



Researchers Alliance for Development

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NEWS

Stolen Assets Recovery Initiative

The World Bank has joined with the United Nations in a broad new effort to help developing nations recover billions of dollars of looted funds. The new initiative estimates between US\$1 trillion and US\$1.6 trillion is lost each year to various illegal activities including corruption, criminal activity such as drugs, counterfeit goods, money, and illegal arms trade, and tax evasion.

EVENTS

World Bank-IMF Annual Meetings



The Boards of Governors of the International Monetary Fund (Fund) and World Bank Group (Bank) normally meet once a year in the autumn for a two-day plenary session to discuss the work of their respective institutions. The Annual Meetings are preceded by the ministerial-level meetings of the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC), the IMF's policy-guiding body, and the Development Committee, a joint IMF-World Bank forum.

See the updated agenda of the [Annual Meetings](#) and [Program of Seminars](#).

Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE), Cape Town, June 8-10, 2008



Call for session proposals

Proposals are solicited from universities, research institutes, think tanks, IFIs, civil society organizations, private sector etc. willing to organize a specific session at the ABCDE on one of the three themes:

- Globalization, Investment and Growth
- Human Development for Equitable Growth
- Political Economy of Shared Growth

Deadline for submissions: October 22, 2007

[See guidelines for session organizers.](#) [More information about the conference](#)

World Bank – Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Lecture Series “From Research to Policy”, in partnership with the RAD

Inaugural Lecture: November 7, 2007

Keynote Speaker: David Dollar, Country Director for China and Mongolia; former Director, Development Research Group, The World Bank

Does research evidence find reflection in policy decisions? Does politics affect research agendas and methods? Do academics and politicians listen to each other? How does policy making influence research priorities and methods?

Participating sites (by videoconference): Le Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore; London School of Economics, Sciences Po, Paris; Beijing University, Tsinghua University, Beijing; Hertie School of Governance, Berlin (TBC).

Video of the lecture will be available on the [RAD website](#) on the day of the session. [Read concept note.](#)

EADI General Conference, 24-28 June, Geneva, call for papers



The European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) will hold its 12th General Conference in Geneva, on 24-28 June, 2008, on “The Need for Policy Coherence and New Partnerships”.

Researchers on development issues are invited to present papers related to the [themes of the working groups](#). www.eadi.org

Launch of the Fall 2007 Global Issues Seminar Series

September 12 - November 14, 2007



This fall, students will be connecting by videoconference from universities in Europe, South America, the Middle East and Africa (including RAD members). Students from universities located in the Washington, DC area might participate in the live sessions by coming to the World Bank Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

[View schedule and access learning material](#) (presentations, videos, reading).

PUBLICATIONS

Launch of the IFC Doing Business Report 2008



As countries reform their business regulation, more businesses are starting up. Eastern Europe has witnessed a boom in new business entry that rivals the rapid growth in East Asia in the past. Large emerging markets such as India, China, Egypt, Turkey, and Indonesia, are reforming fast and investors are taking notice. This year Egypt is the top reforming country worldwide, while Singapore is #1 on the ease of doing business for the second consecutive year. [Download the overview](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

Development Results in Middle-Income Countries

An Evaluation of the World Bank's Support by the Independent Evaluation Group (IEG)
The World Bank's support in fostering growth and reducing poverty has contributed to the considerable economic success of MIC countries. But to produce greater development benefits, it has to become more agile and draw upon MICs' own capacity much more systematically, connecting such capabilities to help low-income countries and to tackle global challenges.

The Independent Evaluation Group (IEG) is an independent unit within the World Bank; it reports directly to the Bank's Board of Executive Directors. IEG assesses what works, and what does not; how a borrower plans to run and maintain a project; and the lasting contribution of the Bank to a country's overall development.

[More about the Independent Evaluation Group](#)

“Can South Asia end poverty in one generation?”

Blog of Shanta Devarajan, World Bank Chief Economist for South Asia Region gathers analysis, ideas and news on the reforms necessary to seize the opportunity created by growth, and end South Asian poverty in a generation.

[South Asia Regional Site](#)

[World Bank South Asia Strategy](#)

[South Asia Countries](#)

[South Asia Publications & Reports](#)

[South Asia Data and Statistics](#)

Global Union Research Network (GURN) working paper “The strategic Role of Trade Unions in achieving *Health for All*”

The Global Union Research Network (GURN) is a cooperating project of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC), the ILO's International Institute for Labor Studies (IILS) and the Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV) of the ILO.

The aim of the research network is to give union organizations better access to research carried out within trade unions and allied institutions. www.gurn.info

GRANTS AND COMPETITIONS

Development Marketplace of African Diaspora in Europe



The Development Marketplace for African Diaspora in Europe (D-MADE) is a new and exciting opportunity to access grants financing entrepreneurial projects that are designed by Africans, to support the development of Africa.

D-MADE, an initiative of the World Bank financially supported by the [Belgian Development Cooperation](#), the [Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) and the [French Development Agency](#), will award cash prizes and technical assistance to innovative entrepreneurial African Diaspora groups for projects implemented in Sub-Saharan Africa, through a competitive process.