



PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS

Organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union
Geneva, 7 and 8 May 2009

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 6 May

10:00 - 19:00 *Registration of participants*
(United Nations Office at Geneva and IPU Headquarters)

Thursday, 7 May

08:30 - 18:00 *Registration of participants (United Nations Office at Geneva)*

10:00 - 10:40 *Inaugural session*

- Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, IPU President
- Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

10:40 - 11:00 *Introductory video presentation*

Cascading failures: the genesis of the crisis

- Mr. Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute, Columbia University (USA)

Theme 1:

Macroeconomic policies to stimulate the global economy

11:00 - 13:00 *Interactive panel discussion*

Creating jobs and warding off social recession

- Mr. Juan Somavía, Director-General, International Labour Office
- Mr. Jean-Pierre Lehmann, Professor of International Political Economy, Founding Director, The Evian Group

13:00 - 15:00 *Lunch break*

15:00 - 16:00 *Question-and-answer session*

Finding a new path to stability and growth: conclusions of the G20

- Lord Malloch-Brown, Minister of State (United Kingdom)

16:00 - 18:00 *Interactive panel discussion*

Mitigating the impact of the crisis on development

- Ambassador Ato Fisseha Yimer (Ethiopia)
- Mr. Paul Larsen, Director, External Relations Division, World Food Programme
- Mr. Ben Turok, MP (South Africa)

18:00 *Reception at UNOG*

Friday, 8 May

10:00 - 10:30 *Keynote presentation*

Gender aspects of the economic crisis

- Ms. Barbara Prammer, Speaker of Parliament (Austria)

Theme 2:

10:30 - 13:00

Reform of the international financial system*Interactive panel discussion***Achieving financial stability**

- Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (United Nations)
- Mr. Geir Haarde, former Prime Minister (Iceland)
- Mr. Paul Oquist, Senior Advisor for Financial and Economic Affairs to the President of the United Nations General Assembly

13:00 - 15:00

Lunch break

15:00 - 16:00

*Thematic debate***Principles of the reform: towards a new Bretton Woods?**

- Mr. Jan Kregel, Chief Rapporteur, Commission of Experts of the President of the UN General Assembly on the Reform of the International Monetary and Financial System
- Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Professor at Columbia University (USA), former United Nations Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs

Theme 3:

16:00 - 17:50

Elements for a parliamentary strategy**The way forward**

- Mme Samura Tioulong, membre du parlement (Cambodge)

17:50 - 18:00

Closing session