Human Rights Responses to the Global Economic Crisis

Side event at the 13th session of the Human Rights Council

How can human rights obligations influence responses to the financial and economic crisis? What role should the Human Rights Council play in the follow-up of the UN Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development through its commitment to contribute to the work of the Open-Ended Working Group of the UN General Assembly?

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- Richard Kozul-Wright, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Irene Khan, Former Secretary General, Amnesty International, Board member, CESR
- João Ernesto Christófolo, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations
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What do these duties imply in terms of reforming the international financial architecture and realigning macroeconomic policies in light of the most dramatic economic and financial crisis since the Great Depression?

1 See Human Rights Council resolution A/HRC/12/L.23