

**Project LINK Meeting**  
**October 31 – November 2, 2005**  
**UNCTAD, Geneva**  
**Conference Room 23, Building E**

**Agenda**

**Monday 31 October**

**10:00-10:15**

**Opening**  
**Chair : Peter Pauly**

*Heiner Flassbeck*  
*Officer-in-Charge, Department on Globalization*  
*and Development Strategies, UNCTAD*

**10:15-12:00**

**Global Outlook**  
**Chair : Peter Pauly**

United Nations Project LINK  
*Rob Vos, United Nations, New York*

International Monetary Fund  
*Thomas Helbling, IMF, Washington*

World Bank  
*Hans Timmer, The World Bank, Washington*

**12:00-13:00**

**Invited Presentation**  
**Chair : Peter Pauly**

Recovery in Europe: Will It Eventually Materialize?  
*Norbert Walter, Deutsche Bank, Frankfurt*

**13:00-14:30**

**Lunch**

**14:30-16:30**

**Global Outlook (cont.)**  
**Chair : Bert Hickman**

OECD  
*Pete Richardson, OECD, Paris*

National Institute of Economic and Social Research  
*Ray Barrell, NIESR, London*

Agricultural Markets  
*William Meyers, University of Missouri*

The World Oil Market  
*Robert Kaufmann, Boston University*

General Discussion

**16:30-17:30**

**Invited Presentation**  
**Chair : Thomas Wilson**

Unwinding Global Economic Imbalances  
*Heiner Flassbeck, UNCTAD, Geneva*

General Discussion

**Tuesday 1 November**

**9:30-11:30**

**Regional Economic Outlook**  
**Chair : Delia Nilles**

Western Europe : Summary  
*Ray Barrell, NIESR, London*

Eastern Europe and the CIS : Summary  
*Rumen Dobrinsky, UN - ECE, Geneva*

Sustainability of Economic Growth in Russia  
*Andrei Roudoi, Global Insight, Boston*

General Discussion

**11:30-13:00**

**Regional Economic Outlook (cont.)**  
**Chair : Byron Gangnes**

United States  
*Lawrence R. Klein, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia*

Japan  
*Kanemi Ban, Osaka University*

General Discussion

**13:00-14:30**

**Lunch**

**14:30-16:30**

**Invited Presentations**

**Chair : Stephen Hall**

Quality of Life : Comparing India and China

*S.R. Basu, L.R. Klein, and A.L. Nagar, UNCTAD, University of Pennsylvania, and NIPFP, Delhi*

Official Reserves and Currency Management in Asia

*Avinash Persaud, Intelligence Capital Ltd., London*

General Discussion

**16:30-17:30**

**Regional Economic Outlook (cont.)**

**Chair : Adolfo Castilla**

Asia : Summary

*Hiren Sarkar, ESCAP, Bangkok*

General Discussion

### Wednesday 2 November

**9:30-12:30**

**Regional Economic Outlook (cont.)**

**Chair : Mette Rolland**

Latin America

*André Hofman, ECLAC, Santiago*

General Discussion

Africa : Summary

*Janvier Nkurunziza, ECA, Addis Ababa*

Foreign Direct Investment in Africa

*Hilary Nwokeabia, UNCTAD, Geneva*

General Discussion

Middle East : Summary

*Fadhil Mahdi, ESCWA, Beirut*

General Discussion

**12:30-13:00**

**Special Session**  
**Chair: Peter Pauly**

Economic Aspects of a Global Pandemic  
*Clark Abt, Abt Associates, Boston*

**13:00-14:30**

**Lunch**

**15:00-17:00**

**UNCTAD Special Event**  
**Palais des Nations, Room XIX**  
**Chair : Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary General of UNCTAD**

Presentation of UNCTAD Report “Developing Countries in International Trade 2005 – Trade and Development Index”  
*Khalilur Rahman, UNCTAD, Geneva*

**13th Raúl Prebisch Memorial Lecture**  
“South East Asia: Leading the World Economy”  
*Lawrence R. Klein , University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia*

**17:00**

**Close of Meeting**