

Project LINK Spring Meeting
14-16 April 2004
United Nations Headquarters, New York

Wednesday 14 April

Morning Session
Chair: Lawrence Klein

10:00-10:15 Opening
United Nations

10:15-1:00 Global Outlook

United Nations Project LINK
Ian Kinniburgh, United Nations, New York ([Presentation](#))

World Bank
Hans Timmer, World Bank, Washington ([Presentation](#))

International Monetary Fund
Tim Callen, IMF, Washington ([Presentation](#))

National Institute of Economic and Social Research
Ray Barrell, NIESR, London ([Presentation](#))

General Discussion

1:00-2:30 Lunch

Afternoon Session
Chair: Peter Pauly

2:30-3:30 Global Outlook

The World Oil Market
Robert Kaufmann, Boston University, Boston ([Presentation](#))

Non-oil commodity markets
F. Gerard Adams, Northeastern University, Boston ([Presentation](#))
Patrick Westhoff, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia ([Presentation](#))

General Discussion

3:30-4:30 Regional Economic Outlook: Japan, Australia and New Zealand
Country participants ([Presentation](#))

4:30-5:30 Current Policy Issues I : The Economic Future of Europe
Olivier Blanchard, MIT, Boston ([Paper](#))
General Discussion

5:45-7:30 Reception
Ex-Press bar, 3rd floor (via elevator or escalator)

Thursday 15 April

Morning Session:
Chair: Stephen Hall

10:00-11:00 Regional Economic Outlook: North America

Lawrence Klein, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia ([Paper](#), [Presentation](#))
Country participants

11:00-12:00 Current Policy Issues II : The Role of China in the Global Economy

Yongzheng Yang, IMF, Washington ([Paper](#), [Presentation](#))
Roundtable discussion:
Pami Dua, University of Delhi, Delhi ([Presentation1](#), [Presentation2](#))
Win-Lin Chou, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Roberto Mariano, Singapore Management University, Singapore
Tongsan Wang, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing ([Presentation](#))

12:00-1:00 Regional Economic Outlook: South and East Asia

Hiren Sarkar, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok
Country Participants

1:00-2:30 Lunch

Afternoon Session:
Chair: René Koekemoer

2:30-4:00 Current Policy Issues III : Stability and Growth in Europe: Implications of the EU Enlargement

(a) Stability and Growth in the Accession Countries
Laszlo Halpern, Institute of Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest
([Presentation](#))

(b) The Implications of EU Enlargement for the Non-Accession Transition Countries
Rumen Dobrinsky, Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva ([Presentation](#))

4:00-5:30 Regional Economic Outlook: Europe and CIS

Andre Dramaïs, European Commission, Brussels
Rumen Dobrinsky, Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva ([Presentation](#))
Country Participants

Friday 16 April

Morning Session
Chair: Roberto Mariano

10:00-11:00 Regional Economic Outlook: Africa

Shamika N. Sirimanne, Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa ([Presentation](#))
Country Participants

Impact of dollar depreciation on developing countries: the South African case
Walter de Wet, University of Pretoria, Pretoria ([Presentation](#))

11:00-12:00 Current Policy Issues IV : Perspectives on International Trade for Africa

(a) Unlocking Africa's Trade Potential

Patrick Asea, Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa ([Presentation](#))
Shamika N. Sirimanne, Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa

(b) Africa's Trade with the EU
Sam Olofin, University of Ibadan, Ibadan

12:00-1:00 Regional Economic Outlook: Middle East

Fadhil Mahdi, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Beirut ([Paper](#), [Tables](#), [Presentation](#))

Edouard Nsimba, United Nations, New York

Yacov Sheinin, Economic Models Ltd, Israel ([Presentation](#))

Country Participants

1:00-2:30 Lunch

**Afternoon Session
Chair: Bert Hickman**

2:30-4:00 Current Policy Issues V : Trade and exchange rate issues for Latin America

(a) Free Trade Areas: Building Blocks or Stumbling Blocks for the World Trading System?
Dominick Salvatore, Fordham University, New York

(b) NAFTA ten years after: a Mexican perspective
Alfredo Coutiño, Center for Economic Forecasting of Mexico, Philadelphia ([Presentation](#))

(c) Exchange rate regimes and their consequences for trade and growth in Latin America
Alfredo Calcagno, UNCTAD, Geneva ([Presentation](#))

General Discussions

4:00-5:00 Regional Economic Outlook: Latin America

Andre Hofman, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago ([Presentation](#))

Country Participants

The Dynamics of Inflation in Latin America

Sandra Manuelito, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago ([Presentation](#))

5:00 LINK Business Meeting