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Private Sector and Development

May 17-18, 2007 Bled, Slovenia

Venue:

Festivalna Dvorana Convention Center (plenary sessions)
Cesta Svobode 11, 4260 Bled

Hotel Park (parallel sessions)
Cesta svobode 15, 4260 Bled

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Wednesday May 16

7.30 pm Welcome Reception (Bled Castle)

Buses leave at 7 pm from Festivalna Dvorana conference hall.

Thursday May 17

7:30 am Registration of participants & breakfast

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| 08:00-9:00 am | BREAKFAST SESSIONS: FIRST SERIES HOTEL PARK |
| | <p>The role of the construction industry in disaster preparedness, response and recovery <i>Room: Preseren 1</i> Organizer: Research Institute for the Built and Human Environment, Salford University, United Kingdom</p> <p>The aim of this session is to explore the role of built environment in tackling disasters such as the Indian Ocean Tsunami of December 2004 in developing economies. The session will examine the potential contribution of the built environment community to anticipate, assess, prevent, prepare for such challenges, and where necessary, also to assist in the response and recovery in the aftermath of a disaster, and in particular the role of Built Environment Education Curricula in Post-Disaster Recovery Management in developing economies.</p> <p>Facilitators: Dilanthi AMARATUNGA, Research Institute for the Built and Human Environment, Salford University, United Kingdom Richard HAIGH, Research Institute for the Built and Human Environment, Salford University, United Kingdom</p> |
| | <p>African Economic Outlook 2007 - Access to drinking water and sanitation: is Africa on track to reach the MDGs? <i>Room: Preseren 2</i> Organizer: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Development Center</p> <p>The session will start with a presentation of the 2007 edition of the joint OECD Development Centre/African Development Bank African Economic Outlook. The 2007 issue of the AEO will continue the emphasis given in recent years to infrastructural development in Africa and focus on securing sustainable and affordable access to drinking water and sanitation in Africa.</p> <p>Facilitators: Lucia WEGNER, Economist, OECD Development Centre Celine KAUFFMANN, Economist, OECD Development Centre</p> |

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9:00-10:00 am **OPENING SESSION**
 Welcome Address: **Andrej BAJUK**, Minister of Finance, Slovenia
 Opening Speeches: **Janez JANŠA**, Prime Minister, Slovenia
François BOURGUIGNON, Chief Economist and Senior Vice President, The World Bank

10:00-11:15 am **PLENARY SESSION #1**
Financial Inclusion
 Chair: **Nikos CHRISTODOULAKIS**, Member of Parliament; former Minister of Finance, Greece
 Speakers: **Ross LEVINE**, Brown University, USA
Asli DEMIRGUC-KUNT, Senior Research Manager, Development Economics, The World Bank
 Discussants: **Liliana ROJAS-SUAREZ**, Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development, USA
Victor MURINDE, Birmingham Business School, United Kingdom
Pradeep MITRA, Chief Economist, Europe and Central Asia, The World Bank

11:15 am-12:00 pm **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
 Speaker: **Tarun DAS**, Confederation of Indian Industry, India
 Chair: **Jean-Christophe BAS**, Manager, Development Policy Dialogue, The World Bank

| 12:00-1:15 pm | PARALLEL SESSIONS: FIRST SERIES | HOTEL PARK |
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| | Workshops/Roundtables | |
| | <p>New innovation paradigms in responding to climate change <i>Room: Kosovel</i> Organizers: JBIC Institute, Japan; The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), India; Integrated Research System for Sustainability Science (IR3S), Japan</p> <p>This session invites participants to the wide array of innovations to tackle the issues of climate change, focusing in particular on the institutional setups that make these innovations possible. The discussions will lead to insights into how to strengthen mitigation/adaptation capabilities at national, local and community levels.</p> <p>Chair: Izumi ARAI, Executive Director, JBIC Institute, Japan Speakers: Nobuo MIMURA, Director, Institute for Global Change Adaptation Science, Ibaraki University, Japan Ritu MATHUR, Fellow and Area Convenor, Modeling and Economic Analysis, Policy Analysis Division, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), India Discussant: Megumi MUTO, Senior Economist, Director, Development Policy Research Division, JBIC Institute, Japan</p> | |
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| | <p>Banking on development <i>Room: Cankar</i> Organizer: OECD Development Center and Researchers Alliance for Development (RAD)</p> <p>The session will feature a study on ‘Banking on Democracy’, which monitors the economic and political contributions of private banks to development, showing that private bankers are potential partners of development in poor and middle-income countries. The session will further aim to explore how international banks, governments of developed and developing countries, multilateral development institutions, and NGOs can find innovative ways to work together to build an inclusive financial system.</p> <p>Chair: Michael KLEIN, Vice President, Financial and Private Sector Development, The World Bank, and Chief Economist, International Finance Corporation (IFC) Speakers: Javier SANTISO, Chief Economist and Deputy Director, OECD Development Center Khalid SHEIKH, Senior Vice President, Emerging Market Analysis & Multilateral Organizations, ABN Amro, The Netherlands Sebastian DUQUET, Director, Planet Finance, France Discussant: Michael KLEIN, Vice President, Financial and Private Sector Development, The World Bank, and Chief Economist, International Finance Corporation (IFC)</p> |
| | <p>Designing development aid policies in new donor countries: case of new member states of the European Union <i>Room: Preseren 2</i> Organizer: University of Ljubljana, Slovenia</p> <p>The session will present current developments in formulation of strategies, policies and instruments in the area of development co-operation in the New Member States (NMS) of the EU, who with the accession have graduated to a donor status. The objective of the session is to shed light on on-going events, on possible transfer of good practices from “old” donor countries and show the recipient region’s reaction to current aid practices of NMS.</p> <p>Chair: Mojmir MRAK, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia Speakers: Maja BUCAR, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia Paul HOEBINK, Center for International Development Issues Nijmegen, The Netherlands Discussant: Gordana LAZAREVIC, Assistant Minister, Ministry for Foreign Economic Relations, Serbia</p> |
| | <p>Inclusive research in development (roundtable) <i>Room: Preseren 1</i> Organizer: Researchers Alliance for Development (RAD)</p> <p>The objective of the session is to engage in an open, multi-constituency debate about the methodology, themes, players and impact of development research in recent years.</p> <p>Chair: Diane STONE, Warwick University, United Kingdom Speakers: Steve MORGAN, Associate Director, Economic and Social Research Council, United Kingdom</p> |

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| | <p>Diery SECK, Director, UN African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, Senegal Sujata PATEL, Department of Sociology, University of Pune, India Brendan MARTIN, Director, Public World, United Kingdom</p> |
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1:15 pm Lunch

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| 2:30-3:45 pm | <p>PARALLEL SESSIONS: SECOND SERIES Workshops/Roundtables HOTEL PARK</p> |
| | <p>Strengthening the Role of Business Membership Organizations (BMOs) in Africa to promote SME growth (roundtable) <i>Room: Cankar</i> Organizer: Private Sector Liaison Officers Network (PSLO)</p> <p>The objective of this session is to listen to representatives of successful African BMOs, along with representatives of organizations from industrialized countries, which have provided capacity building assistance to African BMOs, to understand where policy makers' and donors' programs should focus to improve African BMOs' ability to successfully support business development in Africa.</p> <p>Chair: Oumar SECK, Head, IFC Private Enterprise Partnership for Africa, SME Entrepreneurship Development Initiative, International Finance Corporation (IFC) Speakers: Martin ABEGA, Executive Secretary, Groupement Inter-Patronal du Cameroun (GICAM), Cameroon Bilha MAINA, Executive Officer, Business Support Services, Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM), Kenya Philippe GAUTIER, Head of International Affairs, Mouvement des Entreprises de France (MEDEF), France</p> |
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| | <p>The Third Transition: Exploring the Impact of Changing Demographic Structures in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union <i>Room: Preseren 2</i> Organizer: Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ECA) Vice Presidency, The World Bank</p> <p>The session will aim to analyze whether rapid aging in middle and low income transition countries will have a significant adverse impact on their economic growth and public expenditures.</p> <p>Chair: Pradeep MITRA, Chief Economist, Europe and Central Asia, The World Bank Speaker: Gordon BETCHERMAN, Lead Economist, Human Development, Europe and Central Asia, The World Bank Discussants: Jan SVEJNAR, Director, International Policy Center, Michigan University, USA Giuseppe CARONE, Directorate-General Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission</p> |
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| | <p>Taxation and state building <i>Room: Kosovel</i> Organizer: Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway; Researchers Alliance for Development (RAD)</p> <p>Governments and the international community have begun to understand that taxation is a key political basis for state-society relations. The purpose of this session is to shed light the priority taxation should have in establishing accountability and state-building, amidst rising levels of aid and competing global ideas and priorities for improved governance and democratization.</p> <p>Chair: Ben DICKINSON, Unit Manager, Conflict and Governance, Development Cooperation Directorate, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Speakers: Mick MOORE, Professorial Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, United Kingdom Odd-Helge FJELDSTAD, Research Director, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway, and Director, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre Marc P. BERENSON, Department of Politics, Princeton University, USA Discussant: TBA</p> |
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| | <p>State-Business Relations, Investment Climate Reform and Economic Performance in Sub-Saharan Africa <i>Room: Preseren 1</i> Organizer: Overseas Development Institute and Africa Economic Research Consortium</p> <p>This session will seek to understand what constitutes effective state-business relations, and to assess how state-business relations are related to investment climate reform and economic performance in Sub-Saharan Africa.</p> <p>Chair: Olu AJAKAIYE, Research Director, African Economic Research Consortium, Kenya Speaker: Dirk Willem TE VELDE, Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute, United Kingdom Discussants: Raj MAKOOND, Director, Joint Economic Council, Mauritius Marios OBWONA, Economic Policy Research Centre, Makerere University, Uganda Sarah ALADE, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria, Nigeria</p> |

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| 4:00-5:15 pm | <p>PLENARY SESSION #2 Which factors matter the most for business climate?</p> <p>Chair: Michael KLEIN, Vice President, Financial and Private Sector Development, The World Bank, and Chief Economist, International Finance Corporation (IFC) Speakers: Paul SEABRIGHT, University of Toulouse, France Wendy CARLIN, University College London, United Kingdom Discussants: Zoran STAVRESKI, Vice-president, Economic Affairs, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Loh Wah SING, Chief Executive Officer, International Trade Institute of Singapore, Singapore</p> |
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Jan SVEJNAR, Director, International Policy Center, Michigan University,
USA

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ROUNDTABLE

SMEs in Central and Eastern Europe - an engine for growth

Organizer: European Investment Bank

What should governments be doing to improve the business operating environment for SMEs? Is political instability a serious threat to economy and business? What should a country do to become more attractive to outside investors? How to improve access to finance for SMEs?

Chair: **Philippe de FONTAINE VIVE**, Vice-President, European Investment Bank

Speakers: **Fabrizio CORICELLI**, Director for Policy Studies, Chief Economist's Office, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Oliver WIECK, Executive Director, Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations of the German Industry, Germany

Rene SAMEK, Director, Division for Investment and Applied Research, CzechInvest, Czech Republic

6:15-7:00 pm

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Speaker: **Paul WOLFOWITZ**, President, The World Bank Group

7:00– 7:15 pm

Award Ceremony of the International Essay Competition 2007

7:15 pm

Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Finance of Slovenia

7:30 pm

GUEST SPEAKER:

Speaker: **Janez POTOČNIK**, Commissioner for Science and Research, European Commission

Chair: **Boris PLESKOVIC**, Research Manager, Development Economics, The World Bank

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Friday May 18

7:30 am Registration of participants & breakfast

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| 08:00-9:00 am | BREAKFAST SESSIONS: SECOND SERIES HOTEL PARK |
| | Investment, Institutions and Finance <i>Room: Preseren 1</i> Organizer: World Economy and Finance Research Program, Economic and Social Research Council, United Kingdom This session will provide insights from the latest research on investment, institutions and finance. In terms of policy implications, the paper to be presented suggest that simultaneously stimulating foreign capital inflows and trade openness, improving institutions and promoting economic development will encourage the development of both capital markets and financial intermediaries. Facilitator: Adeel MALIK , Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford University, United Kingdom |
| | Sécurité juridique et le développement des entreprises <i>Salle: Preseren 2</i> Organisateur: Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) Présentateur: Hervé CRONEL , Conseiller spécial, Economie et Développement, Cabinet du Secrétaire Général de la Francophonie, France |
| | The role of national research funding agencies in supporting development work <i>Room: Kosovel</i> Organizer: Economic and Social Research Council of the United Kingdom Facilitator: Stephen MORGAN , ESRC-DFID Project Director; Associate Director – RTD, Economic and Social Research Council, United Kingdom |

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| 9:15-10:30 am | PLENARY SESSION #3 The provision of public services by non-state actors Chair: Miroljub LABUS , Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade; former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for International Economic Relations, Serbia Speaker: Maitreesh GHATAK , London School of Economics, United Kingdom Discussants: Jean-Paul AZAM , University of Toulouse I, France Alan GELB , Director, Development Policy, The World Bank Gabor PETERI , Director of Development, Local Government Initiative Development Ltd. (LGID), Hungary |
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| 10:30-11:15 am | <p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</p> <p>Speaker: Santiago LEVY, former Deputy Minister of Economy, Mexico; former General Director of the Mexican Social Security Institute Chair: Flora KESSY*, Senior Social Scientist, Ifakara Health Research and Development Centre, Tanzania</p> |
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| 11:15 am- 12:30 pm | <p>PARALLEL SESSIONS: THIRD SERIES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Workshops/Roundtables HOTEL PARK</p> |
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| | <p>Private Sector Contributions to Development through Core Labor Standards in World Bank Lending and Procurement (roundtable) <i>Room: Cankar</i></p> <p>Organizer: International Trade Unions Confederation & Global Union Research Network</p> <p>The objective of the session is to consider how World Bank policies can ensure that the private sector contributes to development by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analyzing the mechanisms of linking Core Labor Standards (CLS) to World Bank lending and procurement; • describing the rationale of the participants for linking World Bank lending and procurement to CLS; • critically assessing to what extent expectations concerning the linkage have been met so far; • discussing implementation mechanisms of the linkage and the role of civil society; • considering future perspectives. <p>Chair: Verena SCHMIDT, Bureau for Workers' Activities, International Labor Organization (ILO) Speakers: Marion HELLMAN, Assistant General Secretary, Building and Woodworkers' International Yannick ETIENNE, International Solidarity Commission, Batay Ouvriye, Haiti</p> |
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| | <p>Supporting Outward Foreign Direct Investments in middle income economies <i>Room: Preseren 1</i></p> <p>Organizer: ICEG European Center, Hungary</p> <p>The main objective of the session is to discuss the experiences of Central Eastern European middle income economies with supporting OFDI and determining its contribution to the development of the private sector.</p> <p>Chair: Pál Gáspár-Magdolna SASS, Director, ICEG European Center, Hungary</p> |
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| | <p>Speaker: Marjan SVETLICIC, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia Discussant: Reinhilde VEUGELERS, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium</p> |
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| | <p>Listening to the voice of entrepreneurs: suggestions for an efficient support to the private sector (roundtable) <i>Room: Preseren 2</i></p> <p>Organizer: Veneto Region Government and INFORMEST</p> <p>The session will aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define the main issues for local development from the direct experience of entrepreneurs; • Define the situation and the main challenges for private sector in the next future; • Define a possible path to better support private sector development • Give suggestions to international organization on their approach to local development in Eastern European countries. <p>Chair: Gianlorenzo MARTINI, Director, Veneto Regional Government in Brussels, Italy</p> <p>Speakers: Alberto ZENORINI, Sales Director, Fracasso S.p.A, Italy Boris KRSTANOVIC, Chief Executive Officer, Multilink LLC., ICT Solution Engineering and Consulting, Croatia Giancarlo MIRANDA, Vice President, Privredna Banka Zagreb, Croatia Slobodan VUCICEVIC, Chief Executive Officer, Grand Faka and President of the Board, Soko Stark, Serbia</p> |

12:30 pm Lunch

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| 2:00-2:45 pm | <p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</p> <p>Speaker: Abdulaye SARRE, Chief Executive Officer, PCCI Group, Senegal Chair: Joyashree ROY, Jadavpur University, India; Researchers Alliance for Development (RAD)</p> |
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| 2:45-3:45 pm | <p>ROUNDTABLE</p> <p>Foundations as new development actors</p> <p>The objective of the session is to look at how the rising role of foundations as donors will affect the development environment, how foundations operate, what 'business models' they represent, and how they assess results and impact.</p> <p>Chair: Diane STONE, Central European University, Hungary; Warwick University, United Kingdom; Researchers Alliance for Development (RAD) Panelists: Geoffrey LAMB*, Senior Fellow for the Global Development Program, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Olga SULLA, Senior Economist, The World Bank Akwasi AIDOO, Director, Trust Africa, Ghana Jaime ATIENZA, Head, Policy Coherence and Economic Relations, Fundación Carolina, Spain</p> |
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CLOSING SESSION

Chair: **Marwan MUASHER**, Senior Vice President, External Affairs, The World Bank

Speakers: **Trevor MANUEL**, Minister of Finance, Republic of South Africa, Chairman G-20 (by videoconference)

Shigeo KATSU, Regional Vice President, Europe and Central Asia, The World Bank

5:00 pm

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