



**South Conference
“2015 and the South: Preparing for a Year of Uncertainty and International Summits”**

Room VIII
Palais des Nations, Geneva
12 March 2015, 9:30-18:00h

PROGRAMME

- 9:30-10:00 Opening of the Conference
- Chair: Mr. Martin KHOR, Executive Director, South Centre
- Opening Speech: H.E. former President Benjamin William MKAPA, Chairman of the Board, South Centre
- 10:00-12:30 Session I: Global Economic Crisis, Increasing Impact on Developing Countries and South-South Cooperation Prospects
- Chair: H.E. Mr. Benjamin William MKAPA
- Presentation: Dr. Yilmaz AKYUZ, Chief Economist, South Centre – *The State of the World Economy: Increasing Vulnerabilities of Developing Countries*
- Speakers:
- Dr. Isabel ORTIZ, Director for Social Protection, ILO – *Economic Crisis and Social Impact: Are We Prepared? What Can We Do?*
 - H.E. Mr. Jorge VALERO, Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Coordinator of GRULAC, G77 and China Geneva
 - Dr. Richard KOZUL-WRIGHT, Director, Division for Globalization and Development Studies, UNCTAD – *Rebuilding North-South Cooperation in an Unequal World*
 - Dr. Humberto CAMPODONICO, Professor at the National University of San Marcos - Peru
- 12:30-13:15 Special Joint Memorial Ceremony by the Permanent Mission of Jamaica and the South Centre in Remembrance of Dr. Norman Girvan, former Vice-Chair of the Board of the South Centre, former Secretary-General of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS)
- Chair: H.E. Mr. Benjamin William MKAPA
- With tributes from the Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the UN in Geneva, Ambassador Ransford Smith (member of the Board of the South Centre), Dr. Mariama Williams (South Centre)

13:15-15:00 Lunch break

15:00-16:30 Session II: Global Trends and Negotiations: Post-2015 Development Agenda, Financing for Development, External Debt Restructuring, and Climate Change

Speakers:

- Dr. Manuel MONTES, Special Adviser on Finance and Development, South Centre – *Financing for Development and the Post-2015 Development Agenda*
- Dr. LI Yuefen, Special Adviser on Debt and Development, South Centre – *New and Emerging Debt Crisis in Developing Countries and the Need for a Debt Restructuring Mechanism*
- H.E. Mr. Alberto Pedro D'ALOTTO, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Argentina, Vice-Chair of the Group of 77 and China Geneva – *Addressing Debt Crisis and Vulture Funds*
- H.E. Mr. Modesto MERO, Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, Coordinator of the African Group, G77 and China Geneva
- Mr. Vicente Paolo YU III, Programme Coordinator for Global Governance, South Centre – *Climate Change Negotiations and the Paris 2015 Agreement*

16:30-18:00 Session III: Updates on Trade, Investment and Intellectual Property Rights Negotiations

Speakers:

- H.E. Mr. Xavier CARIM, Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the WTO – *Recent Developments in the Bilateral Investment Agreements*
- Ms. Kinda MOHAMADIEH, Research Fellow, South Centre – *The Rapidly Changing Situation in Investment Agreements*
- Ms. Aileen KWA, Programme Coordinator for Trade and Development, South Centre – *International Trade Negotiations State of Play*
- Dr. Carlos CORREA, Special Adviser on Intellectual Property and Development, South Centre – *Intellectual Property and Development: 20 Years after TRIPS*