



OECD Development Finance Network (DeFiNe)

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Dear DeFiNe Members,

This is the fourth edition of the quarterly DeFiNe newsletter, which aims at providing an update on the ongoing activities and events of DeFiNe and the OECD Development Centre.

DeFiNe Members are all invited to the forthcoming initiatives.

Please contact us to register to any of them.

Yours sincerely,

The DeFiNe Secretariat

Special Focus:

“Exploring a New Global Partnership for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in the Context of the Fourth United Nations Conference on LDCs”

10-11 May 2011, Istanbul (Turkey)

In conjunction with the Fourth UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries ([UN LDC IV](#)), this Symposium brought together policy makers, academics and experts from international organisations, civil society and the private sector to identify innovative strategies for tackling the implementation challenges of the UNLDC IV outcome towards structural transformation in LDCs.

Organisers:

- Centre for Policy Dialogue ([CPD](#)), Bangladesh;
- [Commonwealth Secretariat](#);
- International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development ([ICTSD](#));
- OECD Development Centre;
- Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation ([TESEV](#)).

Website: www.istanbulsymposium.org

> [Background reading](#)

> [Biographies of speakers](#)

> [UN Fourth Conference on the Least Developed Countries](#)

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Announcements

New DeFiNe members

We are happy to welcome new members who joined the network recently:

- Economic and Social Research Consortium ([CIES](#)), *Peru*
- Foundation for International Development Study and Research ([FERDI](#)), *France*
- Fundação Getulio Vargas ([FGV](#)), *Brazil*
- Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations ([ICRIER](#)), *India*
- National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences ([NRCS](#)), *Korea*

Secretariat

The Development Centre is pleased to announce that Mr. Federico Bonaglia has been appointed Head of the Policy Dialogue Division. The Policy Dialogue Division is responsible for coordinating the Centre's policy dialogue and support activities, including the DeFiNe network.

Mr. Bonaglia, an Italian national, studied economics at Bocconi University in Milano and Erasmus University in Rotterdam. He joined the OECD Development Centre in 2001. He was involved in research focussing on Africa, South-East Asia, Central America, and on the Black Sea and Central Asia regions. In 2008, he was seconded to Italy's Prime Minister's office, where he worked for two years as Senior Advisor in the G8/G20 Sherpa Office. After his return to the OECD, he worked as Senior Policy Analyst at the Development Co-operation Directorate, where he co-ordinated the OECD contributions to the development work streams of the G8 and G20 processes. In his new capacity, Mr. Bonaglia will continue to support the G20/G8 team in coordinating the OECD's contribution to the G8 and G20 development processes.

Mr. Avanthay has been appointed Senior Advisor to the Director's office.

Forthcoming Initiatives

Beyond Istanbul: Challenges after the UNLDC IV and Trade Preferences for LDCs

28 June 2011, Geneva, Switzerland

Organised by Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh, the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) and the OECD Development Centre

The dialogue is open to the public and will bring together policy makers, trade negotiators, international organizations, and experts from the academia working in the area of trade and development.

The morning sessions will assess the measures adopted with the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) and identify possible monitoring mechanisms and follow up actions. What does the IPoA really mean for LDCs? Where is further work needed and what can be done about possible weaknesses? Panellists will address these questions to improve the influence of the IPoA for LDCs.

In the afternoon, speakers will discuss the new EU reform of the generalized system of preferences (GSP), which was presented in Istanbul to the LDC community. This reform aims at helping developing and least developed countries to export their products easier to the European Union. The session will assess the proposal and provide a floor for the discussants to give their perspectives on it.

> More information and agenda: [click here](#).

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OECD - KDI Seminar on Knowledge Sharing

11-12 July, Paris

Organised by the KDI Center for International Development and the OECD Development Centre

Knowledge sharing is one of the nine pillars of the G-20 Seoul Development Consensus for Shared Growth. The G-20 Multi Year Action Plan on Development advocates mainstreaming knowledge sharing initiatives in the other development pillars. Indeed, 50 years of practice in policy committees and peer reviews at the OECD shows that learning from the experience of others leads to effective policy making, saving time and costly experiments. Drawing from its own experience, Korea has been active in sharing knowledge for development and promoting knowledge sharing platforms and networks on a global scale.

Objective

This workshop will be an opportunity to take stock of best practices in knowledge sharing mechanisms on growth and sustainable development policies among policy-makers and practitioners in governments and international institutions. The workshop will discuss the methodologies most appropriate to ensure that knowledge sharing mechanisms respond to the needs of developing countries and effectively translate into improved capacities for policy design and implementation in specific sectors and development contexts. The objective of the workshop is to enhance the effectiveness of the current practices in knowledge sharing, compare the modalities of different institutions, and foster co-operation between national and international organisations to scale up knowledge sharing initiatives.

Expected Outcome

The results from the workshop aim to contribute to the substantive discussions of the G-20 on development and knowledge sharing and to the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF-4) in Busan on 29 November – 1 December 2011.

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OECD Global Forum on Development

> *Fall 2011 (Exact date to be confirmed), Paris*

The next OECD Global Forum on Development (GFD) will take place in fall 2011 and focus on “Governance, domestic resource mobilisation and public and private investment for growth”. The Annual Meeting of DeFiNe will take place back to back with the Forum.

Recent Initiatives

Joint- bulletin from the OECD Development Centre and Centre for Latinamerican Political Studies (CELAEP): [Public expenditures on education in Latin America](#) (2 pages, March 2011, in Spanish)

Preparatory meeting: [Road to the Fourth United Nation Conference on the Least Developed Countries](#)

> *17 March 2011, Geneva, Switzerland*

Preparatory meeting: [UN-DESA Development Policy Seminar](#)

> *22 March 2011, New York, United States*

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[Fiscal Policy Seminar](#)

> 9-10 June Mexico City, Mexico

The OECD Development Centre, the Ibero-American Secretariat (SEGIB), the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Government of Mexico co-organised a policy dialogue event to discuss fiscal policy in Latin America and the Caribbean with government officials, other multilaterals and experts. The event will provide input to the content of the Ibero-American Summit, to take place in Paraguay in late October, 2011, and themes discussed include the region's macro-economic panorama, the state of public finances and the prospects of a complete fiscal pact between citizens and the State.

[Africa should embrace new economic giants and boost social inclusion, says African Economic Outlook 2011](#)

> 06-Jun-2011, Lisbon, Portugal

African countries should develop closer cross-border ties in dealing with traditional and emerging partners so they can boost sustainable and inclusive growth, according to the African Economic Outlook 2011. Africa's economies have weathered the global crisis relatively well and have rebounded in 2010. Recent political events in North Africa and high food and fuel prices are likely to slow the continent's growth down to 3.7 percent in 2011. During this year, sub-Saharan Africa will grow faster than North Africa. The new report predicts a rebound to 5.8 percent in 2012.

[InnovaLatino.org launched to report on innovation in Latin America](#)

> 04 May 2011, Madrid, Spain

[InnovaLatino.org](#) is the result of a joint study between INSEAD and the OECD Development Centre with the support of Fundación Telefónica. The report is based on a survey of 1500 manufacturers highlighting innovative business models and marketing methods in Latin America.

[Africa: Conference on mobilising investment in infrastructure and agriculture](#)

> 26- 27 April 2011, Dakar, Senegal

African Ministers called on the G20 to accelerate development of infrastructure and boost agricultural investment for food security during the NEPAD-OECD Africa Investment Initiative ministerial conference in Dakar, Senegal.

[Social cohesion in Africa: Experts' meeting](#)

> 13 April 2011, Rabat, Morocco

Social cohesion will be the topic of the next edition of the Perspectives on Global Development report which every year, identifies analyses and provides workable policy solutions for a pressing global development challenge. Having focused on major macroeconomic changes occurring in the world economy – what we call “Shifting Wealth” - in 2010, the PGD report now turns to the challenge of how we can build more cohesive societies in the new global context.

[Asia faces inflationary and financial pressures according to Asian Business Cycles Indicators \(ABCIs\)](#)

> 10 March 2011

Overall, ASEAN economies are likely to maintain the growth momentum in the first quarter of 2011 according to the latest Asian Business Cycle Indicators (ABCIs). In particular, relatively positive developments in Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand are associated not only with strong export demand but also sound domestic demand and improved business sentiment. The recovery of China's economy is driven by robust investment. Activity is showing some signs of slowing in India.

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