ABOUT THE OECD GLOBAL FORUM ON DEVELOPMENT

The OECD Global Forum on Development was launched in 2006 to promote dialogue between the OECD and non-member governments, as well as private sector and civil society actors. During its first cycle of events (2006-2008), participants identified ways to render the international development finance system more effective. During its second cycle (2009-2010), discussions focused on domestic resource mobilization and led to the creation of a new Informal Task Force on Tax and Development.

The Forum’s discussions are supported by the Development Finance Network (DeFiNe), a group of almost 40 think tanks from around the world. Events are co-ordinated by the OECD Development Centre and Development Co-operation Directorate, and are often hosted jointly with partners, both within and outside the OECD.

AIMS AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The 2012 Global Forum will have two main aims:

- First, discussions will help **shape the new OECD Strategy on Development**. The Strategy, which was **called for by OECD Ministers** in May 2011, is currently being drafted and will be submitted to Ministers for approval in 2012. The Global Forum will provide participants with a unique opportunity to share their views on the priorities of the OECD’s future work on development and thus contribute to the elaboration of the Strategy. In particular, they will be invited to comment on work being proposed in the areas of governance and domestic resource mobilization.

- Second, participants will **identify priorities and best practices in making public expenditure more effective and efficient for development**. Enhancing the effectiveness of public expenditure is paramount. Pressures on public spending in developing countries are likely to intensify, in part as a consequence of supporting growth processes and ageing populations. While fiscal space has increased in several developing countries, the scope and popular support for raising taxation or debt may be limited, especially if expenditures are not boosting growth and if the quality of public services is not improved. Global Forum participants will address governance practices and procedures, discuss the overall capacity of public sectors in the realm of public spending, and review the structures and tools used to ensure that public expenditure is effective, notably in the area of infrastructure.

SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS

As always, the OECD Global Forum on Development will bring together high-level experts from a wide range of stakeholder groups, including OECD and non-member governments, think tanks, civil society organizations and the private sector. In light of the 2012 Forum’s main theme, speakers will also include senior budget officials from OECD and emerging economies.

The Forum will be held back-to-back with a celebration of the OECD Development Centre’s 50\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary (1 March 2012), which will gather a range of ministers from OECD and non-member economies. Several of the participants are expected to contribute actively to the Forum’s debates.

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**DAY 1 – 28 FEBRUARY 2012**

**8:00 – 9:15**  
Registration and coffee

**9:15 – 11:00**  
**SESSION 1: SHAPING THE FUTURE OECD STRATEGY ON DEVELOPMENT**

The OECD is preparing a new Strategy on Development with the goal to enhance its contribution to sustainable economic development worldwide, by leveraging on and sharing its knowledge base and policy networks and ensuring that the policies pursued by its Members are coherent with the goal of promoting development. The Strategy focuses in particular on four areas:

1. innovative and sustainable sources of growth;
2. mobilising resources for development;
3. governance for development; and
4. measuring progress for development.

Participants are invited to discuss the main elements of the Strategy, to be submitted to OECD Ministers in May.

**Co-Chairs:**
- Jon Lomøy, Director, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate
- Mario Pezzini, Director, OECD Development Centre

**Introductory remarks:** Rintaro Tamaki, OECD Deputy Secretary-General

**Speakers:**
- Ian Goldin, Director of Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford
- Nora Lustig, Professor, Tulane University and Non-resident fellow, Center for Global Development
- Marcio Pochmann, President, Instituto de Pesquisas Econômicas Aplicadas

Open discussion

**11:00 – 11:30**  
Coffee break

**11:30 – 13:00**  
**SESSION 2: DOMESTIC RESOURCE MOBILISATION: FROM TAXES TO SPENDING**

This session will take stock of the main conclusions from the 2010 edition of the Global Forum, illustrate progress made in the area of tax and development and discuss the links between the two sides of domestic resource mobilisation: taxation and expenditures.

In particular, participants will discuss the following issues:

- How can government effectively link resource mobilisation to service delivery?
- How can the international community support developing countries?

**Chair:** Pascal Saint-Amans, Director, OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration

**Speakers:**
- Odd-Helge Fjeldstad, Senior Researcher, Chr. Michelsen Institute
- Vito Tanzi, Former Director, IMF Fiscal Affairs Department
- Attiya Waris, Assistant Lecturer, University of Nairobi and Vice-Chair, Tax Justice Network
- Ben Kagarama, Commissioner General, Rwanda Revenue Authority

Open discussion

**13:00 – 14:30**  
Buffet Lunch (George Marshall Room, Chateau, OECD)
14:30 – 16:00 SESSION 3: ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

This session will explore the impact of effective government expenditures both on public service delivery and citizen-government accountability. Some questions include:
- What are the framework conditions and good practices to enhance the effectiveness of government expenditures, including the political economy behind changing budget practices and making reform happen? How to measure government efficiency in public spending?
- What are the main challenges in improving budget systems and processes? What have we learned in trying to make oversight institutions like parliaments and audit work better in strengthening budget accountability? How other societal actors can be involved to enhance accountability?
- How can governments learn from each other? How can international partners support the strengthening of budget processes and practices?

Chair: Edward Hedger, Head of the Centre for Aid and Public Expenditure, Overseas Development Institute

Speakers:
- Florencio Abad, Secretary, Ministry of Budget and Management, Philippines
- Linda Van Gelder, Director, Public Sector Governance Group, World Bank
- Jørgen Kosmo, Chair, INTOSAI Development Initiative and Auditor General, Norway
- Neil Cole, Executive Secretary, Collaborative African Budget Reform Initiative

Open discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 SESSION 4: FISCAL STABILITY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

This session will discuss ways to promote long-term fiscal sustainability in the face of growing pressures on public expenditures. Some questions to be addressed include:
- What lessons can be learnt from the design and implementation of fiscal rules and from fiscal consolidation?
- What can be the contribution of fiscal councils for improved decision making and accountability?
- What additional challenges arise when sub-national levels of government are brought into the picture?

Chair: Mario Marcel, Deputy Director, OECD Public Governance Directorate

Open discussion

Speakers:
- Thanapat Reungsri, Budget Analyst, Office of the Prime Minister, Thailand
- Ivar Sikk, Deputy Secretary-General, Ministry of Finance, Estonia
- Sebastian Barnes, Senior Economist, OECD Economics Department and Member of Irish Fiscal Advisory Council
- Vicente Fretes-Cibils, Chief of the Fiscal and Municipal Management Division, Inter-American Development Bank

Open discussion

18:00 End of Day 1
DAY 2 – 29 FEBRUARY 2012

8:00 – 9:00  Registration and coffee

09:00 – 10:00  OPENING OF SECOND DAY

Welcome:
- Brian Atwood, Chair, OECD Development Assistance Committee
- Pawel Wojciechowski, Chair of the Governing Board, OECD Development Centre

Keynote speech: Lant Pritchett, Professor, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

10:00 – 11:15  SESSION 5: EFFECTIVE PUBLIC SPENDING: THE CASE OF INFRASTRUCTURE

This session will focus on enhancing the effectiveness of public expenditures in infrastructure, an area where significant gaps continue to act as a major constraint on economic and social development. Some of the questions to be addressed include:

- How to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency and transparency of public spending in infrastructure?
- What is a good policy enabling environment for the infrastructure investment cycle, from planning to delivery, including private sector involvement?
- How to create sustainable fiscal space for infrastructure, ensuring that investment and maintenance costs are financed in a fiscally sustainable manner?
- How to ensure coordination between the different steps of infrastructure projects and between different levels of government?
- How can international co-operation support strengthening of national capacities?

Chair: Deb Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh / Former Ambassador of Bangladesh to WTO and UN Office in Geneva

Speakers:
- Armida Alisjahbana, State Minister for National Development Planning, Indonesia
- João Carlos Ferraz, Deputy President, Brazilian National Development Bank
- David Morrison, Executive Secretary, UN Capital Development Fund
- Mthuli Ncube, Chief Economist and Vice President, African Development Bank
- WooChong Um, Deputy Director General, Regional and Sustainable Development Department, Asian Development Bank

Open discussion

11:15 – 11:45  Coffee break

11:45 – 13:00  ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: CONCLUSIONS AND WAY FORWARD

Co-Chairs:
- Jon Lomøy, Director, OECD Development Co-Operation Directorate
- Mario Pezzini, Director, OECD Development Centre

This first group of panellists will identify priorities and best practices in making public expenditure more effective and efficient for development.

Speakers:
- Ahmed Lahlimi Alami, High Commissioner for Planning, Morocco
- Gyan Chandra Acharya, Ambassador of Nepal to the UN, Chair of the Global Coordination Bureau of the LDC
- Marco De Ponte, Secretary General, ActionAid International Italy
The second group will focus on the new OECD Strategy on Development and share their views on the priorities of the OECD’s future work on development and thus contribute to the elaboration of the Strategy.

Speakers:
- **Andris Piebalgs**, Commissioner for Development, European Union
- **Alicia Bárcena**, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

| 13:00 | End of the Public Sessions of the Global Forum on Development |