

Minister of State for Overseas Development Peter Power attended the UN Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its impact on Development from 24 to 26 June 2009. The Conference brought together political representatives from all regions of the world to assess the impact of the current financial crisis on developing countries. Its aim was to identify emergency and long-term responses, with a particular focus on vulnerable populations.

Minister of State Power addressed the Conference, highlighting Ireland's contribution to mitigating the effects of the crisis, in particular on the poor and most vulnerable in Sub-Saharan Africa. He reaffirmed the central importance of global hunger and food security, the most basic of the MDGs and emphasised Ireland's continued commitment to tackling global hunger as one of the primary objectives of our aid programme.