China attracts the lion’s share of global FDI flows in 2012
China remained the top destination for global foreign direct investment flows for a third quarter in a row, ahead of the USA, Brazil, the UK and France respectively, according to preliminary estimates in the January issue of FDI in Figures. Download the data used to prepare this report in Excel format.

Building financial capability in Africa and the Middle East
This OECD-World Bank seminar in Kenya focused on issues relating to financial literacy in Africa and the Middle East. Discussions addressed national strategies for financial education, measuring financial literacy, evaluating the impact of programmes and financial education in schools and for youth.

More investment needed for food security and agricultural development
Private investment in the food and agriculture sectors can enhance productivity, drive job creation and income growth, increase food supply and enhance food security, according to participants in a high-level panel at the 2013 Global Forum for Food and Agriculture in Berlin.

Due diligence in mineral supply chains in Africa’s Great Lakes region
Over 80 companies and industry associations involved in sourcing minerals from Africa’s Great Lakes region have been piloting upstream and downstream use of the Due Diligence Guidance. The final reports on downstream pilot implementation and upstream pilot implementation have now been published.

22nd Global Forum on Public Debt Management
Discussions at this event centred on the stability of foreign inflows and funding strategies and whether linkers are cost effective. A joint OECD-BIS session focused on the extent to which the maturity decisions of debt managers in emerging market economies are influenced by explicit macroeconomic or financial market objectives.

Balancing the commercial and non-commercial priorities of SOEs
This paper examines the rationale for public ownership of enterprises in Hungary, Israel, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Norway. It covers government ownership priorities, the specific obligations communicated to some SOEs, political decision processes and disclosure and accountability arrangements.

Disclosure of beneficial ownership and control in companies
Investor confidence in financial markets largely depends on an accurate disclosure regime that provides transparency in the beneficial ownership and control structures of publicly listed companies. Two new reports assess how this is handled in Europe, Asia and the United States and Indonesia.

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