

TODAY,
ALL POSSIBILITIES MUST BE
EXPLORED IN THE
FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY

The Institut Thomas More is promoting a new and innovative proposal: what if reinsurance and its mechanisms were a key element towards solid and sustainable economic development for the world's poorest countries?

REINSURANCE
CAN PLAY A VITAL ROLE
IN MEETING THE CHALLENGES
OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

It can bring together major private and public financial institutes, contribute to economic growth and stimulate local investment in developing countries.

More importantly, reinsurance gives the most vulnerable the possibility of being less dependent on direct aid by offering a system of protection against major risks such as natural disasters, pandemics, droughts or typhoons. Reinsurance can allow those most threatened by these risks to help themselves in building lives with a more secure future.

REINSURANCE CAN BE A SOLUTION

The global challenges facing the current methods and financing of development aid has led many countries - including France, Italy, the United States of America and the United Kingdom - to search for new approaches. The next G8 Summit, to be held in July in the United Kingdom, will undoubtedly be a decisive moment in this debate.



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REINSURANCE: A NEW KEY TO
DEVELOPMENT AID

CONFERENCE

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

14h30

Guest registration

(Reception of the
Food and Agriculture Organization)

15h00

Opening remarks

His Excellency Romualdo Bettini
Italian Ambassador to FAO, WFP, IFAD

15h15

Introduction

Gustavo Selva
President of the Italian Foreign Affairs Committee
of the Chamber of Deputies

15h30

Presentation

*"Reinsuring the planet:
towards a pro-poor financial globalization"*
Michel Vaté
University of Lyon, France

The conference will be translated
simultaneously into French, Italian and English

16h00

Round table

Moderated by *Stéphane Bauzon*
Italian Committee of the Institut Thomas More

Participants:

Alexander Sarris
Commodities and Trade Director, FAO

Henri Dommel
Rural Finance Technical Adviser, IFAD

Menghestab Haile
Food Security Early Warning Adviser, WFP

17h30

Closing remarks

His Excellency Tony P. Hall
American Ambassador to FAO, WFP, IFAD

His Excellency Matthew Wyatt
British Ambassador to FAO, WFP, IFAD

His Excellency Charles Millon
French Ambassador to FAO, WFP, IFAD

18h00

Cocktails in the Aventino Room
(8th Floor Terrace)