

Overview Course of Financial Sector Issues

Financial Sector Priorities and Policies in A Volatile World

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MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013	
8:15 am	Registration
9:00 am	Welcome and opening remarks
9:30 am	<p><u>Session 1: The role and importance of the financial sector</u> <i>Thorsten Beck, Tilburg University</i> A leading academic will discuss why and how the financial sector matters for growth and poverty alleviation.</p>
10:30 am	Break
11:00 am	<p><u>Session 2: Lessons from the recent financial crises</u> <i>Charles Calomiris, Columbia University</i> <i>Asli Demirguc-Kunt, World Bank</i> <i>Ceyla Pazarbasioglu, International Monetary Fund</i> A panel of experts will discuss the lessons from the recent US subprime and European crises for developing countries.</p>
1:00 pm	Lunch
2:30 pm	<p><u>Session 3: The future of financial sectors around the world</u> <i>Simon Johnson, MIT</i> An expert on financial sector issues will present his views on how financial sectors will develop following the recent financial crises.</p>
3:30 pm	Break
4:00 pm	<p><u>Session 4: Panel on how developing countries are dealing with financial crises, risk and volatility</u> <i>Augusto de la Torre, Latin America, World Bank</i> <i>Indermit Gil, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, World Bank</i> <i>Shanta Devarajan, Sub-Saharan Africa, World Bank</i> A panel of regional Chief Economists will discuss how developing countries are dealing with financial crises, risk and volatility coming from developed countries.</p>
6:00 pm	Adjournment

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013

8:30 am	<p><u>Session 5: Housing finance in developing countries</u> <i>Simon Walley, World Bank</i> The session will discuss the consequences of the recent crises on housing finance in developing countries and will examine policies and initiatives to foster the growth of this sector.</p>
9:30 am	Break
10:00 am	<p><u>Session 6: Bank risk management models</u> <i>Anthony Saunders, New York University</i> This session will provide an in-depth look at bank risk management models from a leading authority on risk management. Participants will learn about the types of models that were used before the recent crises, the types being used now, and those that are recommended for the future.</p>
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	<p><u>Session 7: Financial integration</u> <i>To be determined</i> This session will discuss recent and expected future trends in financial integration and the implications for developing countries.</p>
2:30 pm	Break
3:00 pm	<p><u>Session 8: Panel on financial regulation – Basel III and beyond</u> <i>Mario Guadamillas, World Bank</i> <i>Jim Barth, Milken Institute</i> <i>Barry Johnston, former IMF</i> A panel of experts will discuss the changes to bank regulation proposed by Basel III and the implications of these changes for developing countries. Also, experts will debate whether other changes in regulation and supervision are still required to prevent future crises.</p>
5:00 pm	Adjournment

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2013

8:30 am	<p><u>Session 9: Capital markets in developing countries</u> <i>Anderson Caputo Silva, World Bank/ IFC</i></p> <p>This session will discuss how capital markets have fared during the recent crises and what changes might come about as a result of them. Also, the session will discuss policies and initiatives that can promote capital market development in developing countries.</p>
10:00 am	Break
10:30 am	<p><u>Session 10: Implementing a framework to stress test banks</u> <i>To be determined, International Monetary Fund</i></p> <p>A framework for assessing financial system vulnerabilities exists, and this practical session will provide participants with an opportunity to learn how to use it, perform stress test exercises with it, and take it back to the office.</p>
12:30 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	<p><u>Session 11: Bank resolution frameworks</u> <i>Javier Bolzico, Consultant and Former Superintendent of Banks, Argentina</i> <i>Yira Mascaro, World Bank</i></p> <p>The recent crisis has confronted many countries with the need to deal with failing financial institutions. This session will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of different bank resolution methods.</p>
3:30 pm	Break
4:00 pm	<p><u>Session 12: Case study on bank resolution</u> <i>Javier Bolzico, Former Superintendent of Banks, Argentina</i> <i>Yira Mascaro, World Bank</i></p> <p>The good-bank/bad-bank approach is an effective bank resolution method because it can be very successful in meeting certain efficiency criteria, including the minimization of contagion costs, and preservation of business. Using a case study framework, this session will provide participants with the opportunity to see how the good-bank/bad-bank approach is applied in practice.</p>
5:30 pm	Adjournment

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013

8:30 am	<p><u>Session 13: Pension systems in developing countries</u> <i>Heinz Rudolph, World Bank</i></p> <p>In recent years, pensions systems throughout the world have shifted from pay- as-you-go to defined contributions systems, where returns depended on stock market performance. This session will engage participants in a discussion of how pension systems fared during the recent crises and how they might evolve in the future as a result of recent events.</p>
9:30 am	<p><u>Session 14: Macro-prudential regulation</u> <i>Tito Cordella, World Bank</i></p> <p>This session will discuss various forms of macro prudential regulations and their effectiveness.</p>
10:30 am	Break
11:00 am	<p><u>Session 15: Bank safety nets and dealing with systemically large institutions</u> <i>David Hoelscher, former IMF</i></p> <p>Bank failures are widely viewed in all countries as more damaging to the economy than the failure of other firms for a number of reasons. The risk of such actual or perceived damage is often a popular justification for explicit or implicit safety nets. Against the background of the latest crises, this session will invite participants into the debate about what is optimal in terms of safety nets for financial institutions</p>
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	<p><u>Session 16: Panel on practical approaches to promoting financial inclusion</u> <i>Doug Pearce, World Bank</i> <i>Peer Stein, IFC</i> <i>Tilman Ehrbeck, CGAP</i></p> <p>A panel of experts will discuss different policies and initiatives that can help foster financial inclusion. Special consideration will be given to microfinance and to other initiatives such as correspondent banking, the use of mobile phones, etc.</p>
3:30 pm	Break
4:00 pm	<p><u>Session 17: Financial literacy</u> <i>Miriam Bruhn, World Bank</i></p> <p>This session will discuss what is known about the efficacy of financial literacy and will present the results from an impact evaluation of a large financial literacy program in Brazil (involving 900 schools and 26,000 students) to teach financial education in high schools with the goal of providing individuals early in life with the necessary knowledge for making informed financial decisions.</p>
5:00 pm	Adjournment

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2013

8:30 am	<p><u>Session 18: Payment systems in developing countries</u> <i>To be determined, World Bank</i></p> <p>This session will describe recent developments in payments systems in developing countries. The session will also discuss policies and measures that promote efficient, safe, and stable payment systems.</p>
9:30 am	<p>Break</p>
10:00 am	<p><u>Session 19: Islamic finance in developing countries</u> <i>TBD</i></p> <p>The session will discuss the growth of Islamic finance in developing countries, examine the benefits and potential drawbacks of this form of financing, and analyze the regulations and practices governments should adopt vis-à-vis this sector.</p>
11:00 am	<p><u>Session 20: Preliminary Findings of the 2014 Global Development Finance Report</u> <i>Martin Cihak and Margaret Miller, World Bank</i></p> <p>This session will discuss the benefits and potential pitfalls from financial inclusion as well as the policies that can promote responsible financial inclusion.</p>
12:00pm	<p>Adjournment</p>