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Dear colleagues and friends,

Greetings from FES New York! With this month's Newsbrief we would like to keep you informed about our activities at the UN and at the Bretton Woods Institutions in Washington: On the agenda were topics such as the promotion of shared societies that abolish inequalities, democratic reforms of the international financial and monetary architecture, and the preparations for the Rio+20 Summit on sustainable development.

Moreover, at a time when the deteriorating security situation in Libya and in South Sudan present two of the most pressing challenges for the UN, FES New York hosted two timely debates about UN sanctions regimes and peacebuilding.

Lastly, I would like to bring to your attention "UN Security Council in Focus", a new publication series of FES on the workings of this key UN body.

As usual, I hope this Newsbrief will make for informative reading and I look forward to receiving your feedback.

With best wishes from New York,



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[all events by-invitation only unless otherwise announced]

Upcoming Event**Informal Discussion on "Global Economic Governance, Global Inequality and the Role of the United Nations"**

Monday, June 27, 2011, 1:00am-3:00pm, UNHQ, Delegates' Dining Room, New York, NY

In the context of thematic dialogues taking place in the UN General Assembly on June 28, 2011

regarding the UN's role in global governance, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and UBUNTU (World Forum of Civil Society Networks) are co-organizing a lunchtime event to emphasize to UN Member States, UN Secretariat and eminent members of civil society the importance of addressing global inequality in this debate. The program will address how the UN might achieve a greater profile in debates on global economic governance as well as how to make the G20 more accountable and responsive to social needs. Confirmed speakers include **Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul**, MdB, Member of Parliament, Federal Republic of Germany and **Amb. Anwarul K. Chowdhury**, former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

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Recent Events

Informal Discussion on "Practical Transfer Pricing Issues for Developing Countries"

Tuesday-Wednesday, June 7-8, 2011, 10:00am-6:00pm, UNHQ, NLB, Conference Room E, New York, NY

This two-day conference on international tax cooperation began with a half-day of general panels on the "Role of the UN in International Tax Cooperation and the Impact of Transfer Pricing on Development." Delegates from several UN Missions took part in these discussions, along with experts from tax authorities around the world. During the remaining one and a half days, tax experts worked on the UN Tax Office's "Practical Manual of Transfer Pricing for Developing Countries." Organized by FES New York Office, UN-DESA's Financing for Development Office, Christian Aid, and Center of Concern.

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"Strengthening the UN Sanctions Tool"

Tuesday, May 17, 2011, New York, UNHQ-Delegates Dining Room

Against the backdrop of the most recent experiences with sanction regimes in the conflicts in Côte d'Ivoire and Libya and to examine possible enhancements to the implementation and effectiveness of UN sanctions, FES New York Office convened a roundtable discussion with a unique panel of experts: **H.E. Thomas Mayr-Harting**, Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN; **Loraine Rickard-Martin**, Partner, Compliance and Capacity, International (CCI); **Rico Carisch**, Partner, CCI; and **Sue Eckert**, Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Export Administration and Senior Fellow, Watson Institute, Brown University. Several sanctions implementations scenarios were analyzed in terms of their successes and setbacks, thereby aiming for a better understanding of conditions under which Security Council sanctions regimes work best.

[Background Paper on Sanctions](#)

"Lasting Peace in Sudan: What Role for Building Institutions in Southern Sudan?"

Monday, May 16, 2011, New York, UNHQ-Delegates Dining Room

After in January 2011 the people of Southern Sudan overwhelmingly voted in favor of secession from the North, preparations are currently underway for an independent Southern Sudan when the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) will end on July 9. FES New York brought to the table different international actors in support of Southern Sudan's transition into an independent, viable, and sustainably peaceful state.

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Informal Discussion on "Moving Forward With the Panel of Experts"

Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 1:00-3:00 p.m., New York, NY

This FES-sponsored informal discussion allowed delegates involved in upcoming negotiations of a Panel of Experts to monitor systemic risks in the global economy, their root causes and the risks posed to human development the opportunity to discuss various views on the responsibilities, composition and financing of such a panel. Experts **Kevin Gallagher** (Boston University) and **Michael T. Clark** (UNCTAD) kicked off the discussion with opening remarks.

Democratic Reform of the International Financial and Monetary System: The objective of equitable development and shared societies

Sunday, April 17, 2011, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m, International Monetary Fund, Washington DC

This day-long conference aimed to contribute to current debates about the need for a new paradigm for the international financial and monetary system a perspective on the need for financial and monetary reforms to be grounded in an agenda for equitable development and social cohesion. Participants included high-level economic advisors to **G20 governments**, the **UN** and the **IMF**, as well as high-level political representatives from **Canada, Argentina, Jamaica, China, France**, the **EU** and the **International Trade Union Confederation**. Organized by FES New York Office, Club de Madrid, and Center of Concern.

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"How to Promote Equitable Development and Shared Societies"

Saturday, April 16, 2011, 6:30pm-9:00pm, The Equality Center, 1640 Rhode Island Ave, NW, Washington DC

Former Prime Ministers **Kim Campbell** (of Canada) and **P.J. Patterson** (of Jamaica), both members of the Club de Madrid, led off a public discussion of how to promote equitable development and shared societies. They were joined by **Samir Radwan**, the new Egyptian Finance Minister (since February 2011), formerly with the International Labour Organization, who delivered an inspirational speech on the transformation of Egyptian society by the recent democratic uprising. Organized by FES New York Office, Club de Madrid, and Center of Concern.

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Informal Discussion on "Better Global Economic Policy Co-Ordination and the Need for an Advisory Body to the UN"

Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 8:00-9:45 a.m, New York, NY

This FES discussion featured President of the German Development Institute, **Dirk Messner**, on the need for an International Panel on Systemic Risks in the Global Economy to monitor both short-term and long-term risks, their root causes and the risks posed to human development. The discussion included delegates from a number of missions preparing for upcoming negotiations related to a Panel of Experts on the global economy.

Informal Seminar on the Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development (IFSD)

Friday, March 4, 2011, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Cervantes Center, New York

Our office worked in conjunction with the **Mexican and Spanish Missions** to organize a morning of discussions involving a number of UN Missions actively engaged in planning for the Rio+20 Summit. Delegates were able to explore areas of agreement and disagreement regarding the general aim of IFSD, in the integration in policymaking, implementation and financing of the three pillars of sustainable development.

Recent Publications

"UN Security Council in Focus"

This new publication series of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) wants to provide a more comprehensive picture of this key UN body by analyzing its internal dynamics, the issues on its agenda, and the efforts towards its reform. The first two publications are dedicated to two of the current non-permanent Council members India and South Africa:

[India as a Non-permanent Member of the UN Security Council in 2011-12](#) by Changavalli Siva Rama Murthy

[South Africa as a Non-permanent Member of the UN Security Council in 2011-12](#) by Olivier Serrão