

ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT OF SUPPORT OF THE TERRA SOLUTION (OSOS)

A most revealing briefing took place on Monday March 9, 2009 at the ECOSOC Chamber at the UN Headquarters from 3.15 to 6.10 pm. Two IMF and two World Bank officials presented their views on the present monetary, financial, economic crises in two panels one dealing with its impact on development and the work the Bretton Woods Institutions were doing and the other with “governance issues and institutional reforms within the Bretton Woods Institutions.” It became clear that both institutions are trying to improve their operations and respond to the present monetary, financial, economic crisis. However, the mental mode or planning frame is still very much rooted in the growthism philosophy, while the challenges of the climate crisis were not touched upon at all. This may have been due to their implicit belief that both crises have to be dealt with separately and sequentially because of their scope. World Bank senior advisor Mr. Jeffery D. Lewis who is also the Bank’s point person for the G20 Summit in April made it clear that “ a tension exists between resolving the crisis now and long-term considerations” and that the present thinking mostly focuses on resolving the economic crisis now. During the two periods of Q & A’s the representatives of the governments seem to think in the same way.

When I was given the floor at the end of the second panel I raised two fundamental questions, 1. about the need to shift from privately-owned banking systems to publicly owned banking systems and the cessation of fractional banking by privately owned banks 2. about the feasibility of using an international reserve currency that is based upon carbon emissions and making it part of a nation’s balance of payments, so that we would have an institutional mechanism for funding for development and the financing of measures to mitigate and to adapt to consequences of the climate crisis in the global South.

Mr. Ranjit Teja, head of the IMF strategy unit, felt that, with proper regulation, the privately-owned banking systems would do the job, given that they have been around for hundreds of years. No mention was made of the fractional banking system. Mr. Lewis pointed out that a

substantial swath of the banking system is already being shifted into public hands.

Mr. Teja seemed to believe that increased dollarization is a good development. (Pakistani minister Khan pointed to the NY Times article of the appreciating dollar and its negative impact on developing countries.) He did not have enough information about the Tierra international reserve currency to give an opinion, though he welcomed more information.

This briefing session made clear how far the Bretton Woods Institutions and the world's governments are still removed from a transformational approach to the economic and climate crises.

The purpose of this OSOS is to build a constituency among government, business and civil society organizations to redress this situation and urge the adoption of the Tierra solution and its TIMU Architecture. The building of a strong constituency for monetary transformation is most urgent, because the G20, according to Mr. Jeffrey Walsh, point person at the World Bank for the G20, are still focused more on short term solutions rather than on long-term ones.

The Tierra solution whose home is in the International Institute of Monetary Transformation is not a reformist, but a transformational solution. It provides a framework for policy development, business strategy and civic action that resolves the economic crisis through resolving the climate crisis. It does not provide a blueprint, but sets a direction towards fair, sustainable and, therefore, stable monetary, financial, economic systems, both globally and locally.

While the International Institute of Monetary Transformation is engaged in very many different ways to bring its Terra solution to the notice of other observers who seem mostly to be affiliated with those traditionally thinking organizations such as the Peter Peterson Institute of International Economics, the American Enterprise Institute and others, government, business and civil society organizations are invited to discuss the Terra solution and its TIMU Architecture by studying the TIMU petition and other TIMU materials. After this discussion the organization is to indicate the extent of their support by summarizing it in a one to two page of OSOS in such form that is ready to be placed on www.timun.net website.

Difference of an O-SOS with the TIMU petition is that the latter is for signing by individuals. Members of those organizations that have submitted their O-SOS can also sign the Petition in their own names.

The following is to be included in the O-SOS.

- Short description of the organization and its membership, particularly indicating whether you are a government, business and civil society organization or a combination of them, a so-called transinstitution, as International Institute of Monetary Transformation is.
- Short description of your participatory decision-making process to reach your O-SOS.
- List of planned activities in support of the Tierra solution
- If applicable, a statement of financial support
- Signature of the chair, president or other officer of the organization

The Tierra solution has found significant support inside the UN Headquarters, but the real test is the willingness of its member states to be bold enough in these extraordinary times to go on a practical path of a long-term vision that would prevent a further meltdown of the monetary, financial, economic systems and such meltdowns from ever happening again.

Example of letter of support:

REASONS FOR ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT OF THE TERRA SOLUTION AND ITS TIMU ARCHITECTURE

On www.timun.net/documents/reasons you can read a neatly categorized list of some four dozen reasons why THE TIERRA SOLUTION AND ITS TIMU ARCHITECTURE is the preferred long-term solution on the road to fair, sustainable, and therefore, stable monetary, financial, economic systems. Let me single out

1. It will provide institutional funding for development and for mitigation and adaptation measures to deal with the climate crisis and for increased funding to pursue the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
2. It is based upon a global fairness
3. It will lead to full sustainability
4. It will produce stability in the monetary, financial, economic systems

Template:

Having read most of the materials of the International Institute of Monetary Transformation website, particularly the Petition, my organization wants to make our O-SOS of the Tierra solution.

Our organization is involved..... We are a government, business and civil society or transinstitution organization. Our membership mainly consists of..... and is located.....

Our reasons for the support are the following.

Our organization intends to engage in the following activities

A member of our organization is interested in applying for becoming an IIMT associate or fellow.

Questions to the IIMT: