

OECD Development Finance Network (DeFiNe)

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Dear DeFiNe Members,

This is the first issue of the new DeFiNe newsletter, which will be circulated quarterly in order to provide an update on the ongoing initiatives, activities, events and projects within DeFiNe and the OECD Development Centre (DEV).

Your comments and suggestions on how to improve it are most welcome.

Annual Assembly, Paris, 11-12 October 2010

A full day event in preparation of the next Global Forum on Development (Domestic Resource Mobilisation – Expenditures) will be followed by a half-day DeFiNe management meeting to discuss the Network's strategy: expansion and the next programme of work 2011-12, as well as to update its executive structure.

[Here you may access a brief outline of the event and its logistics.](#) Individual invitations, as well as further content and logistical details will be sent in 1st week of August. All member institutions will be invited to participate in the meeting, and are expected to be represented at high level either by executive director, chief economist or equivalent. **Please book these dates in your agenda!** As DeFiNe Secretariat, we count on your presence to help shape the future of DeFiNe in the coming biennium.

Membership

At the beginning of the year, the Network's 12 founding members officially endorsed a proposal of expansion in DeFiNe's membership and activities. As a result, on 1st July 2010, DeFiNe acquired 9 new members:

- CERSS, Centre d'études et de recherches en sciences sociales (Morocco)
- EEA/EEPRI, Ethiopian Economic Association/Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (Ethiopia)
- IPS, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)
- IWEP, Institute of World Economics and Politics (Vietnam)
- MI, Mekong Institute (Greater Mekong Subregion)
- MIER, Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (Malaysia)
- SAIIA, South African Institute of International Affairs (South Africa)
- TDRI, Thailand Development Research Institute (Thailand)
- TESEV, Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (Turkey).

Warm welcome and many thanks to both [our current and new members](#) in supporting this process! With 33 members, the Network is better regionally balanced, and hence more suited to share regional expertise and provide critical guidance to various streams of work at the OECD

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Development Centre. Specifically, DeFiNe has now 21 Southern members (7 in Latin America, 6 in Africa, 4 in South Asia, 5 in Southeast Asia) and 11 Northern (OECD) and International partners. By continuation of the current endorsement provided by the founding members, we expect to welcome a few additional partners as of 1st January 2011. Thereafter, DeFiNe operations will be determined according to the informal rules which we expect to lay down during the forthcoming DeFiNe Annual Assembly in October 2010.

Forthcoming DEV Initiatives in 2010

South-South Cooperation: Expert Meeting, [African Economic Outlook \(AEO\)](#) 2011, tentatively scheduled in Paris for October (date TBC)

Social Cohesion: International Conference, [Perspectives on Global Development \(PDG\)](#) 2011, to take place in Paris between October and December (date TBC)

Shifting Wealth: Dissemination Event, [Perspectives on Global Development \(PDG\)](#) 2010, joint with [IHIED](#), Geneva, 12 October

Transport Infrastructure and Regional Integration: Dissemination Event, [Southeast Asian Economic Outlook \(SAEO\)](#) 2010, joint with [IHIED](#), Geneva (date TBC)

Forthcoming DeFiNe Initiatives in 2010

Brazilian and Chinese Businesses in Africa - Partnership, Competition and Development: [CEBRI](#) Seminar, Sao Paulo, 12 August, to be attended by DEV's Africa and Partnerships/Networks Units

In the Run-up to 4th UN Conference on LDCs: [CPD](#) and DEV Conference, Dhaka, 24-26 November

Past Initiatives

Social Cohesion: Expert Meeting, [Perspectives on Global Development \(PDG\)](#), Eschborn, 31 May-1 June: We thank [CPD](#), [NCAER](#) and [ODI](#) for representing DeFiNe in this initiative.

Road to Recovery: [OECD Forum](#), Paris, 26-27 May: We thank [EPRC](#), [IBON](#) and [SAIIA](#) for representing DeFiNe in this event.

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