
Part Two

PANEL DISCUSSION ON “THINKING DEVELOPMENT: THREE DECADES OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT”

To commemorate the three decades of the Trade and Development Report, UNCTAD organized in Geneva on 20 February 2012 an expert panel discussion “Thinking development: Three decades of the Trade and Development Report”, conceived as a pre-Conference event for UNCTAD XIII. This panel discussion gathered a number of experts in the field of macroeconomics and development strategies to discuss the contribution of the Report to the debate on trade and development.

The panel discussion focused on key issues in the global economy and the design of development strategies that have been addressed in the TDR over the past three decades. It highlighted how ideas, opinions and proposals expressed in the TDR, and the analytical approaches used, differed from those of the “mainstream” and how they evolved in response to new challenges arising from globalization.

This one-day event was conducted in four sessions on:

- *The origins and evolving ideas of the TDR*
- *The macroeconomic reasoning of the TDR*
- *The TDR approach to development strategies*
- *The evolving issues in international economic governance*

Part Two of this publication presents the contributions of the experts to this panel discussion. The views expressed and the designation and terminology used in these papers are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the UNCTAD secretariat.

The last section of Part Two presents a brief summary of the discussions.