The South Face

- The Voice of the South -

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The South Intellectual Platform is an important milestone in the series of events which unfolded 50 years ago when the statesmen and eminent personalities from the South gathered at Bandung in Indonesia.

Trade liberalization may be undertaken under certain conditions but the South countries must be made aware of the risks the IMF and the World Bank policies pose to them.

- Ajit Singh

How much the South can do to influence the global system depends on how much the South can do for the development and well being of its own population.

- Deepak Nayyar

South-South synergy is extremely important because it provides a way to address issues of significant interest to developing countries.

- Beverly J. Silver

Selective de-linking of weak Southern countries with power economies such as the US and EU is a problem that should be addressed.

- Araminiata Traore

Taking agriculture out of WTO is a case of selective de-linking and is required to maintain food sovereignty within the South countries.

- Samir Amin

The South should examine their current development strategy. Either you stay within the system and make an impact or go for selective de-linking.

- Martin Khor

Our first best strategy is not selective de-linking but selective and strategic integration. This is a proactive rather than a reactive strategy and is also less costly for the South.

- Kamal Malhotra

The Washington Consensus declared that the South is redundant. Now a South Consensus should declare that the North is redundant.

- Giovanni Arrighi

I am intrigued by how little the South knows about the South. Between 1965 and 1980, 9 out of 21 fastest growing countries were African and only three of them were mineral rich.

- Thandika Mkandwire

There is too much World Bank and IMF prescriptions dominating the macro economic national policy making in the South. There is not enough South- South learning on the policy making process in the South especially from the lead growth countries.

- Mariama Williams

We need to be watchful of going from no capacity to doing everything under the sun and then achieving nothing.

- Keith Nurse

We are talking about the theory of development but we still do not have a theory of uneven development.

- Erik Reinert

Having an impact should be the purpose. One finds that there are either optimists or pessimists, but there is a need to be realistic.

- Cecilia Lopez Montano

There is no future for the South outside the global world. Therefore we need to make linkages with the outside world.

- Aldo Ferrer

The formation of social alliances can strengthen the South when negotiating with the North

- Oupa Lehulere

To catch up, the South countries need to reassess the change in the balance of economic and political power between the Noth and the South.

- Solita Monsod

The blame of South researchers moving to greener intellectual pastures elsewhere lies partly on us. Have we provided them with a conducive intellectual space?

- Bagher Asadi

There is a need to sensitize the policy makers of the South to break the intellectual hegemony of the North. The task has been made more urgent since the leading staff of our universities has emigrated to the North.

- Chief Emeka Anyaoku

There is a need to widen the debate on the international system and furthering South-South cooperation especially in the areas of global public goods, global citizenship and global cooperation.

- Jose Antonio Ocampo

With limited resources we need to see where the comparative advantages of Southern intellectual institutions lie. We should find points of commonality of action keeping in the issue of heterogeneity of the South.

- Norman Girvan