



Helsinki Process on Globalisation and Democracy is in search of novel and empowering solutions to the dilemmas of global governance. It offers a forum for dialogue between major stakeholders, governments, civil society and business. One of the aims is to promote democracy in North-South relations. Thus, the highlevel Helsinki Group is cochaired by the Foreign Ministers of Finland and Tanzania, Mr. Erkki Tuomioja and Mr. Jakaya Kikwete. Its recommendations will be presented at the next Helsinki Conference in 2005, 7-9 September. This eNews provides updates on the current issues of the Helsinki Process. You may subscribe to the eNews at www.helsinkiprocess.fi

LONDON, JUNE 29: THE LAUNCH OF THE HELSINKI PROCESS REPORT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CHATHAM HOUSE

In its final declaration the high-level Helsinki Group calls for an innovative approach to global problem-solving and suggests that the Helsinki Process would launch a framework and a political process to enhance dialogue which would bring people closer together. The challenge would be to establish a broad tent to pull together, encourage and link existing proposals and actors.

“The Helsinki Process on Globalisation and Democracy calls for an innovative approach to global problem-solving that questions traditional thinking, seeks to forge new coalitions for action and helps marshal the political will and power of governments to bring about far-reaching and transformative change.” (Mobilising Political Will. The Helsinki Process on Globalisation and Democracy Report.)

The launch of the Helsinki Process Report will take place on Wednesday, 29 June at the Chatham House in London. The Foreign Ministers of Finland and Tanzania, Mr Erkki Tuomioja and Mr Jakaya Kikwete, will discuss the report together with – amongst others – Ms Mary Robinson, the former President of Ireland and High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE “FRIENDS OF THE HELSINKI PROCESS” TO BE HELD AT THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE

The Helsinki Process on Globalisation and Democracy seeks to mobilise political will and resources to implement existing proposals for solving global problems. The Process, then, has drawn on the work of many previous commissions including the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalisation which was co-chaired by the Presidents of Finland and Tanzania.

At the invitation of Finland and Tanzania, senior officials from 12 "Friends of the Helsinki Process" governments Algeria, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, Hungary, India, Malaysia, Mexico, South Africa, Spain, Thailand and the United Kingdom met in Helsinki on 21–22 June to discuss the results and proposals for action of the Process. The Foreign Ministers of the "Friends of the Helsinki Process" have been invited to meet during the Helsinki Conference 2005 and to work with the roundtables and key dialogue sessions in order to lay out more detailed roadmaps for further actions.

HELSINKI CONFERENCE, 7–9 SEPTEMBER 2005

The Helsinki Conference 2005 is the culmination of the Helsinki Process. It is a multi-stakeholder dialogue and networking event for addressing the challenge of making ambitious targets of the world community a reality. Representatives of civil society, governments, the corporate sector, academia and the media are invited to come together to build a commitment for the implementation of much needed steps towards a safer and more just and democratic world. The Conference provides the opportunity for the debate and improvement of proposals made by the Helsinki Group and the Helsinki Process Tracks.

THE LIST OF CONFIRMED SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Abubakar S. Rajabu

(Ministry of Labour, Tanzania)

Abdulkader Shareef

(Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation of Tanzania)

Alejandro Kirk (IPS)

Ami Mpungwe (Namitech East Africa)

Anders Wijkman (GLOBE EU)

Augusto Lopez-Claros (WEF)

Benjamin Mkapa (President of Tanzania)

Cobus de Swardt

(Transparency International)

Prince El Hassan bin Talal

(Club of Rome)

Erkki Tuomioja

(Foreign Minister of Finland)

Gerd Leipold (Greenpeace)

Gerry Rodgers (ILO)

Heidi Hautala

(Member of the Finnish Parliament)

Irene Khan (Amnesty International)

Jakaya M. Kikwete

(Foreign Minister of Tanzania)

Jean-Francois Rischard (World Bank)

John Evans (OECD)

Kimmo Kiljunen (PNoWB)

Klaus Toepfer (UNEP)

Konrad Raiser

(former Secretary General of World Council of Churches)

Kumi Naidoo (CIVICUS)

Lincoln C. Chen (Harvard Kennedy School of Government)

Louis Michel (EU)

Maite Cortés

(El Colectivo Ecologista Jalisco)

Maria Livanos Cattai (International Chamber of Commerce)

Mario Lubetkin (IPS)

Martin Khor (Third World Network)

Mary Robinson

(former President of Ireland)

Matti Vanhanen

(Prime Minister of Finland)

Nafis Sadik (United Nations)

Nitin Desai

(former UN Under-Secretary-General)

Noeleen Heyzer (UNIFEM)

Oscar de Rojas (UN DESA)

Paul Eavis (Saferworld)

Poul Nielson

(former European Commissioner)

Raphael Molel

(Vice President's Office, Tanzania)

Roland Harris III (IBM)

Salim Ahmed Salim (former Secretary General of Organization of African Unity)

Severine Likwelile (TASAF Economic and Social Research Foundation)

Sharan Burrow (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions)

Sirpa Pietikäinen

(Finnish UN Association)

Susan George (ATTAC)

Tarja Halonen (President of Finland)

Uma Shankari

(Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam)

William Vendley (World Conference of Religions for Peace)

Yakin Erturk (UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women).

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