

The real estate and financial crisis: Causes, effects and impacts on development



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Tuesday, 16 December 2008, United Nations, New York Conference Room 8, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Opening remarks: **Asha-Rose Migiro**, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General

Moderator:

Ken Brown, Editor, Money and Investing, The Wall Street Journal

Panelists:

- Maged A. Abdelaziz, Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations, and Co-Facilitator of the General Assembly preparatory process for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
- Paolo Garonna, Officer-in-Charge, UNECE
- Jomo Kwame Sundaram, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, DESA (<u>TBC</u>)
- Steve Williams, visiting lecturer at Duke University and author of the book Facing the Global Challenge
- Daniel Gros, Director of the Center for European Policy Studies
- Luis Fernando Correa-Bahamon, World President, FIABCI
- Andreas Zehnder, Managing Director, European Federation of Building Societies, and President of the Association of Private Bausparkassen
- Peter Creuzer, Chair of the UNECE Working Party on Land Administration
- David Egiashvili, Member of the UNECE Real Estate Market Advisory Group

6.15 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. Cocktails Delegates' Dining Room, Private Dining Room 5

Welcoming words: Christina Von Schweinichen, UNECE, Deputy Director, Environment, Housing and Land Management Division; Sheldon Good, Past World President, International Real Estate Federation.

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