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Each year, the United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) hosts the WIDER Annual Lecture, which is delivered by an eminent scholar or policy maker who has made a significant contribution in the field of economics of development and transition.

This year the lecture will be delivered by Nobel Laureate President Martti Ahtisaari. The lecture will be followed by further discussion of the topic by Mr Ahtisaari, a panel of three leading development experts, and the audience.

The programme will also include the screening of an exclusive interview with Economist and Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen. Join us to discover new insights into development.

MARTTI AHTISAARI’s activities post-presidency have included facilitating the peace process between the Government of Indonesia and the Free Aceh Movement, chairing an independent panel on the security and safety of UN personnel in Iraq, appointments as the UN Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa and Personal Envoy of the OSCE CIO for Central Asia, and Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the future status process for Kosovo. President Ahtisaari is active in numerous non-governmental and non-profit organisations. In December 2008, Mr Ahtisaari was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

PROGRAMME
15.00–15.30 Coffee
15.30–16.00 Address by Martti Ahtisaari
16.00–17.00 Panel discussion and questions from the floor

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