

Risk management reconsidered:

How to get the incentives right for private sector engagement in developing countries?

Brussels, 22nd of April 2016

The European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) and the Center for Global Development (CGD) are delighted to invite you to a curated roundtable event to be held in Brussels at Rue Archimède 5 (6th floor) on Friday, 22nd of April 2016.

The event will bring together analysts, development finance practitioners, stakeholders from a spectrum of development finance institutions, and policymakers with a durable public and private finance experience for a series of brief, focused presentations and a constructive, curated discussion.

The Addis Ababa Action Agenda mentions ‘private sector’ as many times as it mentions ‘international cooperation.’ This exemplifies the growing consensus that delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires a stronger engagement of the private sector. However, investors are often reluctant to work in developing countries because of perceived risks. As a result, cost and risk-sharing public mechanisms have become an important means to leverage private finance for frontier markets.

These new priorities imply challenging new questions for policymakers, including:

- Are current approaches effective and sufficient?
- What has been the experience so far?
- What should be the role of development finance institutions (DFIs) to incentivise the private sector and mitigate risk?
- Are the risk-sharing and mitigation instruments in place adequate, do they need to be scaled up, or do we need to explore new contracts and incentive structures?

The event will:

- Highlight the risk-sharing instruments (including equity stakes, concessional debt financing, and guarantees) that DFIs use to ‘crowd in’ investment and mitigate risk for the private sector
- Challenge institutions to investigate new and different ways to use public development capital to work with the private sector

We hope that you will be able to join us. **Please RSVP through this [registration form](#) no later than 1st of April 2016.** If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs. Pamela O'Hanlon at poh@ecdpm.org.

Warm regards,

Dr San Bilal

Head of the Economic Transformation and Trade Programme, ECDPM

Owen Barder

Vice-President, Director for Europe, and Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development

Agenda

13:30 Welcome and introductory remarks – Dr San Bilal, ECDPM

13:40 **1st session: Risk-sharing for development: What instruments and approaches in Europe?**

Panel: Paola Ravacchioli, European Investment Bank
Søren Andreasen, Commons Consultants
Tim Joris Kaiser, DG ECFIN, European Commission
Houtan Bassiri, International Finance Cooperation

14:45 Coffee break

15:00 **2nd session: New challenges and new perspectives on how to work with the private sector for development**

Panel: Owen Barder, Center for Global Development
Roberto Ridolfi, DG DEVCO C: Sust. Growth & Development, European Commission
Laure Wessemsius-Chibrac, Cordaid Investment

16:00 Conclusion: What lessons for the post-Addis consensus for financing for development?

16:15 End – Dr San Bilal, ECDPM

Event webpage: <http://ecdpm.org/events/risk-management-reconsidered/>

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