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8.30	Registration
9.00	Welcome Michael Tolksdorf, Vice-President of the Berlin School of Economics N.N. DGB Christoph Scherrer, Kassel University Global Labour University – looking at the world from a labour perspective
9.45	James Howard, ICFTU, Globalisation, employment and labour standards Chair Jerry Zellhofer AFL-CIO,, Birgit Mahnkopf, FHW– Discussant,
10.45 11.00	Coffee Break Heiner Flassbeck, UNCTAD Global Macroeconomic Order – what is needed Chair: Kjeld Jacobson, Observatorio Social, Dierk Hirschel DGB - Discussant
12.00	Coffee Break
12.30	Globalisation and development Neva Makgetla/COSATU, South Africa The South African Perspective of Globalisation and Development Chair: Tom Etty, FNV, Netherlands, Rudolf Traub-Merz FES - Discussant
13.30	Lunch
14:30 Pa	rallel Working groups
	 I. Macroeconomic Responses to Globalisation a) Hansjörg Herr, Berlin School of Economics, Germany Wages and Economic Performance in Great Britain, USA, Japan and Germany b) Simon Roberts (University of Witwatersrand, South Africa Monetary policy, investment and industrial development in South Africa c) Anselmo de Santos, University of Campinas, Brazil The limitations of macroeconomic instruments to ensure economic growth and sustainable development II. Being protective without being protectionist a) Andrew Watt, European Trade Union Institute, Brussels Development in India/China and Repercussions for Europe b) Cirila Quintero Ramíres, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Mexico Union alternatives to Diminish the Race to the Bottom in Mexican Maquiladporas c) Charlotte Yates, University of McMaster, Canada Privatisation of labour market regulations
16.30	Coffee Break
16.45	 Parallel Working Groups I. Macroeconomic responses to globalisation a) Melisa R. Serrano, UP School of Labour and Industrial Relations, Philippines <i>Is a Social Charter Possible in the ASEAN?</i> b Ramasamy Palanisamy, UKM, Malaysia Malaysian economic strategies and trade unions (tbc)
	 II. Being protective without being protectionist. a) Werner Raza, Chamber of Labour, Vienna, Austria Liberalising Temporary Migration on Natural Persons (mode 4) under GATS: Impact Upon Labour and Viable Policy Responses for Trade Unions b) Rachel Kurian, Institute for Social Studies, Le Hague, Netherlands Being Protective Without Being Protectionist: Trade Union and Child Labour
18.30	Closing remarks, Frank Hoffer, ILO,