



## FINAL AGENDA

*“The Changing Face of Global Development Finance –  
Impacts and implications for aid, development, the South and  
the Bretton Woods Institutions”*

February 1-2, 2008  
Rideau Room, Sheraton Hotel Ottawa, 150 Albert Street  
Ottawa, Canada

*Co-hosted by*



**The North-South Institute • L'Institut Nord-Sud**

*and*

## The Reality of Aid

An Independent Review of Poverty Reduction and Development Assistance

### **Day One**

8:00 – 9:00 **Registration** – Closes at 9:00

9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome**

#### Overview and thanks

*Speaker:* Catherine Coumans, MiningWatch Canada and Chair of the Halifax Initiative Coalition\*

9:30 – 10:45 **Keynote speeches: The changing face of global development finance**  
*This session will provide an overview of the current international financial system and its institutions identify the shifts that are taking place, and lay out the markers for some of the themes to be explored throughout the conference.*

*Chair:* Roy Culpeper, The North-South Institute\*

*First key-note:* Amar Bhattacharya, Director, Group of 24\*

*Second key-note:* Yao Graham, Coordinator, Third World Network-Africa\*

Question period

10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee**

11:00 – 1:00 **Theme one: Emerging institutional alternatives**

*This panel will examine emerging institutional alternatives to the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, the opportunities these new alternatives present, as well as the potential challenges.*

*Chair:* Ms. Gisèle Morin-Labatut, Senior Program Specialist, Special Initiatives Division, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)\*

Bank of the South

*Speaker:* Jorge Marchini, Professor of Economics, University of Buenos Aires, International Coordinator of the International Debt Observatory and Director of the Latin American Society for Political Economy\*

Country Perspective:

*Speaker:* Fabrina Furtado, Rede Brasil, Brazil\*

The Chiang Mai Initiative and the Asian Monetary Fund

*Speaker:* Worapot Manupipatpong, Director, Asian Development Bank Institute\*

1:00 – 2:00 **Lunch**

2:00 – 3:15 **Theme two: New sources of aid and their challenges**

*This panel will explore the role and impact of BRICs countries as new sources of bilateral development funding, with a particular emphasis on China, and the opportunities and challenges that this presents.*

*Chair:* Mary Corkery, Executive Director, KAIROS – Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives\*

BRICs countries –A perspective on China in Africa

*Speaker:* Firoze Manji, Director, Fahamu and Pambazuka News\*

- 3:15 – 3:30 **Coffee**
- 3:30 – 4:40 **Theme Three: New emerging alternatives for financing development, including private and public vertical funds**  
*This panel will explore new innovative sources and mechanisms for financing development, both public and private, the opportunities and challenges they present. It will begin to address some of the more systematic issues that are missing from financing development.*
- Chair:* Christina Dendys, RESULTS Canada\*
- New sources of financing, the broader financing debate and its challenges.  
*Speaker:* Roberto Bissio, Executive Director, Social Watch, Third World Institute\*
- Speaker:* John Foster, Principal Researcher, The North-South Institute\*
- 4:40 – 5:00 Reflections from Tony Tujan, Chair, Reality of Aid Network on the emerging themes, issues and challenges\*
- 5:15 – 6:30 Launch of Social Watch Report, “In Dignity and Human Rights”, Penthouse A & B, Sheraton Hotel, co sponsored by *Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action, The North South-Institute and Social Watch Canada.*

## **Day Two**

- 8:45 – 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 – 10:30 **Theme four: What will make aid more effective?**  
*In the context of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, this panel will begin to look critically at the aid effectiveness agenda, and address some of the elements that are either missing, or not given enough focus, in the discussions. It will begin to challenge how we think about aid.*
- Chair:* Molly Kane, Executive Director, Inter Pares\*
- Country perspectives on ODA and current aid effectiveness  
*Speaker:* Charles Mutasa, Executive Director, Afrodad \*
- Official Development Assistance as if gender mattered  
*Speaker:* Lydia Alpízar Durán, Executive Director, Association for Women’s Rights in Development\*
- Aid and parliamentary accountability – a missing link?  
*Speaker:* Rasheed Draman, Director, Africa Programs, Parliamentary Centre\*
- Discussion

10:30 - 10:45 **Coffee** – Individuals are invited to sign up for one of the afternoon working groups according to their interest in one of five themes for afternoon discussion

10:45 - 12:15 **Theme five: Beyond the aid box**

*This panel will address the challenge of moving beyond aid dependency and look at the array of issues – and the deeper systemic and political reforms - that countries are addressing as they ‘reclaim’ their own development and determine their own nationally-driven economic policies.*

*Chair:* Anna Nitoslawska, International Programme Administrator, Canadian Labour Congress\*

Taking the bull by its horns: Beyond aid dependency

*Speaker:* Roy Culpeper, President and CEO, The North-South Institute\*

A new development paradigm?

*Speaker:* Alejandro Bendaña, Director, Centro de Estudios Internacionales, Nicaragua and the International South Group Network\*

Plenary discussion

12:15 – 12:30 **Concluding remarks**

*Speaker:* Gerry Barr, President and CEO, Canadian Council for International Co-operation\*

12:30 – 1:30 **Lunch**– Individuals are invited to sign up for one of the afternoon working groups according to their interest in one of five themes for afternoon discussion

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**\* This afternoon discussion is reserved for civil society participants \***

1:30 – 2:00 **Key opportunities, emerging challenges, and new directions**

*Two individuals, one from the South (Roberto Bissio, Third World Institute\*), one from the North (Lucy Hayes, Policy and Advocacy Officer, Eurodad\*), will present what they feel are the key consensus ideas from the previous day’s and morning’s discussion in terms of opportunities and challenges, in particular as they relate to the 2008 Ghana meeting on aid effectiveness and Doha meeting on Financing for Development.*

2:00 – 3:45 **Implications for our work as civil society organizations, internationally and in Canada**

*Overview of the timetable for influencing the process at Accra and Doha (Lucy Hayes\* and John Foster\*)*

Around ten Working Groups will explore in more detail both the broad and specific next steps as they relate to the changing realities and visions (the

challenges and opportunities) for global development finance. Each group will cover a challenge and opportunity as it relates to one of five themes that has been discussed. (**Theme 1:** New Institutional Alternatives; **Theme 2:** New bi-lateral sources of development finance (BRICs and beyond); **Theme 3:** New innovative mechanisms for financing development (private and public); **Theme 4:** Making aid more effective (Paris Declaration and beyond); **Theme 5:** Beyond the aid box (domestic resource mobilization, FDI, remittances, etc.)

The groups will discuss

1. What are the key messages that should be taken forward on this theme?
2. What are two or three practical ways that CSOs can get involved to move this agenda forward? How can we individually or collectively insert ourselves into the process?
3. How can we relate these messages and actions to the upcoming meetings in Doha and Accra?

3:45 – 4:00 **Working Group wrap up**

Facilitators and rapporteurs build consensus within their groups on their strongest two key messages and ways forward and actions.

4:00 – 4:30 **Coffee and market place**

Rapporteurs meet with Chair of the plenary report back (Robert Fox) to provide two key message and ways forward (two minutes each). Robert Fox will assemble these and provide an overview of the full discussion.

During the coffee break, Facilitators will post some of the flip chart sheets from their discussion and invite participants to look at and discuss the market place of ideas.

4:30 – 4:45 **Report back on strategic implications (plenary)**

*Chair:* Robert Fox, Executive Director, Oxfam Canada\*

4:45 – 5:00 **Closing**

*Wrap up and thanks* – Fraser Reilly-King, Coordinator, Halifax Initiative Coalition\*

5:15 – 7:00 **Reception and Networking** (cash bar) Penthouse A & B, Sheraton Hotel