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## Multilateralism as an essential tool to reduce inequality within and among countries (SDG 10)

Thursday February 14th | 13:15-14:30  
Conference Room A, United Nations Headquarters, NY

Moderated by: Volker Lehmann, Senior Policy Analyst, FES

Speakers:

- Ms. Hayet Zeggar, Counsellor on Social Affairs, Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations
- Dr. Modest Mero, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations
- Chantal Line Carpentier, Chief, UNCTAD NY Office
- Manuel F. Montes, Permanent Observer and Senior Advisor on Finance and Development, South Centre
- Jeffery Huffines, Senior Advisor on UN2020, CIVICUS

Although SDG10 of the 2030 Agenda asks for action to counter the dramatic increase of inequality, its prescriptions to change the underlying structural dynamics that continue to exacerbate inequalities are limited. Moreover, with multilateral institutions under increasing threat, many Member States recognize that the UN must be significantly strengthened and further revitalized if the SDGs are to be achieved by 2030. This session will consider how international rules and global economic governance arrangements should be changed to counteract the increasing inequalities within countries and to reduce inequalities between countries. Panelists will also be asked to consider how the opportunity of an event commemorating the UN's 75th anniversary may be used to develop synergies among the major UN reviews occurring in 2020 that would include a process of robust stocktaking and review to advance ambitious and achievable reforms of the Organization, particularly as it relates to SDG10 and macroeconomic policy.

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