



Department of Economic and Social Affairs

PROGRAMME

Development Forum on Productive Employment and Decent Work

*8-9 May 2006
United Nations Headquarters
ECOSOC Chamber
New York*

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#### **8 May 2006**

##### **Opening Session: Setting the Stage**

9:30 – 10:40

Keynote address by Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Statement by H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations, President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Remarks by:

Professor Diane Elson, Senior Scholar and Co-Director of Program on Gender Equality and the Economy, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College

Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)

Professor Prabhat Patnaik, Professor of Economics, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

10:40 - 12:00

##### **Panel 1: Macroeconomic policy and employment generation**

Chair: H.E. Mr. Dalius Cekuolis, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Lithuania to the United Nations, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Panelists:

Professor Michael Piore, Professor of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Professor Gerald Epstein, Professor of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Lead discussant: Professor Diane Elson, Senior Scholar and Co-Director of Program on Gender Equality and the Economy, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College

Interactive dialogue

12:00 - 3:00

**Lunch break**

3:00 - 4:15

**Panel 2: The effects of structural reform on employment**

Chair: H.E Mr. Gunter Pleuger, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations

Panelists:

Mr. Rolph van der Hoeven, Manager of the Technical Secretariat of World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization, International Labor Organization

Professor Prabhat Patnaik, Professor of Economics, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Lead discussant: Professor Robert Boyer, Economist, Centre Pour la Recherche Economique et ses Applications (CEPREMAP)

Interactive dialogue

4:15 – 4:30

Break

4:30 - 6:00

**Panel 3: Labour market flexibility and decent work**

Chair: H.E. Mr. Aminu Bashir Wali, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations

Panelists:

Professor Robert Boyer, Economist, Centre Pour la Recherche Economique et ses Applications (CEPREMAP)

Ms. Carmen Pages, Senior Labor Market Economist, Human Development and Social Protection Team (HDNSP), The World Bank

Mr. Gerry Rodgers, Director of the International Institute for Labour Studies, ILO

Lead Discussant: Mr. Haroon Borat, Director of the Development Policy Research Unit (DPRU), School of Economics, University of Cape Town.

Interactive dialogue

**9 May 2006**

9:45 - 11:15

**Panel 4: Formalizing the informal sector?**

Chair: H.E. Mr. Léo Mérorès, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Haiti to the United Nations, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Panelists:

Dr. Martha Chen, Lecturer in Public Policy and Coordinator of the global research policy network “Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing” (WIEGO), Harvard University

Dr. Víctor Tokman, Former Economic Advisor to the President of Chile and former Regional Director of the ILO for the Americas.

Lead Discussant: Mr. Gerry Rodgers, Director of the International Institute for Labour Studies, ILO

Interactive dialogue

11:15 - 11:30

Break

11:30 - 1:00

**Panel 5: Social protection options**

Chair: H.E. Ms Judith Bahemuka, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations

Panelists:

Dr. Huck-Ju Kwon, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Public Administration, Sung Kyun Kwan University, Seoul

Mr. Michael Cichon, Director of Social Security Department, International Labour Organization

Lead Discussant: Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)

Interactive dialogue

1:00 – 2:45

**Lunch (Hosted by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung-FES; By invitation only)**

2:45 - 4:45

**Panel 6: Generating employment**

Chair: H.E. Mr. Munir Akram, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations

Panelists:

Professor Azizur Khan, Visiting Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

Mr. Anis Ahmad Dani, Social Policy Adviser, Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development (ESSD) Network, World Bank  
Mr. Janvier Désiré Nkurunziza, Economic and Social Policy Division, Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Lead discussant: Professor Prabhat Patnaik, Professor of Economics, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Interactive dialogue

4:45 – 5:00

Break

5:00 – 6:00

**Closing session**

H.E. Mrs. María Ángela Holguín, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations

Concluding Remarks and Discussion led by Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs