Costa Rica signs OECD agreement to boost investment
Costa Rica has become the 45th country to adhere to an OECD international investment instrument designed to help the country attract more and better foreign investment and promote responsible business conduct. Costa Rica’s Minister of Foreign Trade Anabel González and OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría presided over the signing ceremony.

Costa Rica continues investment climate improvements
FDI inflows to Costa Rica have increased at an average of 13% per year over the past decade. This review examines Costa Rica’s achievements in developing an open and transparent investment regime and its efforts to reduce restrictions on international investment, making a series of recommendations to address key challenges remaining.

Increasing financial resilience against disasters in the Asia Pacific region
As APEC economies seek to improve financial resilience against disasters, this report surveys disaster risk financing practices within the Asia Pacific region. It constitutes an important first step towards promoting effective and widespread implementation of the G20/OECD Methodological Framework in the APEC region and beyond.

Addressing gender differences in financial literacy
Endorsed by G20 Leaders at their recent summit, new policy guidance aims to help governments address gender differences in financial literacy and to financially empower women and girls. The guidance is based on and complemented by an in-depth publication titled Women and Financial Education - Evidence, Policy Responses and Guidance.

Advancing national strategies for financial education
In a growing number of countries, the long-term implications of low levels of financial literacy among the majority of the population are prompting governments to take action. This joint G20-OECD report monitors progress by the governments of the world’s major economies in implementing national strategies for improving financial education.

Leaders endorse G20-OECD principles on long-term investment financing
G20 Leaders and APEC Finance Ministers have welcomed new G20-OECD principles that form part of a global initiative to encourage the flow of institutional investment towards longer-term assets, such as infrastructure and renewable energy projects, in order to strengthen the global economy and deliver more sustainable growth.

Equity markets, corporate governance and value creation
As equity markets change in terms of structure, participants, investment strategies and trading practices, so do the conditions for exercising corporate governance. Building into an extensive project, this article looks at how rules and regulations impact the conditions for companies to grow and create value by accessing public equity markets.