

RECONCILING THE TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT AGENDA

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INTRODUCTION

- THE PARADOX:
COMPATIBILITY OF THE AGENDAS
vs IDEOLOGICAL CONFRONTATION
- YET NEED FOR RECONCILIATION
- RECONCILIATION STRATEGY:
 - UNDERSTANDING
 - CONSTRUCTING COMMON VIEWS

I- THE IDEOLOGICAL CONTROVERSIES ON TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

A- TRADE LIBERALIZATION EMBLEMATIC OF THE TRIUMPH OF WORLD CAPITALISM

- CONCERNS FOR EQUITY ISSUES
- CONCERNS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (A PUBLIC GOOD)
- HOW TO COPE WITH THE GAP (ABYSS) IN AVERAGE LABOR PRODUCTIVITY?

B- TRADE LIBERALIZATION AS THE TRIUMPH OF 'LIBERALIST' DOCTRINAIRES:

1. ENVIRONMENT ISSUES AS PRETEXTS FOR OBSTACLES TO TRADE
2. USE ALTERNATIVE POLICIES TO COPE WITH DISTRIBUTIONAL ISSUES

II- BRIDGING THE GAP

- ROLE OF EPISTEMIC COMMUNITIES
- IS THERE AN EPISTEMIC COMMUNITY FOR AGRICULTURAL TRADE ISSUES?
- IS THERE ONE FOR SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES?

IMPLICATIONS FOR TRADE AND SUSTAINABILITY

- NEED FOR DIALOGUE AND CONVERGENCE
- UNCHARTERED TERRITORY
- AT LEAST, BEGIN WITH DIALOGUE