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NEWS from DeFiNe

The OECD Development Finance Network



DeFiNe is a global network of 40 think-tanks, research centres and academic institutions. It is an informal platform of dialogue on development issues, gathering experts from developing, emerging and OECD countries.

Save the date

OECD Global Forum on Development & DeFiNe Annual Meeting:

27-29 February 2012, Paris

More information will be sent to you soon, but you can already save the date: the 2012 OECD Global Forum on Development and the DeFiNe Annual Meeting will take place on **27-29 February 2012** at the OECD Headquarters in Paris.

- Within the framework of the 2010-2012 cycle on domestic resource mobilisation, the 2012 Global Forum on Development will focus on **public expenditures for development**. About 350 representatives of governments, international organisations, academia, think tanks and NGOs, from both developing and advanced economies, are expected to participate in this event.
- The DeFiNe Annual Meeting will gather members of the network in order to informally share experience and knowledge from national and regional levels.

Spotlight

New project on Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

The OECD Development Centre, together with two DeFiNe members, (the [Centre for Policy Dialogue](#) in Bangladesh and [Foundation for International Development Study and Research](#) in France) and three other organisations (the [Commonwealth Secretariat](#), the [Galatasaray University](#) in Turkey and the [International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development](#) in Switzerland) are working on the launch of an **independent partnership of assessment of the Istanbul Plan of Action (IPoA) for Least Developed Countries**. The IpoA is the strategy in favour of LDCs for the decade 2011-2020 that was adopted last May during the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries ([UN LDC IV](#)). This partnership will provide evidence-based and policy-oriented assessment of the state of delivery of the promises contained in the IPoA. It will undertake a number of activities including research, dialogues and publications.

More info coming soon.

News from the secretariat

- Anna Batyra, who coordinated DeFiNe over the last two years, left the OECD in September. We wish her all the best in her new life! The Policy Dialogue Division of the OECD Development Centre will ensure sustainable continuation of DeFiNe activities.
- Job vacancy: The OECD Development Centre is looking for a Senior Development Economist/Head of Competitiveness and Structural Analysis (CSA) Unit. Closing date for applications: 13 Nov. 2011. [More info](#)



Latin American Economic Outlook 2012: Transforming the State for Development

28 October 2011 - Asunción, Paraguay (at the Ibero-American Summit)

This report is co-published with the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). The Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region grew 5.9% in 2010 and is projected to grow 4.4% in 2011. LAC states must now turn economic growth into sustainable economic and social development.

Learn more: www.latameconomy.org/en



International Migration, Social Cohesion and Development: Mutual challenges, mutual responsibilities

17 November 2011 - Washington DC, US (Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University)

This study focuses particularly on two geographical areas: Central America and West Africa.

Main topics:

- The impact on emigration and labour markets in origin countries;
- The link between international migration and social cohesion;
- Governance of international migration at the global, regional, national and local levels.



Perspectives on Global Development 2012: Social Cohesion in a Shifting World

21 November 2011 - Paris, France (together with the Club of Madrid)

In 2011, the world was witness to mass citizen mobilisation. From Tahrir square to the Puerta del Sol, from the streets of Tunis to the avenues of New Delhi, calls for more social and economic justice, political participation and openness have resounded. These aspirations for greater social cohesion with fair chances for everybody in the society are rooted in the profound global economic transformations that have been taking place over the last two decades.

Main topics:

- How can governments best respond to these new expectations?
- What policy reforms can contribute to strengthening social cohesion?
- What are the conditions and bottlenecks for policy implementation?
- How can we learn from past experiences and existing practices?



Southeast Asian Economic Outlook 2011

29th November 2011 – Jakarta, Indonesia

This report provides an annual update on medium-term economic trends, short-term macroeconomic challenges and a thematic focus which is on green growth. It also contains individual country notes assessing the structural policy reforms, for instance, human capital development, infrastructure, SMEs development and taxation, identified in the medium-term plans by Southeast Asian countries. The Outlook analyses the potential benefits of transitioning to low-carbon green economies as well as issues of emissions trading, carbon footprint and taxation, based on experiences in both OECD member and selected Asian countries.

Main topics:

- Current macroeconomic trends and risks the region is facing
- Medium term challenges to steer economies towards a more “balanced, inclusive and sustainable” growth path.
- Green growth priorities and green policies of ASEAN countries



This Quarter in Asia

12th December 2011

This quarterly publication monitors macroeconomic trends based on the Asian Business Cycle Indicators (ABCIs). The purpose is to produce comparable information on the short-term economic situation in different countries ; provide early warning of potential macroeconomic risks and act as a tool to trace business cycle synchronization in Asia.

Main topics:

- Near- term economic perspectives in the region
- Measures have been taken and need to be further taken to cope with global uncertainties

Recent events of the OECD Development Centre

11th International Economic Forum on Africa

20 September 2011 – Paris, France

This year, the Forum celebrated its 11th anniversary with hundreds of journalists, business people, development co-operation professionals, researchers, civil society representatives and students coming together to hear and engage with a panel of experts discussing the findings of the African Economic Outlook.

Main topics:

- G20: What's in it for Africa?
- Taking stock of Africa's emerging partners: Opportunities and Challenges.
- Policy reforms in Africa: How can Africa harness new opportunities into development?

Workshop on "Knowledge Sharing for Development: Taking Stock of Best Practices"

11-12 July 2011 - Paris, France (jointly organised with the Korean Development Institute)

Knowledge sharing is one of the nine pillars of the G-20 Seoul Multi Year Action Plan on Development. This workshop was an opportunity to discuss the following topics:

- Knowledge sharing methodologies: what works?
- Knowledge sharing for food security, infrastructure development and growth with resilience.
- Knowledge sharing for reform.

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DevCom Annual Meeting

24-25 October 2011 - Brussels, Belgium (jointly organised with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belgium)

The Informal Network of DAC Development Communicators (DevCom) is an international forum where donors discuss issues and coordinate their strategies to inform and influence public opinion to enhance awareness and public support for development cooperation.

Main topics:

- Development Communication: Between Accountability and Public Relations.
- Results reporting and beyond: How to deal with complexity and great expectations?
- Development and media: pitfalls and successes.



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