

Project LINK Fall Meeting 2008
United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
New York
October 23-24, 2008

Venue: The New York Helmsley Hotel, Knickerbocker Suite "D", 3rd Floor

Thursday, October 23, 2008

9:30 – 9:45 **Opening and welcome**
(DESA and Project LINK)

9:45–11:15 **World Economic Outlook**
Chair: Lawrence Klein

LINK/UN DESA forecast (Rob Vos)
World Bank (Hans Timmer)

11:15–11:30 **Break**

11:30–13:00 **World Economic Outlook (continued)**
Chair: Bert Hickman

Lead discussants: Ray Barrell (NIESR)
Pete Richardson (OECD)

General Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:30 – 17:30 **Panel discussion on the global financial crisis**
Chair: Stephen Hall (Leicester University)

Panel members:

Ray Barrell (NIESR)
Giorgio Basevi (University of Bologna)
Jose Antonio Ocampo (Columbia University)
John Walker (Oxford Economics)
Carl Weinberg (High Frequency Economics)

(16:00–16:15 **Break**)

Friday, October 24, 2008

9:30- 11:30 **Global outlook: commodity prices and economic implications**

Chair: Charlotte du Toit (University of Pretoria)

Willy Meyers (University of Missouri-Columbia)

Robert Kaufmann (Boston University)

Pilar Fajarnes (UNCTAD)

F. Gerard Adams (Northeastern University)

Discussion

11:30–13:00 **Regional Outlook: developed regions**

Chair: Byron Gangnes (University of Hawaii)

United States (Lawrence Klein, University of Pennsylvania)

Japan (Kanemi Ban, Osaka University)

Western Europe (Ray Barrell, NIESR)

13:00–14:00 **Lunch**

14:30–17:30 **Regional Outlook: developing and EITs**

Chair: Pingfan Hong (UN/DESA)

Africa (Marva Corley, UN/DESA)

East and South Asia (Tiziana Bonapace, ESCAP)

West Asia (Ingo Pitterle, UN/DESA)

Latin America and the Caribbean (Osvaldo Kacef, ECLAC)

Economies in Transition (Malinka Koparanova and Grigor Agabekian, UN/DESA)

Each lead presentation is followed by comments from LINK country experts

17:30 Business and closing