

What's really going on?

China-Africa



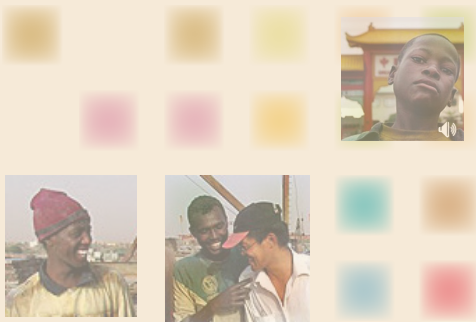
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PROGRAMME:

9.30 am: reception and registration

10 am: introduction

Moderation : morning by Tjhoi Ng Sauw (journalist VRT), afternoon by Raf Custers (researcher Gresea).



10.15 am – 11 am: Chinese Policy in Africa. Deborah Brautigam, American University (author of *The Dragon's Gift: The Real Story of China in Africa*).

11 am – 11.20 am: Trade Union Perspective Carlos Polenus (advisor on China for the International Trade Union Confederation)

11.20 am – 11.40 am: Geo-strategical Perspective Peter Franssen (editor www.infochina.be)

11.40 am – 12.30 pm: Discussion among the speakers and questions from the floor.



12.30 pm – 1.15 pm: lunch break (sandwich and drinks included in contribution to costs)

1.15 pm – 2.30 pm: debate on the China-Congo contract: win win or exploitation? Paul Fortin (ex-managing director

Gécamines who co-negotiated the contract) Stefaan Marysse (Antwerp University, co-author of *Win-win or Unequal Exchange? The Case of the Sino-Congolese 'Cooperation' Agreements*) and Yenga Mabolia (coordinator Promines, DRC Mining Ministry)

2.30 pm – 2.45 pm: coffee break

2.45 pm – 3.30 pm: Congolese trade union perspective. Philip Linza Lukeke (National Union of Congo Workers, UNTC) and Jean de Dieu Ilunga (Trade Union Confédération Congo, CSC).

3.30 pm – 4.15 pm: Reactions of the panel to the trade unionists' contributions and questions from the floor.

4.15 pm – 4.30 pm: Conclusions by D. Brautigam and closing words.

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