Inaugural Global Forum on Responsible Business Conduct
The Bangladesh Minister of Foreign Affairs, Her Excellency Dr. Dipu Moni, will attend the Global Forum on 26-27 June to discuss immediate responses to the Rana Plaza tragedy and the wider implications for the textiles sector relating to working conditions, labour rights and responsible supply chain management.

Why are low lending rates not helping long-term investment?
This paper by Adrian Blundell-Wignall looks at long-term investment, the cost of capital, the dividend and buyback puzzle. He argues that returning interest rates to normal levels and reducing distorted incentives for buybacks and low investment would be the best way to improve long-term investment.

2013 OECD-Asian Roundtable on Corporate Governance
Corporate governance developments in Malaysia, controlling owners, equity markets and long-term growth, institutional shareholders, board nomination and election, and public supervision and enforcement are the main topics on the agenda at the roundtable meeting in Kuala Lumpur on 5-6 June.

Structural reforms and supervision of the banking sector in France
This paper by Édouard Fernandez-Bollo describes proposed banking sector reforms as France seeks to reduce vulnerabilities in the financial sector by introducing laws that will give the banking sector a strong resolution framework and supervisory authorities new macro-prudential powers.

China investment policy update
China is the largest recipient of FDI in the developing world and is rapidly becoming an important source of outward FDI. This paper by China expert Ken Davies examines China’s investment policy over the last 5 years and makes recommendations for continued reform efforts by the Chinese government.

Empowering consumers of financial products and services
This World Bank-OECD conference taking place in Moscow on 15-16 June under the auspices of Russia’s G20 Presidency will explore strategies for developing financial literacy and capability and building effective consumer protection systems.

Designing sound investment policies for Southeast Asia
Government officials from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Viet Nam will attend a 3-day ASEAN-OECD training seminar in Da Nang on 12-14 June on designing, developing and implementing sound investment policies based on the OECD Policy Framework for Investment (PFI) which is used in more than 25 developing countries.