The effects of globalisation on national economic policies and trade union strategies

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Agenda

8.30  Registration

9.00  Welcome

  Michael Tolksdorf, Vice-President of the Berlin School of Economics
  N.N. DGB
  Christoph Scherrer, Kassel University
  Global Labour University – looking at the world from a labour perspective

9.45  James Howard, ICFTU,
  Globalisation, employment and labour standards
  Chair Jerry Zellhofer AFL-CIO, Birgit Mahnkopf, FHW – Discussant,

10.45 Coffee Break

11.00 Heiner Flassbeck, UNCTAD
  Global Macroeconomic Order – what is needed
  Chair: Kjeld Jacobson, Observatorio Social, Dieter Hirschel DGB – Discussant

12.00 Coffee Break

12.30 Globalisation and development

  Neva Makgetla/COSATU, South Africa
  The South African Perspective of Globalisation and Development
  Chair: Tom Etty, FNV, Netherlands, Rudolf Traub-Merz FES – Discussant

13.30 Lunch

14:30 Parallel Working groups

I. Macroeconomic Responses to Globalisation
   a) Hansjörg Herr, Berlin School of Economics, Germany
      Wages and Economic Performance in Great Britain, USA, Japan and Germany
   b) Simon Roberts, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa
      Monetary policy, investment and industrial development in South Africa
   c) Anselmo de Santos, University of Campinas, Brazil
      The limitations of macroeconomic instruments to ensure economic growth and sustainable development

II. Being protective without being protectionist
     a) Andrew Watt, European Trade Union Institute, Brussels
        Development in India/China and Repercussions for Europe
     b) Cirila Quintero Ramíres, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Mexico
        Union alternatives to Diminish the Race to the Bottom in Mexican Maquiladporas
     c) Charlotte Yates, University of McMaster, Canada
        Privatisation of labour market regulations

16.30 Coffee Break

16.45 Parallel Working Groups

I. Macroeconomic responses to globalisation
   a) Melisa R. Serrano, UP School of Labour and Industrial Relations, Philippines
      Is a Social Charter Possible in the ASEAN?
   b) Ramasamy Palanisamy, UKM, Malaysia
      Malaysian economic strategies and trade unions (tbc)

II. Being protective without being protectionist.
     a) Werner Raza, Chamber of Labour, Vienna, Austria
        Liberalising Temporary Migration on Natural Persons (mode 4) under GATS:
        Impact Upon Labour and Viable Policy Responses for Trade Unions
     b) Rachel Kurian, Institute for Social Studies, Le Hague, Netherlands
        Being Protective Without Being Protectionist: Trade Union and Child Labour

18.30 Closing remarks, Frank Hoffer, ILO,