

Round-Table on Conceptual and Operational Issues of Lender Responsibility for Sovereign Debt

World Bank – MC 2-800

14 April 2008

AGENDA *

8:30 – 9:00 **Light Breakfast**

Morning Session: Approaches to the Legitimacy of Debts: Conceptual
And Operational

9:00 – 9:30 **Introduction and Tour de Table:**

- Introductory remarks by John Garrison (World Bank) and Gail Hurley (Eurodad)
- Participants then introduce themselves and organisation

9:30 – 11:15 **PANEL 1: An Examination of the Doctrines of Odious and
Illegitimate Debt**

Moderators:

- Vijay Tata (World Bank)
- Neil Watkins (Jubilee USA)

Speakers (*7-10 minute introductions/presentations*)

- Maurizio Ragazzi (World Bank)
- Lidy Nacpil (Jubilee South)
- Camille Chalmers (Plate-forme Haïtienne pour le
Développement Alternatif)
- Henrik Harboe (Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Discussion

11:15 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

* We will follow Chatham House Rules by which participants can report on what is said but without attribution or quotes.

11:30 – 13:00 **PANEL 2 : The Applicability of Concepts of Odious and Illegitimate Debt**

Moderators:

- Henrik Harboe (Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Lidy Nacpil (Jubilee South)

Speakers (*7-10 minute introductions/presentations*)

- Professor Robert Howse (University of Michigan)
- Charles Abrahams (Abrahams Kiewitz Attorneys)
- Mansur Muhtar (African Development Bank)
- Mark Thomas (World Bank)

Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch break**

Afternoon Session: Lender Responsibility and Way Forward

14:00 – 16:30 **PANEL 3: Practical Approaches to Responsible Lending and Borrowing**

Moderators:

- Sudhir Shetty, World Bank
- Jürgen Kaiser, Erlassjahr

Speakers (*15-20 minute introductions/presentations*)

- Carlos Braga, World Bank
- Gail Hurley, Eurodad
- Meja Vitalis, Afrodad

Discussion

16:30 – 17:00 **Conclusions and Follow-up**