

# Welcome to a seminar on

## *Globalisation and African Development*

**Monday 9 May 2005**  
**9.15 – 16.30**  
**Palaestra, Lund University**

*The ongoing process of globalisation clearly affects the distribution of global wealth among various parts of the world community. Will globalisation lead to a more equal distribution of wealth or will the process increase the gap among nations and leave some parts of the world behind? From the perspective of Africa, an important question is whether sub-Saharan Africa will be trapped in poverty or can the process help to close the gap and lead to a more prosperous African situation?*

*The potential effects of globalisation on the African situation are discussed in a seminar arranged by the vice Chancellor's office at Lund University on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2005. The seminar is arranged in honour of the former chairman of the Board of Lund University, Mr Lennart Nilsson for his deep engagement and devoted work for Lund University under several years.*

### **Programme**

**1. Welcome address**

**Professor Göran Bexell**, Vice Chancellor of Lund University (09.15 – 09.30)

**2. Globalisation perspectives**

**Lasse Berg**, Author and journalist, Honorary Doctor, Lund University (09.30 – 10.00)

*Asian and African Globalisation in Perspective*

**3. Domestic African problems and potentials**

**Professor Henning Melber**, Director of research, the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI)  
(10.00-10.20)

*Globalisation and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)*

**COFFEE 10.20 – 10.40**

**Dr Cyril Obi**, Senior Research Fellow, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Lagos, Visiting Researcher, Nordic Africa Institute (10.40-11.00)

*The Challenge of West African Post-Conflict Transitions in a Globalizing World: Some Critical Issues*

**Dr Staffan I Lindberg**, Department of Political Science, LU (11- 11.20)

*The Power of Elections: Democratic Participation, Competition and Legitimacy in Africa*

**Dr Ellen Hillbom** Department of Economic History, LU) (11.20- 11.40)

*Property Rights Institutions and African Development*

**Questions and Discussion** (11.40 – 12.00)

**Prof. Franz-Michael Rundquist**, Department of Social and Economic Geography, LU: (13.00 -13.20):

*Aids and African Development: Socio-Economic Consequences*

**Prof. Boel Flodgren**, Department of Business Law, LU (13.20 – 13.40)

*Africa and WTO*

#### 4. **Globalisation and African Development: How can the developed countries contribute?**

**Hans Holmén**, Associate professor, the Tema Institute, Department of Geography, Linköping University (13.40 – 14.00)

*The African Food Crisis: Lessons from the Asian Green Revolution*

**Fredrik Segerfeldt**, Kommunikationsstrateg, Svenskt Näringsliv (14.00 - 14.20)

*The private business sector's contribution to development and poverty alleviation in poor countries*

**Anna Brandt**, Deputy Director General, Head of Africa Department, Ministry for Foreign Affairs (14.20 – 14.40)

*Swedish Africa Policy*

**COFFEE 14.40 – 15.15**

#### 5. **Concluding remarks and discussion**

**Moderator: Professor Mårten Carlsson**, former chairman of the Board of Sida/SAREC (15.15 – 16.30)