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Day One – Tuesday, 17 April 2012

9:00–9:30	Registration
9:30–9:45	Opening remarks Prof Maxi Schoeman, Head: Department of Political Sciences (University of Pretoria)
9:45–10:00	Overview of the MERCURY Project Prof Mark Aspinwall, MERCURY Coordinator (University of Edinburgh)
10:00–12:00	Keynote address – Multilateralism: an African perspective HE Ambassador George Nene, Deputy Director-General: Multilateral Affairs (Department of International Relations and Cooperation) Chair: Prof Paul Bischoff (Rhodes University) Discussants: Dr Siphamandla Zondi (Institute for Global Dialogue) Dr Julie Smith (University of Cambridge) Prof Gerrit Olivier (University of Pretoria)
	Debate
12:00–13:00	Lunch

13:00–14:00	Book and journal launch The European Union and the evolution of multilateralism and regionalism
14:00–14:30	Coffee and tea break
14:30–17:00	Round table – The past and present of multilateralism With an introduction by Prof John Peterson (University of Edinburgh) on the results of the Mercury Project

	Chair: Prof Mark Aspinwall (University of Edinburgh) Participants: Dr Mzukisi Qobo (University of Pretoria) Prof Danny Bradlow (University of Pretoria) Dr Yolanda Spies (University of Pretoria) Dr Tomas Weiss (Charles University)
	Debate
17:00–18:30	Free time
18:30	Dinner at The Blue Crane Restaurant
	End of Day 1

Day Two – Wednesday, 18 April 2012

9:30–10:00	Tea and coffee
10:00–12:00	Keynote address – The future of multilateralism: has time come for ‘multilateralism 2.0’? Prof Luk van Langenhove, Director, UN University Institute for Comparative Regional Integration Studies

Chair: Dr Julie Smith (University of Cambridge) Discussants: Prof Katabaro Miti (University of Pretoria) HE Ambassador Hannes Spies (South African Ambassador to Mauritania) Dr Jian Junbo (Fudan University) Dr Caroline Bouchard (University of Edinburgh)

	Debate
12:00–13:00	Lunch
13:00–14:00	Africa’s military spending in a global context: release of new SIPRI data for 2011 Elisabeth Sköns (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, SIPRI)
14:00–14:30	Concluding remarks Prof John Peterson (University of Edinburgh) Prof Lorenzo Fioramonti (University of Pretoria)
14:30–18:30	Free time
18:30	Closing dinner and social event at Moyo

End of conference
This conference is the final event of the project ‘Mercury: Multilateralism and the EU in the contemporary global order’, an international research initiative funded by the EU 7th Framework Programme.