Provisional Programme (13 December 2002)

“Strategies for Making Globalization More Inclusive for People – Views from the Asia-Pacific”

A Regional Dialogue by the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization
16-17 December 2002, Bangkok.

Monday, 16 December 2002 - UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE CENTRE

08.30-09.00 Registration

09.00-10.30 Inaugural Session (Chair: Mr. Y. Nodera)

09.00-09.10 Welcome and Introductory remarks, Mr Yasuyuki Nodera, ILO Regional Director for the Asia-Pacific.

09.10-09.25 “The World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization”, Opening Address by H.E. Ms Tarja Halonen, President of Finland and Co-Chair of the World Commission.

09.25-09.45 “Making Globalization More Inclusive for People”, Keynote Address by Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, member of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization.

09.45-10.15 “The World Commission and the Asian Regional Dialogue”, Views of other Commissioners: Lord Bill Brett, Ms.Victoria Tauli-Corpuz and Dr. Lu Mai.

10.15-10.45 Coffee/Tea break

10.45 – 13.00 Session I - The impact of globalization on people: the experiences of different countries in the region and the perspectives of key actors. (Chair: Dr. Surin Pitsuwan)

10.45-11.30 Outcomes of national dialogues on the social dimension of globalization:
- The Philippines, presented by Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz;
- China, presented by Dr. Lu Mai.
- India, presented by Mr. P. Gopinath, Executive Secretary of the World Commission.

11.30-12.45 General discussion on experiences and perspectives in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Mr. Mueen Afzal, former SG of the Ministry of Finance, Pakistan.
- Mr. Zainal Rampak, Secretary General of the MTUC, Malaysia.
- Mr. Nam-hong Cho, Vice President of the Korea Employers’ Federation, ROK.
- Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi, Secretary of State. Ministry of Women’s and Veteran’s Affairs, Cambodia
- Mr. F.M. Muzharul Huq, Managing Director of UBINIG, Bangladesh.

12.45-14.15 Lunch (United Nations Conference Centre Dining Room)
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(Chair: H.E. M.R. Pridiyathorn Devakula, Governor of the Bank of Thailand)


14.30-16.00  Presentations by:
- Mr. Charles Adams, Asst. Director, IMF Regional Office, Tokyo
- Mr. Kazi Matin, Lead Economist, World Bank Regional Office.
- Mr. J.K. Robert England, UNDP Resident Coordinator.
- Mr. Walden Bello, Focus on the Global South

16.00-16.30  Coffee/Tea Break

16.30-18.00  General discussion

18.30  Reception (at UNCC)

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9.00-12.30  Session III - Regional views on international policies and negotiations for globalization: what aspects should be changed in the areas of trade, finance and development?  (Chair: Professor Siamwalla)

9.00-9.15  Presentation by Professor Siamwalla, Thailand Development Research Institute.

9.15-10.15  Presentations by:
- Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar, Member of the Lok Sabha, India.
- Mrs. Apiradi Tantraporn, Director-General of the Dept. of Trade Negotiation, Ministry of Commerce, Thailand.
- Ms. Nieves Confessor, Dean of the Asian Institute of Management, the Philippines.
- Mr. Yoshinori Ohno, Parliamentarian.
- Mr. Rene Ovreneo, University of the Philippines.

10.15-11.15  General discussion

11.15-11.45  Coffee/Tea Break

11.45-12.15  Findings and Conclusions of the Regional Dialogue: a summary by Dr. Surin Pitsuwan

Closing Remarks by members of the World Commission: President Tarja Halonen, Lord Bill Brett, Dr. Lu Mai and Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz.

12.15-13.00  Lunch (UNCC Dining Room)

12.30  Press Conference (UNCC)