



IPS Support Group Annual Meeting
"The new dimension of South-South and South-North communications"
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Tuesday, November 21, 2006

Organisers: The Government of Brazil and IPS- Inter Press Service

Venue: Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social – BNDES
Av. República do Chile, 100 - Centro
20031-917 - Rio de Janeiro - RJ

9:00 Registration

9:30 Opening speeches

Demian Fiocca, President of the BNDES

Fifi Benaboud, Chair of the IPS Executive Committee in representation of Mario Soares, Former President of Portugal and President of IPS

Luiz Dulci, Chief Minister of the General Secretariat of the Presidency of Brazil

Patrizia Sentinelli, Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy – Video message

Message from Ambassador Dumisani S. Kumalo, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations and Chairman of the Group of 77

Anwarul K. Chowdhury, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

10:30 A new dimension of the South

Samuel Pinheiro Guimarães, Foreign Affairs Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil

Thabo Masebe, Chief Director, Government and Media Liaison, Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), South Africa

Hardeep Singh Puri, Ambassador of India to Brazil

Moderator: Govin Reddy, Member of the IPS Board of Directors and Manager for India of The International Marketing Council (IMC) of South Africa

11:30 Coffee break

11:45 Debate

- 13:00** Lunch
- 14:30** Another vision of the South: civil society
- Kumi Naidoo, President of CIVICUS, South Africa
- Francisco Whitaker, 2006 Right Livelihood Honorary Award for Justice, Truth and Peace-Building, Brazil
- Jan Bouke Wijbrandi, Campaigns Director, Oxfam/Novib, The Netherlands
- Prof. Luiz Gonzaga Belluzzo, Institutional President, International Celso Furtado Center for Development Policies, Brazil
- Moderator: Roberto Savio, President Emeritus of IPS and Chair of the IPS International Board of Trustees
- 15:30** Debate
- 16:15** Coffee break
- 16:30** Presentation of Prof. Anthony Giffard's report, University of Washington
- 16:45** Is there a new dimension of communications?
- Dima Khatib, Latin America Representative of Al Jazeera
- Aram Aharonian, Director, TeleSur
- Arnaldo Cesar Jacob, Director of the Journalistic Department, Red TV Bandeirantes
- Carlos Tibúrcio, Special Advisor, Presidency of Republic, Brazil
- Moderator: Mario Lubetkin, Director General of IPS
- 17:30** Debate
- 18:30** Conclusions
- 20:30** Official dinner