Emerging Challenges in Financing for Development

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4:30 – 6:00 pm
World Bank “I” Building / Room I-200
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Welcoming Remarks: Almut Wieland-Karimi, Executive Director, FES Washington D.C.

Speakers:
- Ms. Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, German Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development and Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the Doha Review Conference on FfD
- Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

Moderator: Mr. Manuel Montes, Chief, Policy Analysis and Development, Financing for Development Office, UN-DESA

The Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) in cooperation with UN-DESA’s Financing for Development Office, will convene a discussion during the IFI Annual Meetings by bringing together representatives from civil society, government, United Nations and international financial institutions.

The “Monterrey Consensus on Financing for Development” – in support of the internationally agreed development goals including the MDGs – created a global alliance for development, covering for the first time the full range of development finance. The follow-up process continues to strive for an inclusive multilateralism, underlining a holistic and coherent agenda and effective participation of all relevant stakeholders including civil society and the private sector. In less than two months, a Follow-up International Conference will take place in Doha, Qatar. Thus, it is timely for international policy makers, activists, and thinkers to ask themselves and each other what today’s challenges are, that shall be taken to Doha.

The Washington D.C. event will discuss the achievements as well as new and emerging challenges of the Monterrey Consensus and focus on the tasks ahead: What expectations do participants have with regard to the conference? What has to be done to strengthen the global partnership agreed to in Monterrey? What could be the role of the UN, the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization, governments, civil society, and the private sector in this regard? The meeting will pay particular attention to key emerging challenges in the financing of climate change adaptation and mitigation.