

COMMODITY PRICE VOLATILITY AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

10:00 am – 6:00 pm (New York time/EST)
31 October 2024

UN Headquarters New York, Conference Room 8 and 11

Programme

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10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. Welcome Remarks

- Ms. Shari Spiegel, Director, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN DESA

10:05 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. Opening Remarks

- Ms. Salewa Olawoye, Director, Harriet Tubman Institute, York University

10:10 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. Setting the Stage

“Perspectives on Inflation from the World Economic Situation and Prospects”

- Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee, Director, Economic Analysis and Policy Division, UN DESA

10:25 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Keynote presentation

“Towards Post-Neoliberal Stabilization Policy: Revisiting buffer stocks in an age of overlapping emergencies”

- Ms. Isabella Weber, Professor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Discussant:

- Mr. Sebastian Vergara, Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Analysis and Policy Division, UN DESA

SESSION ONE

Chair:

- Mr. Oliver Schwank, Chief of Branch, Policy Analysis and Development Branch, UN DESA

11:20 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

“Primary Commodity Exports: A conversation on economic development models”

- Mr. Aleksandr Gevorkyan, Professor, St-John’s University

11:40 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Discussion

11:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

“Exploring How Digital, Grassroot Economics, Creative Management Strategies and the 3F Model can Help Champion Improving Value Chains in the Commodities Markets”

- Ms. Yvette Obika, Doctoral Student, University of Winchester

12:10 p.m. – 12:20 p.m. Discussion

12:20 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.

“Development as (Economic) Sovereignty: A Paradigm shift and composite index”

- Mr. Jacob Assa, United Nations Development Programme

12:40 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. Discussion

12:50 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch Break

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1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

“The World for Sale”

- Mr. Jack Farhy, *Bloomberg*

1:45 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.

Discussant:

- Ms. Mariangela Parra-Lancourt, Chief of Branch, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration, UN DESA
- Mr. Stefano Prato, Coordinator, Civil Society Financing for Development (FfD) Mechanism

1:55 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Discussion

SESSION TWO

Chair:

- Mr. Sylvio Kappes, Professor, Federal University of Alagoas, Co-Director, Monetary Policy Institute

2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

“Never Let a Crisis Go to Waste: Speculation, rent-seeking, and rent-extraction in the food sector”

- Ms. Sophie van Huellen, Senior Lecturer, University of Manchester

3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. Discussion

3:10 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

“Making Markets in Global Commodities: The political economy of liquidity and prices”

- Mr. Daniel Neilson, Professor, Bard College at Simon’s Rock

3:30 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

Discussant:

- Mr. Ingo Pitterle, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Analysis and Policy Division, UN DESA

3:40 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. Discussion

3:50 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Coffee Break

SESSION THREE

Chair:

- Ms. Patricia Machado Couto, Consultant, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration, UN DESA

4:15 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.

“Impact of commodity production on development in peripheral economies: the Brazil case”

- Mr. Daniel Nogueira Silva, Professor, Federal University of South and Southeast of Pará

4:35 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Discussion

4:45 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.

“Oil-Dependency and Oil Price Volatility: The case study of OPEC”

- Ms. Salewa Olawoye, Director, Harriet Tubman Institute, Professor, York University

5:05 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Discussion

5:15 p.m. – 5:35 p.m.

“The Commodification of Jamaican Resource”

- Ms. Kay Tracey, Doctoral Student, York University

5:35 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Discussion

5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

- Ms. Mariangela Parra-Lancourt, Chief of Branch, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration, UN DESA
- Ms. Salewa Olawoye, Director, Harriet Tubman Institute, Professor, York University
- Mr. Louis-Philippe Rochon, Director, Monetary Policy Institute, Full Professor, Laurentian University, Canada, Editor-in-Chief, Review of Political Economy