The financial markets outlook
The global economy is caught between two major headwinds with the reversal of the investment-heavy commodity supercycle and sluggish recovery in advanced economies caused by the aftermath of the financial crisis and with low and negative interest rates. This report analyses these issues and presents a financial outlook.

Corporate finance and productivity
One of the puzzles of the post-crisis period is low observed aggregate productivity growth. This report dissects the problem using the company and sector value-added data of more than 11,000 of the world’s largest listed non-financial and non-real estate companies, taken from 20 different industry sectors.

Fiscal incentives for R&D and innovation in a diverse world
Public policy has an important role to play in promoting research and development (R&D) and the development, diffusion, and use of new knowledge and innovations. This report focuses on how fiscal incentives, including tax policies, should be directed at specific barriers, impediments or synergies to facilitate the desired level of investment in R&D and innovations.

Changing business models of stock exchanges and stock market fragmentation
This report reviews structural changes in the stock exchange industry. It provides data on mergers and acquisitions as well as the changes in the aggregate revenue structure of major stock exchanges.

Fragmentation in clean energy investment and financing
Scaling-up investment in renewable electricity is critical for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the power sector. Despite increasing cost-competitiveness, overall investment in renewables projects remains constrained by obstacles. This case study examines why investment is not flowing faster towards renewable energy projects.

Fragmentation of retirement markets due to differences in life expectancy
This report examines differences in life expectancy around retirement age across different socio-economic groups based on measures of education, income and occupation. Those in higher socio-economic groups live longer than those in lower socio-economic groups and these differences may be increasing over time.

Is foreign bribery an attractive investment in some countries?
One of the most basic legal principles is that crime should not pay. Yet, this simulation study shows that foreign bribery can be an attractive investment for companies in many jurisdictions. It shows, in particular, that a company would still be willing to “invest” in a foreign bribery scheme even if it knew in advance that it would be caught and fined.

The impact of investment treaties on companies, shareholders and creditors
Investment treaties are intended to offer foreign investors protection for their investments from host government conduct in violation of the treaty. This report examines how many investment treaties, as interpreted, have generated rules that can disrupt fundamental principles of corporate governance and corporate finance.

The OECD business and finance scoreboard
The Scoreboard provides a commented overview of selected indicators and data related to corporate performance, banking, capital markets, pensions and investments. It contains indicators that will help policy makers to monitor changes in business behaviour that influence firm level performance and productivity.