



For A New Global Deal

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High-Level Expert Exchange

Geneva, 8 September 2023, 09:00 to 17:00 CET

International Environment House, 2
Chemin de Balexert 7-9, 1219 Châtelaine
Room Rhin (ground floor)

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The current global order is under a larger scale transformation: existential challenges emerging for the entire humankind, competing global strategies between great powers, fragilities of the multilateral system and powerful disturbing triggers such as the Ukrainian war. A Summit for the Future to adopt a Pact for the Future with commitments about policy goals and solutions to deliver them was convened by the UN Secretary General to take place in September 2024, to be preceded by the SDG Summit in September 2023. To prepare the intergovernmental channel leading up to the Summit of the Future, the President of the UN General Assembly has appointed the German and Namibian permanent representatives as co-facilitators. On the civil society channel, a large coalition was built to be part of the process driven by entities such as the Coalition for the UN we Need and the Global Governance Innovation Network.

FEPS as central hub for European progressive thinking decided to launch a project 'UNited for: A New Global Deal', including a high-level group of experts from across Europe, to be part of the processes in both channels putting a particular focus on the possible content on the Pact for the Future and, more precisely, on the New Global Deal, which will be necessary to enable much more countries to implement the SDGs and all generations to improve their life chances. Since the last four years, as the last UNDP Report on Human Development shows, there is a general backtrack and increasing inequalities in the implementation of the SDGs.

Organised in cooperation with the South Centre, this closed-door workshop is dedicated to discuss proposals for a New Global Deal in various policy areas. It brings together the experts from the FEPS high-level and the policy experts from the South Centre. Located in Geneva, the South Centre is the intergovernmental organization of developing countries that helps developing countries to combine their efforts and expertise to promote their common interests in the international arena. The workshop will thus allow for a discussion for a New Global Deal among experts from the Global South and Europe.



Programme

09:00 – 09:30

INTRODUCTION

Co-Chair: **Mario João Rodrigues**, President, FEPS

Co-Chair: **Carlos Correa**, Executive Director, South Centre

09:30 – 10:45

General assessment of the current challenges for global governance reform Scenarios on SDGs implementation

- First inputs given by FEPS and South Centre experts
 - Johannah Bernstein, Senior Policy Lead, EARTH4ALL
 - Enrico Giovannini, Economist and former Italian Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Mobility and Minister of Labour and Social Policy
 - Yuefen Li, Senior Advisor on South-South Cooperation and Development Finance, South Centre
 - Viviana Muñoz Tellez, Programme Coordinator of the Health, Intellectual Property and Biodiversity Programme, South Centre
- Short inputs from other participants
- Reflections on the implications for global governance reforms

11:00 – 11:45

Poverty and social inequalities

- First inputs given by FEPS and South Centre experts
 - Azita Berar Awad, Political economist and global policy advisor, Chair of the UN Research Institute for Social Development
 - Daniel Uribe, Lead Programme Officer for Sustainable Development and Climate Change Programme, South Centre
 - Danish, Programme Officer for Sustainable Development and Climate Change Programme, South Centre
- Short inputs from other participants
- Reflections on the implications for global governance reforms

11:45 – 12:30

Climate and environment

- First inputs given by FEPS and South Centre experts
 - Céline Charveriat, Expert researcher in environmental policy and former Director of the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
 - Jo Leinen, Former Member of the European Parliament and chair of several European Parliament Committees
 - Vahini Naidu, Programme Coordinator Trade for Development Programme, South Centre
 - Daniel Uribe, Lead Programme Officer Sustainable Development and Climate Change Programme, South Centre
- Short inputs from other participants
- Reflections on the implications for global governance reforms



13:15 – 14:00

Technology and digital

- First inputs given by FEPS and South Centre experts
 - Nirmalya Syam, Senior Programme Officer Health, Intellectual Property and Biodiversity Programme, South Centre
 - Vitor Ido, Programme Office Officer Health, Intellectual Property and Biodiversity Programme, South Centre
 - Francesco Lapenta, Founding Director of the John Cabot University Institute of Future and Innovative Studies
 - Robert Sweeney, Senior Economic and Policy Analyst, TASC – Think-tank for action on social change
- Short inputs from other participants
- Reflections on the implications for global governance reforms

14:00 – 14:45

Trade and openness

- First inputs given by FEPS and South Centre experts
 - Vahini Naidu, Programme Coordinator Trade for Development Programme, South Centre
 - Peter Lunenborg, Senior Programme Officer Trade for Development Programme, South Centre
 - Arancha González Laya, Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs at Sciences Po and former Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs (*tbc*)
 - Gerhard Stahl, Professor at the Peking University HSBC Business School and former General Secretary of the Committee of the Regions of the EU
- Short inputs from other participants
- Reflections on the implications for global governance reforms

15:00 – 16:15

Finance and taxation

- First inputs given by FEPS and South Centre experts
 - Yuefen Li, Senior Advisor on South-South Cooperation and Development Finance, South Centre
 - Abdul Muheet Chowdhary, Senior Programme Officer Sustainable Development and Climate Change Programme, South Centre
 - Paolo Guerrieri, Visiting Professor at the Paris School of International Affairs, former Professor of Economics at the University of Rome La Sapienza and Italian Senator
 - Pier Carlo Padoan, Economist and former Italian Minister of Economy and Finance and OECD Deputy Secretary General
 - Stefan Collignon, Research professor at Chulalongkorn University Bangkok and visiting professor at the European Institute, LSI London
- Short inputs from other participants
- Reflections on the implications for global governance reforms

16:15 – 17:00

Conclusions