SOUTH CENTRE CONFERENCE

STATE OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY, AND REFLECTION ON RECENT MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

Palais des Nations (Room XXIII), Geneva, 2-3 February 2012

Draft Agenda

DAY 1: 2 February 2012

9.30 a.m. Opening: Welcome by Chair of South Centre Board, H.E. Mr. Benjamin Mkapa, former President of Tanzania; Introduction by Martin Khor, Executive Director, South Centre

10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Session 1: Instability and Downturn in the World Economy and the Prospects for the South

Chair: H.E. Mr. Benjamin Mkapa, Chair of the Board, South Centre; former President of Tanzania

- Yilmaz Akyuz, Special Economic Advisor, South Centre
- Juan Somavia, Director General, ILO
- Li Zhaoxing, Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee, National People's Congress; former Foreign Minister, People's Republic of China
- Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- Deepak Nayyar, Professor of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India; former Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi; former Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India

12.30 – 1.00 p.m. Launch of South Centre's New Book, "Financial Crisis and Global Imbalances: A Development Perspective."

1.00– 2.30 p.m. Lunch

2.30-4.30 p.m. Session 2: How a New Global Downturn May Affect Developing Countries and What Can be Done to Mitigate the Effects?

- Rubens Ricupero, former Secretary-General, UNCTAD; former Finance Minister, Brazil
- Charles Soludo, former Governor, Central Bank, Nigeria (with special reference to Africa)
- Nagesh Kumar, Chief Economist, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- Lim Mah Hui, Economic Advisor, South Centre; Member, Municipal Council of Penang, Malaysia
- Alfredo Calcagno, Head, Macroeconomic and Development Policies Branch, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD

4.30-5.30 p.m. Session 3: Update on UNCTAD-13 and its Relevance in the Context of the Global Economic Crisis

- Richard Kozul-Wright, UNCTAD
- Vicente Paolo Yu III, Coordinator, Global Governance for Development Programme, South Centre

Day 2: 3 February 2012

9:30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Session 4: Reflections on the WTO 8th Ministerial Conference and Future of the Multilateral Trading System

Chair: Martin Khor, Executive Director, South Centre

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.: Perspective of Developing Country Delegations

- H.E. Mr. Jayant Dasgupta, Ambassador & Permanent Representative to WTO, Permanent Mission of the Republic of India to the WTO
- H.E. Mr. Yi XiaoZhun, Ambassador & Permanent Representative to the WTO, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the WTO
- H.E. Mr. Md. Abdul Hannan, Ambassador & Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations Geneva

- H.E. Mr. Yonov Frederick Agah, Ambassador & Permanent Representative to WTO, Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations Office Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Faizel Ismail, Ambassador & Permanent Representative to WTO, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations Office Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Matern Yakobo Christian Lumbanga, Ambassador & Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations Office Geneva
- H.E. Mrs. Angélica C. Navarro Llanos, Ambassador & Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the United Nations Office Geneva

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Perspective of Experts

- Martin Khor, Executive Director, South Centre
- Chakravarthi Raghavan, Editor Emeritus, South-North Development Monitor (SUNS)
- Carlos Correa, Special Advisor on Trade and Technology, South Centre (on recent trends in technology and IPRs and global negotiations)

1.00– 2.30 p.m. Lunch

2.30 – 4.45 p.m. Session 5: Reflections on the Durban Climate Conference and the Future of the Global Climate Negotiations

Chair: Mariama Williams, Senior Research Fellow, South Centre

- Meenakshi Raman, Legal Advisor, Third World Network
- Vicente Paolo Yu III, Coordinator, Global Governance for Development Programme, South Centre
- Bernarditas Muller, Coordinator, G77 and China, of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action, UNFCCC
- Aysar Tayeb, Climate Change Advisor, Saudi Arabia; Chair of Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action, UNFCCC

4:45 p.m. Closing Remarks