
COMMODITY PRICE VOLATILITY AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

31 October 2024, 8:30 am – 5:10 pm (New York time)

Programme

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Welcome Coffee

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. Welcome Remarks

- Ms. Shari Spiegel, Director, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN DESA
- Dr. Salewa Olawoye, Director, Harriet Tubman Institute, York University

9:10 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. Setting the Stage

“Perspectives on Inflation from the World Economic Situation and Prospects”

- Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee, Director, Economic Analysis and Policy Division, UN DESA

9:25 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Keynote presentation

“Towards Post-Neoliberal Stabilization Policy: Revisiting buffer stocks in an age of overlapping emergencies”

- Dr. Isabella Weber, Professor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Discussant:

- Mr. Sebastian Vergara, Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Analysis and Policy Division, UN DESA

SESSION ONE

Chair:

- Mr. Oliver Schwank, Chief of Branch, Policy Analysis and Development Branch, UN DESA

10:15 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

“Primary Commodity Exports and All Debt: A conversation on economic development models”

- Dr. Aleksandr Gevorkyan, Professor, St-John’s University

10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Discussion

10:50 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

“Exploring How Digital, Grassroot Economics, Creative Management Strategies and the 3F Model can Help Champion Improving Value Chains in the Commodities Markets”

- Ms. Yvette Obika, Doctoral Student, University of Winchester

11:10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Discussion

11:25 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

“Development as (Economic) Sovereignty: A Paradigm shift and composite index”

- Jacob Assa, United Nations Development Programme

11:45 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. Discussion

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

SESSION TWO

Chair:

- Dr. Sylvio Kappes, Professor, Federal University of Alagoas, Co-Director, Monetary Policy Institute

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

“The World for Sale”

- Mr. Jack Farchy, *Bloomberg*

Discussant:

- Ms. Mariangela Parra-Lancourt, Chief of Branch, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration, UN DESA

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Discussion

1:45 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.

“Never Let a Crisis Go to Waste: Speculation, rent-seeking, and rent-extraction in the food sector”

- Dr. Sophie van Leeuwen, Professor, University of Manchester

2:05 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Discussion

2:20 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

“Making Markets in Global Commodities: The political economy of liquidity and prices”

- Dr. Daniel Neilson, Professor, Bard College at Simon’s Rock

Discussant:

- Mr. Ingo Pitterle, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Analysis and Policy Division, UN DESA

2:50 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. Coffee Break

SESSION THREE

Chair:

- Ms. Patricia Machado Couto, Consultant, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration, UN DESA

3:15 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.

“Impact of commodity production on development in peripheral economies: the Brazil case”

- Dr. Daniel Nogueira Silva, Professor, Federal University of South and Southeast of Pará (Brazil).

3:35 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Discussion

3:50 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.

"Oil-Dependency and Oil Price Volatility: The case study of OPEC"

- Dr. Salewa Olawoye, Director, Harriet Tubman Institute, Professor, York University

4:10 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. Discussion

4:25 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

"The Commodification of Jamaican Resource"

- Ms. Kay Tracy, Doctoral Student, York University

4:45 p.m. – 4:55 p.m. Discussion

5:00 p.m. – 5:10 p.m. Closing Remarks

- Ms. Mariangela Parra-Lancourt, Chief of Branch, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration, UN DESA
- Dr. Salewa Olawoye, Director, Harriet Tubman Institute, Professor, York University
- Dr. Louis-Philippe Rochon, Director, Monetary Policy Institute, Full Professor, Laurentian University, Canada, Editor-in-Chief, Review of Political Economy