

OBJECTIVE

Main Objective

To analyse the impact of the WTO and globalisation on the poor and to identify the role of faith communities, the civil society and people's movements to build an alternative community and response.

Specific Objectives

The conference has been created as a platform to:

- ◆ Redefine the church's role as a prophetic voice
- ◆ Critique principles and processes of the WTO with regard to violation of social, economic and spiritual values
- ◆ Short and long term plan of action for consistent and sustained advocacy efforts

PROGRAMME

The meeting and discussions will be held on 9 - 10 December 2005.

Two keynote presentations will focus on "Economic Justice and Social Sustainability in the Context of WTO and a Globalised World" and "The Role of Faith Communities in Creating Alternatives".

During the conference, there will be various thematic workshops on:

- Human Security
- Food Sovereignty
- Privatisation
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Religion and Globalisation
- Ecology, Land and Water
- Migrants and Migration

On 11 December 2005 conference participants will join the rally organized by the Hong Kong People's Alliance on WTO.

At the end of the conference, it is hoped that the conference will integrate these issues into a declaration and concrete follow-ups to the wider community to play an active role in the struggle of the people.

DATE AND VENUE

The Conference will take place from 9-11 December 2005 at YMCA Youth Village at Wu Kai Sha in Hong Kong. (Arrival on 8 December and departure on 12 December 2005.)

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Deadline:

Registration deadline is on 30 September 2005.

Registration fee:

Registration fee is USD 10.00 per person

Meal:

During the conference, the organiser will provide meals from 8 December evening (dinner) to 12 December morning (breakfast).

Accommodation

Accommodation fee for four nights (8, 9, 10, 11 December 2005) is USD 75.00 per person.

Transportation

International and local travel costs will be the responsibility of the delegates and/or their respective organizations. Practical information on transport will be provided later.

Scholarship

The Secretariat is committed to making the conference accessible to participants from developing countries. Limited scholarships will be allocated for only economy class travel ticket. Scholarship application forms are available upon request.



HONG KONG INFORMATION

Entry into Hong Kong

Please check with your travel agent whether you would need a visa to enter Hong Kong. If you require further assistance, please contact the Conference Secretariat.

Language

Cantonese, Putonghua (Mandarin) and English are widely spoken in Hong Kong. The conference language will be English.

Exchange of Currency

The currency in Hong Kong is Hong Kong Dollar (HKD). Foreign currencies can be easily exchanged at banks or money exchange shops. One US Dollar (USD) is equivalent to around HKD 7.75.

Climate

In December, temperature varies from 16° - 23° Celsius. A light jacket for the evening is needed as the conference venue is at the beach.

Other information will be supplied upon request.

We are looking forward to meeting you at the conference in Hong Kong.



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Conference on Globalising Economic Justice and Social Sustainability

The above conference, organised by church-based organisations* will be held on 8 -12 December 2005 in Hong Kong where the 6th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) will be hosted (December 13-18, 2005). The Conference is a platform for faith communities to critique its role, to reflect on the economic justice aspect of the WTO and to search for alternatives towards social justice and sustainability.