andrey Denisov, First Deputy Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation.

- Prof. Mario Baldassarri, Senator, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Treasury of the Italian Senate.

11:40 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Questions and answers and statements by Member States, groups of states, international organizations and other organs of the UN system. Two questions or statements by two representatives of civil society organizations.

Afternoon Panel: UN System Responses to the crisis

Moderator: Mr. Yu Yongding. Director, Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Former Member of Monetary Policy Committee, People's Bank of China. Member of the Commission of Experts of the PGA.

3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Presentation 1: Mr. Ugo Panizza. Chief of the Debt and Financial Analysis Unit, Debt and Development Finance Branch, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Presentation 2: Mr Selim Jahan, Director, Poverty Group, Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Presentation 3: Mr. Jeffrey Lewis, Senior Advisor, World Bank.

Presentation 4: Mr. Ranjit Teja, Deputy Director of Strategy Policy and Review Department, International Monetary Fund.

Comments by: Mr. Martin Khor, Executive Director of the South Centre.

4:15 - 6:00 p.m. Questions and answers and statements by Member States and groups of states, international organizations and other organs of the UN system. Two questions or statements by two representatives of civil society organizations.

26 March

Morning Presentation.

Moderator: H.E. In Kook Park, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations.

10:00 – 11.00 a.m.

Introduction of the Recommendations. *Professor Joseph Stiglitz* (USA), Chairman of the Commission of Experts accompanied by Members of the Commission.

11.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. Questions and answers and statements by Member States and groups of states and UN agencies. Two questions or statements by two representatives of civil society organizations.

Afternoon Panel.

Moderator: H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations.

3:00 – 3. 45 p.m.

Panel 1: Reform of International Institutions

Ms. Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul (Germany)

Mr. Jomo K.S. (United Nations)

Mr. François Houtart (Belgium)

Mr. Pedro Páez (Ecuador)

3:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Panel 2: Macroeconomic measures in response to the Crisis:

Mr. Jean-Paul Fitoussi, Chair (France)

Mr. Jomo K.S. (United Nations)

Mr. Robert Johnson (USA)

Mr. Yaga Venugopal Reddy (India)

Comments by: Mr. Jon S. Corzine, Governor of the State of New Jersey, USA (To be confirmed)

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Questions and answers and statements by Member States and groups and UN agencies. Two questions or statements by two representatives of civil society organizations.

27 March

Morning Panel.

Moderator: H. E. Claude Heller, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations.

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Panel 3: International Financial Architecture:

Mr. Yu Yongding, Chair (China)

Mr. Yaga Venugopal Reddy (India)

Mr. Benno Ndulo (Tanzania)

Ms. Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeu (Germany)

Ms. Zeti Akhtar Aziz (Malaysia)

10:30 - 11.00 a.m.

Panel 4: Re-Regulating the Financial System

Mr. Robert Johnson, Chair (USA)

Mr. Yaga Venugopal Reddy (India)

Mr. Benno Ndulo (Tanzania)

11:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Questions and answers and statements by Member States and groups and UN agencies. Two questions or statements by two representatives of civil society organizations.

Closing

12:45 p.m.

Final remarks. *Professor Joseph Stiglitz*, Chairman of the Commission of Experts.