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SPECIAL EVENT

THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN: RISE OF THE SOUTH

23 APRIL 2012, 3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

BACKGROUND

Many developing economies have weathered the current global economic crisis better than the leading industrial economies. Coming on top of a decade when many parts of the developing world grew at a much faster pace than the advanced economies, attention has turned to the emerging South as a new engine of global growth. UNCTAD has been working on these themes since the 1960s and it is therefore uniquely positioned to offer a balanced assessment of the rise of the south and to articulate a broad South-South agenda to build productive capacities across the developing world and establish coherence across trade, financial and technology flows.

PURPOSE

- To have a realistic assessment of the recent growth processes in the South, their regional specificities, and the changing vulnerabilities of these countries in view of the global context.
- To carefully examine the questions of: (a) to what extent the growth fundamentals have changed across the South; (b) whether South-South integration can sustain broad-based catch-up growth despite the likely adverse changes in the global environment, and; (c) what constraints Southern policymakers are likely to confront.
- To discuss the outline of the domestic and international policy reforms and institutional arrangements that can help to maintain the growth momentum in the South.

OUTCOME

- Encourage an open discussion designed to give voice especially to diplomats and policymakers coming from developing countries on the way forward in South-South collaboration.
- Identify areas of collaboration for mutual gains in the South
- Discuss work in progress on this issue in the Economic Cooperation and Integration among Developing Countries (ECIDC) unit.

ORGANIZATION

The event is jointly hosted by ECIDC, UNCTAD and South Centre, Geneva

AGENDA

Title of event:

Panel Discussion on The World Turned Upside Down: Rise of the South (co-hosted with South Centre)

Date & time: 23 April 2012 15.00–18.00

Panellists:

- Richard Kozul-Wright, UNCTAD
- Martin Khor, South Centre
- Tony Addison, Chief Economist and Deputy Director, United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research
- Jayati Ghosh, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

DOCUMENTS

1. Report of ECIDC on The World Turned Upside Down: Rise of the South
2. Background papers

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