

***Tokyo International Seminar 2006:
New Financing Mechanisms for Development
- Toward the MDGs and Globalization with a Human Face -***

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- **Date:** Saturday 27th May 2006
Time: 2:00pm-7:00pm

- **Place :** Maison Franco-Japonaise (MFJ) Hall
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- **Admission free**
- **Simultaneous interpretation provided (Japanese/English)**

■ **Backgrounds and Objectives:**

The year 2006 should be a turning point for the MDGs and globalization with a human face. In the "historical" Paris Conference on Innovative Financing Development (Feb.2006), some leading countries moved forward their initiatives, International Solidarity Contribution (ISC) and International Financial Facility (IFF).

In terms of the effort to achieve the MDGs until 2015 and global public goods for sustainable development, it is quite important to create new financing mechanisms, such as global taxations, as well as good reform of the existing ODA framework. As we know, the matter of financing sources is not the only issue to be solved, but it is improbable and unrealistic that all developed countries increase massively their quantity of ODA and reform dramatically their quality of ODA very soon, although those changes must be done as soon as possible. Therefore, it is essential to consider innovative and additional sources and creative global mechanisms of financing and redistribution (such as ISC, IFF, and further more), especially focusing on further initiatives by developed countries for poverty reduction in developing countries like Africa and eradication of pandemics such as HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria.

And also, some NGOs believe that new initiatives of innovative financing mechanisms for development are quite important ideas in terms of not only increase of international aid, but also globalization with equity, sustainability and a human face. In this context, it is indispensable to discuss on regulation and redistribution in global economy by some mechanism. New financing mechanisms must be considered in terms of global economy with equity to solve the issue of global economic gap. Especially, one of very reasonable ideas is to consider mechanisms which redistribute wealth from international financial capitals, which have got the most benefit from globalization and continue to expand and prosper, to the poor in the world, who haven't got any benefit from globalization.

Based on these backgrounds, in the session 1 of this seminar, we'll focus on "New financing Mechanisms for Development and MDGs". How can the new financing mechanisms for development contribute to the achievement of MDGs until 2015? Are they the last resort for it? In the session 2, we'll focus on "Regulation and Redistribution in Global Economy- for Globalization with a Human Face", in terms of financial transaction tax (for example Tobin Tax), tax evasion, and capital flight, for more equitable globalization.

This seminar will be the first event in Japan, which focus on these important issues. We do hope this would be a milestone for coming discussion in Japanese civil society and the government.

■ Program

◇ Moderator: Prune HELFTER (Manager, Médecins du Monde Japon)

Opening Remark: Françoise SABBAN (Directrice française, Maison Franco-Japonaise)
TANAKA Tetsuji (Secretary General, Altermonde)

Session 1 14h10~16h20

New Financing Mechanisms for Development and MDGs

- ◇ Coordinator : TANAKA Tetsuji (Secretary General, Altermonde)
- ◇ Panelists : Pierre JACQUET (Chief Economist, AFD, France)
Adrian DAVIS (Country Representative in China, DFID, UK)
Henri ROUILLE D'ORFEUIL (President, Coordination SUD, France)
HAYASHI Tatsuo (Representative, AJF, Japan)
KANEKO Fumio (Professor, Yokohama City Univ., Tobin Tax Research Group)

Session 2 16h45~18h50

Regulation and Redistribution in Global Economy - for Globalization with a Human Face-

- ◇ Coordinator : UEMURA Takehiko (COE Fellow, Chiba Univ.)
- ◇ Panelists : Bruno C. SARAIVA (Brazilian Ministry of Finance)
KIM Yongho (President, Yuhan College, Former Minister of Commerce, Industry and Energy, South Korea)
Sony KAPOOR (Director of Policy and Advocacy, Stamp Out Poverty, UK)
KATSUMATA Makoto (Professor, Meiji Gakuin Univ.)
HIROI Yoshinori (Professor, Chiba Univ. Research Center on Public Affairs for Sustainable Welfare Society,)
WANI Michiro (Associate Professor, Yokohama City Univ.)

Summary and closing remark: TAKAGI Akihiro (Altermonde)

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