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Monday 16 – Thursday 19 July 2007

WP850th WILTON PARK CONFERENCE

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MONDAY 16 JULY 2007 - Introduction

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| 1300-1445 | | Buffet lunch available |
| 1500-1515 | | INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE
Isabelle JAKES
Programme Director, Wilton Park |
| 1515-1645 | 1 | RE-VITALISING THE UN: PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES
Edward C. LUCK
Vice President and Director of Studies, International Peace Academy;
Professor, Columbia University, New York |
| 1645-1730 | | Photograph and Tea/coffee |
| 1730-1900 | 2 | LEARNING FROM THE PAST: WHAT ARE THE LESSONS FROM UN REFORM EFFORTS IN RECENT YEARS
Heraldo MUÑOZ
Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations, New York |
| 1915
2000 | | Reception, followed by
Dinner |

TUESDAY 17 JULY 2007 – Improving UN efficiency

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| 0900-1030 | 3 | BOOSTING UN EFFECTIVENESS: DOES THE UN SECRETARIAT NEED TO BECOME MORE ACCOUNTABLE AND TRANSPARENT? IF SO, HOW? WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE? WHAT CAN BE AGREED?
Alicia BÁRCENA IBARRA
Under-Secretary-General for Management, United Nations, New York |
| 1030-1100 | | Tea/Coffee |
| 1100-1230 | 4 | COMPOSITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE - THE SECRETARIAT AND STAFFING QUESTIONS: WHAT ARE THE KEY CHALLENGES AND HOW CAN THEY BE ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED?
John R MATHIASON
Professor of International Relations, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University |
| | | IS THERE COMPARABLE EXPERIENCE IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS?
Fernando GARCÍA FERREIRO
Head of Unit, Career Guidance and Human Resources Management Development, Personnel and Administration Directorate General, European Commission, Brussels |

1300		Lunch
		- Achieving coherence for effective delivery in development and humanitarian assistance
1430-1600	5	<p>“DELIVERING AS ONE AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL”: WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS? WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED? Ad MELKERT Associate Administrator, United Nations Development Programme, New York (by video link)</p> <p>A VIEW FROM GENEVA Michel SIDIBE Deputy Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General, UNAIDS, Geneva</p>
1600-1645	6	<p>WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF REFORM ON DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION? Kandeh K YUMKELLA Director-General, United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), Vienna</p>
1645-1715		Tea/coffee
1715-1815	7	<p>WORKING GROUPS ON ISSUES RAISED IN THE HIGH LEVEL PANEL’S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SECURING A STRONGER VOICE FOR WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT: HOW? Elsie ONUBOGU Adviser (Gender) Social Transformation Programmes Division, Commonwealth Secretariat, London • THE UN AND THE DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVENESS AGENDA: WHAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE? HOW CAN THE HIGH LEVEL PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS HELP? Gerald C. ANDERSON Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State, Washington DC • FINANCING THE UN SYSTEM: WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES FOR DONORS AND UN AGENCIES? Douglas LINDORES Strategic and Management Issues Consultant, Ottawa
1830-1900	8	REPORT BACK FROM WORKING GROUPS
2000		Dinner

WEDNESDAY 18 JULY 2007 – Looking to the future

0900-1030	9	<p>BUILDING TRUST AMONG MEMBER STATES: WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE? IN WHAT AREAS, OR HOW, CAN CONSENSUS START TO BE BUILT? Munir AKRAM Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations, New York Emyr JONES PARRY Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations, New York</p>
1030-1100		Tea/coffee
1100-1230	10	<p>WORKING GROUPS ON:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL: SECRETARY OR GENERAL? James TRAUB Author; contributing writer, <i>New York Times Magazine</i>, New York

- **BUILDING ALLIANCES OUTSIDE OF REGIONAL BLOCKS: CAN THIS BE DONE? HOW?**
Phillemon L. LUHANJO
Chief Secretary, Secretary to Cabinet and Head of Public Service,
President's Office, Dar es Salaam
- **ENGAGING WITH THE PUBLIC TO STRENGTHEN THE UN: HOW CAN THIS BE DONE?**
Edward MORTIMER
Senior Vice President and Chief Programme Officer, The Salzburg Seminar,
Salzburg

1230 - 1300 11 **REPORT BACK FROM WORKING GROUPS**

1300-1500 Lunch

1500-1630 12 **HOW MIGHT US-UN RELATIONS UNFOLD?**
Chair: Lord HANNAY of Chiswick
Member, House of Lords, London

Edward C. LUCK

Vice President and Director of Studies, International Peace Academy;
Professor, Columbia University, New York

1630-1700 Tea/coffee

1700-1830 13 **WHAT STEPS NEED TO BE TAKEN IN THE WAY FORWARD?**
Vanu Gopala MENON
Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations, New York

1915 Drinks, followed by
2000 Conference dinner, hosted by **Donald LAMONT**, Chief Executive, Wilton Park

THURSDAY 19 JULY 2007

0730 Breakfast and payment of bills

0915 Participants depart