

World Bank- Civil Society Roundtable on the Global Financial and Food Crises

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Agenda

- 1:30 pm **Participants Arrive and coffee**
- 2:00 Welcome by Ms. **Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala** Managing Director, World Bank Group, and **Mr. David Beckmann**, President, Bread for the World (Co-Chairs)
Ms. Okonjo-Iweala and Mr. Beckmann will introduce participants and state meeting objectives
- 2:05 **Video** on Global Food Crisis Response Program and country actions on food crisis
- 2:10 Remarks by **Mr. Robert Zoellick**, President of the World Bank Group
Mr. Zoellick will reflect on the financial and food crises, give an update of WBG actions to address these, and talk about the upcoming G20 Summit.
- 2:25 Remarks by **Mr. David Beckmann**, President, Bread for the World
Mr. Beckmann will provide a civil society perspective on both crises, CSO responses to date, and views on the upcoming G20 Summit
- 2:35 Remarks by **Ms. Ann Veneman**, Executive Director, UNICEF
Ms. Veneman will update the meeting on Unicef's efforts in addressing the food crisis
- 2:42 **Open Discussion**
Participants will comment, share information on their activities, ask questions, and make recommendations on improving the global response to the crises.
- 2:57 Final Remarks by **Mr. Zoellick** (he leaves at about 3:00)
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- 3:00 Remarks by **Mr. Lars Thunell**, Executive Vice President for the International Finance Corporation
Mr. Thunell will update on the actions the IFC is taking to strengthen the private sector response to the financial crisis.

- 3:10 Remarks by **Ms. Ingrid Srinath**, President of CIVICUS
Ms. Srinath will reflect on the global crises, explain civil society calls for reform of global financial architecture and governance.
- 3:20 Remarks by **Mr. Christian Mumssen**, Chief, Low-Income Country Division in the Strategy, Policy, and Review Department, IMF.
Mr. Mumssen will reflect on the impact of the global downturn and comment on the Fund's response, especially to assist low-income countries.
- 3:30 Remarks by **Dr. David Nabarro**, Coordinator, Avian and Pandemic, Influenza and the Global Food Crisis, UN (UNSIC)
Dr Nabarro will reflect on the food and financial crisis, UN efforts to address them including the work of the High Level Task Force and will comment on the Stiglitz Commission.
- 3:40 **Open Discussion**
- 4:25 Concluding Remarks by **Ms. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**