



**High-level Segment of the Trade and Development Board**  
**22 October 1998**  
**General Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations**

***The Impact of Financial Crisis on Trade, Investment and Development:  
Regional Perspectives***

**PROGRAMME OF THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT**

**Opening: 9:30 - 10:00**

H.E. Ambassador Chak Mun See, President of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board  
H.E. Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, Chairman  
Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

**The Asian epicentre: 10:00-13:00**

*Objectives:*

Given that the crisis has been more profound and its development impact in the region more significant than anticipated, the speakers will discuss how the enterprises and institutions which they represent have responded to the changing nature of the crisis and explore alternative ways of dealing with it.

*Speakers:*

*Dato' Wan Malek Ibrahim, Managing Director, Malaysia Airlines*  
*Ms. Dewi Motik Pramono, Vice President, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN)*  
*Ms. Montigan Lovichit, CEO, T. Shinawatra Thai Silk*  
*Mr. Stephen Pursey, Chief Economist, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions*  
*Mr. Hazam El-Beblawi, Executive Secretary, ESCWA*  
*Mr. Adrianus Mooy, Executive Secretary, ESCAP*

Floor debate

**The ripple effect and lessons to be learnt from the crisis: 15:30-18:30**

***(Video-link with the UN General Assembly, New York)***

*Objectives:*

The speakers will examine the ripple effect and related systemic effects of the crisis on their respective business activity or region and what policy lessons can be drawn. They will also explore what Governments and international organizations can do, both to prevent crises from recurring and to relaunch investment, trade and development after a crisis.

*Speakers:*

*Mr. André R. van Heemstra, President, East Asia Pacific Group, Unilever*  
*Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Executive Secretary, ECLAC*  
*Mr. Ali Gadir Ali, Director, Economic and Social Policy Division, ECA*  
*Ms. Joyce Cornell, Managing Director, Scudder Kemper Investments Inc. (via video-link)*  
*Mr. Yves Berthelot, Executive Secretary, ECE*  
*Mr. Robert D. Hormats, Vice Chairman, Goldman Sachs International (via video-link)*

Floor debate