OECD PISA financial literacy assessment of students

H.M. Queen Máxima of the Netherlands and OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría presided over the launch of the results of the first international assessment of 15-year-old students’ financial literacy competencies across 18 economies. This was followed by a roundtable on policy approaches to improve young people’s financial literacy.

Addressing policy impediments to private investment in African infrastructure

OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría, AfDB President Donald Kaberuka and Professor Paul Collier were amongst distinguished participants taking part in this seminar which investigated how changes made in policy areas at national, regional and international levels can help generate more and better private investment in Africa’s infrastructure.

Bridging infrastructure gaps through smart investment in Latin America

As investment in infrastructure gains importance in the overall development strategy for Latin America, the Peruvian Prime Minister, H.E. René Cornejo, presided over a conference in Lima on 7-8 July focused on maximising the benefits of investment in infrastructure, facilitating investment and the potential role of long-term investors.

The Policy Framework for Investment in Agriculture

Private investment is essential if agriculture is to fulfil its vital function of contributing to economic development, poverty reduction, and food security. Already put to use in Burkina Faso, Indonesia, Myanmar, and Tanzania, this sector-specific policy framework helps governments to assess and improve their agricultural investment climate.

Strengthening market competition in Chile

Merger control constitutes an essential component of an effective competition system. Speaking at an event in Santiago to launch the OECD’s assessment of merger control in Chile, Luis Felipe Céspedes, Chile’s Minister of Economy, underlined that strengthening market competition is key for growth and innovation in Chilean markets.

2014 Latin America Competition Forum

Competition experts will meet at the 2014 Latin America Competition Forum in Montevideo, Uruguay, on 16-17 September to discuss electricity markets in Latin America and the Caribbean, competition law and policy in Costa Rica, and strategies for mainstreaming competition policy into overall economic policy and government actions.

Corporate governance, capital markets and SOEs in Southeast Asia

This meeting in Yangon on 3-4 July focused on identifying key challenges to capital market development and establishing an effective corporate governance framework in Southeast Asia. Discussions also addressed experiences, best practices and reform priorities for SOE governance reforms, as well as a consultation on the current update of OECD guidance.