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## PANEL DEBATE

### **Financing the Information Society in the South 21st February 2005, 13.15 – 14.45 - Room XXIII - Palais des Nations**

**Instituto del Tercer Mundo (ITeM)** and **Third World Network (TWN)** invite delegates and all WSIS stakeholders to a panel debate on the mechanisms to finance information and communication technologies for development (ICT4D). During the panel, the first **outcomes** of the ongoing research project by ITeM on the **Southern perspectives at WSIS** will be presented.\*

During the panel two papers will be presented, aimed at contributing to articulate a development perspective on the key WSIS issue of **financial mechanisms**.

***"Financial Mechanisms for the Information Society from a Global Public Goods Perspective"*** by **Fernando Prada** (Perú)

***"Financing ICTs for Development with Focus on Poverty"*** by **Lishan Adam** (Ethiopia)

**Roberto Bissio** (ITeM's director) and **Martin Khor** (Third World Network director and member of the project's Board) will discuss the papers, frame WSIS in the global governance processes that are shaping today's information society and provide an insight into the role that Civil Society and Southern governments have in these processes.

The presentations will be followed by questions and input from attendees.

Interpretation in English / French / Spanish will be available.

*Papers available online at: <http://wsispapers.choike.org/>*

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