

A Global Shared Societies Agenda:

A strategy to promote social cohesion for sustainable development and growth

22 April 2012, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

**International Monetary Fund Headquarters, HQ2 Room 01-280
Washington, DC**

Concept

In 2011 the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Club de Madrid and Center of Concern co-organized two high-level conferences at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Headquarters to discuss the linkage of two-goals our organisations believe must be pursued together in order to achieve sustainable development and growth: reform of the international financial and monetary system and the prioritization of policies that promote equitable and shared societies.

For 2012, our work aims to facilitate the formulation of a “Global Shared-Societies Agenda,” a strategy to promote social inclusion and cohesion for sustainable development and growth. Our primary audience and institutional focus is on the IMF and its members because of its critical role in the international financial and monetary system. However, policy coherence between the IMF and the other international organizations that have a role in the global economy is a necessary precondition for the Agenda to be meaningful.

The focus of the proposed seminar should be on what is required to forge a new, international consensus to directly incorporate social as well as hard economic considerations into the framework of the international monetary and financial system and to bring indicators of impacts on social conditions into the policy performance goals that Member States are required to meet by the international financial institutions.

9:30am-10:00am Breakfast Buffet

**10:00am-12:30pm High-Level Panel Discussion, “A Global Shared Societies Agenda
Requires Political Will”**

John Bruton, Prime Minister of Ireland (1994-1997); Member, Club de Madrid

Petre Roman, Prime Minister of Romania (1989 - 1991); Member, Club de Madrid

François Bourguignon, Director, Paris School of Economics; former Chief Economist of the World Bank

Jack Boorman, Former Director, Policy Development and Review Department and Counsellor and Special Advisor to the Independent Evaluation Office, International Monetary Fund; Member of the Palais-Royal Initiative

Hugh Bredenkamp, Deputy Director, Strategy, Policy and Review Department, International Monetary Fund

12:30pm-2:00pm

Lunch (Sandwiches served outside HQ2 Room 01-280)

2:00pm-5:00pm

Roundtable Workshop , HQ2 Room 01-280

“Necessary elements for a global strategy to promote social cohesion for sustainable development and growth”

The workshop will involve key policy advisors invited from international organisations including:

- **Asian Development Bank**—Douglas Brooks, Assistant Chief Economist
- **G20 Mexican Presidency**—Roberto Marino Lopez, Special Representative for the Presidency of Mexico in the G50
- **International Labour Organization**—Stephen Pursey, Senior Economic Policy Advisor, and Nancy Donaldson, Director, Washington Office
- **International Monetary Fund**—Hugh Bredenkamp, Deputy Director of the IMF's Strategy, Policy, and Review Department (TBC)
- **International Trade Union Confederation**—Peter Bakvis, Director of the Washington Office
- **Islamic Development Bank**— Birama Sidibe, Vice President, Islamic Development Bank (TBC)
- **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development**— John Lomøy, Director of the Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD
- **UN Children's Fund**—Bjorn Gillsater, Chief of Multilateral Systems Analysis
- **UN-Department of Economic and Social Affairs**—Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary General
- **UN Development Programme**—Romesh Muttukumaru, Deputy Assistant Administrator
- **UN Regional Commissions**
 - **ECLAC**—Hugo Beteta, Director Bogota Office
 - **ESCWA**—Amr Nour, Director Regional Commissions New York Office
- **UN Women**—Yassine Fall, Chief- Economic Empowerment Section
- **World Bank**— Carlos Alberto Braga, Special Representative and Director of External Affairs, Europe, World Bank
- **World Health Organization**— Dr. Luiz Augusto Galvao, Area Manager, Sustainable Development and Environmental Health, WHO

The workshop discussion will be moderated by Werner Puschra, Executive Director of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) New York Office and Clem McCartney, Policy and Content Coordinator of the Club de Madrid's Shared Societies Project. The workshop will open with short presentations from a small number of participating organizations and will then open for general discussion among the invited organizations, with guidance and input from resource persons Jack Boorman and François Bourguignon, and with interventions by Members of Club de Madrid and the organizers. The objective of the discussion is to discuss and summarize necessary elements for a global strategy to promote social cohesion for sustainable development and growth. The particular role of the regional commissions and regional/sub-regional initiatives in such a strategy will also be explored. Aldo Caliarì, Director of Center of Concern's Rethinking Bretton Woods Project, and Sara Burke, Senior

Policy Analyst with the FES will be taking notes throughout the discussion and will present summaries just prior to the final 15 minutes of the workshop. The concept is to spend the final minutes determining points of consensus, areas of disagreement, and issues for further discussion so that results can be distributed and formulated into a Global Shared Societies Agenda over the months between April and September 2012. Organizers intend to present the results of this initiative in a program during the Annual Meetings in Tokyo.