



**MULTI-YEAR EXPERT MEETING ON INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION:
SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION**

Fourth session

Geneva, Palais des Nations, Salle XXVI, 24-25 October 2012

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 24 October 2012

10:00 - 10:30

Opening plenary session

Item 1: Election of Officers

Opening statement by Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

10:30 - 13:00

Item 3: Informal session 1: Regional arrangements to promote trade and development *This session will examine regional financing arrangements in the South and the North, consider the extent to which they have contributed to regional integration, and evaluate the scope for their improvement.*

Keynote Address: H.E. José Luis Silva Martinot, Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism, Peru

Panellists:

- **Mr. Abraham Tekeste Meskel, State Minister, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED), Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia**
- **Mr. Freddy Trujillo, Advisor to the Presidential Commission on the new Financial Architecture, Ecuador**
- **Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director Globalisation and Development Strategy Division, UNCTAD**

Interactive debate

Wednesday, 24 October 2012

Item 3

15:00 –18:00 Informal session 2: Trade finance: Challenges and opportunities

This session will review the contribution of regional banks to trade finance, and discuss ways to encourage resource-pooling and co-financing between providers of trade finance, including the potential contribution of central banks as holders of foreign currency reserves

Panellists:

- **Mr. Jean-Louis Ekra, African EXIM Bank, Honorary President of G-NEXID**
- **Mr. T. C.A. Ranganathan, Chairman and Managing Director, EXIM Bank of India**
- **Mr. Steven Beck, Head Trade Finance, Asian Development Bank, ADB**

Interactive debate

Thursday, 25 October 2012

Item 3

10:00-13:00 Informal session 3: Are Southern Development Banks changing the financial landscape?

This session focuses on the new experiences of, and prospects for, Southern development banks, including the Banco del Sur and the recently announced 'BRICS development bank'.

Panelists :

- **Mr. Germán Ríos, CAF - Development Bank of Latin America**
- **Professor Stephany Griffith-Jones, Colombia University, USA**
- **Mr. Aldo Caliarì, Director Rethinking Bretton Woods Project**

Interactive debate

Thursday, 25 October 2012 (cont.)

Item 3

15:00 –17:00 **Informal session 4: Trade and finance in the context of global value chains**

The final session explores the issues surrounding the links between trade and finance in the context of global value chains. While these chains are often thought of as self-financing, their balance of payments impact is not straightforward nor is their link to financial deepening. This session will involve the examination of successful experiences, especially within regions, including the contribution of development banks in helping to finance the participation of firms in these chains. This session will also consider the potential for scaling-up value chains in developing countries through South-South integration and cooperation.

Panelists :

- **H.E. Mr. Faizel Ismail, Permanent Representative of South Africa**
- **Ms. Susan Newman, Lecturer in Development Economics, Erasmus University, Rotterdam**
- **Mr. Richard Kozul-Wright, UNCTAD**

Interactive debate

Item 4

17:00 – 18:00

Closing plenary session

Adoption of the report of the Expert Meeting
