

2nd Global Infrastructure Forum; Washington DC 22nd April 2017

The European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Inter-American Development Bank Group (IDBG), on behalf of all the MDBs (AfDB ; ADB; AIIB; EBRD; IsDB ; NDB; WBG as well as EIB and IADB), will jointly organize the 2nd Global Infrastructure Forum (2017 GI-Forum) on Saturday 22nd April 2017 during the next IMF-WB Spring Meetings.¹ The event will take place in the IADB's Washington Headquarters.

According to paragraph 14 of Addis Ababa Action Agenda, MDBs are called upon to organize such a forum with the aim to improve “*alignment and coordination among established and new infrastructure initiatives, multilateral and national development banks, United Nations agencies, and national institutions, development partners and the private sector. It will encourage a greater range of voices to be heard, particularly from developing countries, to identify and address infrastructure and capacity gaps in particular in least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, and small island developing States and African countries. It will highlight opportunities for investment and cooperation, and work to ensure that investments are environmentally, socially and economically sustainable*”.²

Main Theme: Financing Sustainable infrastructure

The 2017 GI-Forum will focus on financing sustainable infrastructure, including its link to climate change. It will also provide opportunities for more extensive involvement of the National Development Banks and Institutions as active participants in the 2017 GI-Forum.

Under the overarching theme “Delivering Inclusive Sustainable Infrastructure”, it is also proposed to highlight sustainable infrastructure in support of cross border/regional integration. The Forum will focus on best practices in meeting the challenges and delivering solutions for infrastructure in different regions of the world that are sustainable economically, financially, socially, and environmentally.

The Forum will emphasize the need to foster early planning and project preparation capacities in countries to build pipelines of Projects that are sustainable, well prepared, and bankable. It will also focus on how to deliver and scale-up access to a range of financing sources for infrastructure including banking, institutional investors, budgetary resources and equity (both domestic and international, public and private).

¹ The first Forum was held during the 2016 Spring Meetings, organized by the World Bank Group, with thematic break-out sessions organized by each of the MDBs according to thematic preferences.

² UN Document A/CONF.227/L.1, p. 6 §14.

Format

The Forum will include

- Opening Ceremony:
 - ✓ Opening Remarks: Heads of UN; G-20 and IMF
 - ✓ Moderated Panel with MDBs Heads
- Keynote Speech during lunch
- Eight break-out sessions (format and content tbc)
- Conclusions and Next Steps: Panel of MDBs Infrastructure Heads

The Second Forum will build on the successful format already established for the First Forum in April 2016, while making appropriate changes to reflect the aspirations of the Organizers and Participants.

Communications and Consultations

Telecommunications will be used to widen the footprint and increase the dissemination and learning impact of the 2017 GI-Forum so as to facilitate direct as well as indirect access to the Proceedings of the Forum for specialized audiences round the world. The organizers will consult UNDESA and the relevant UN entities and Member States on the overall format of the program for the GI-Forum as well as on the priorities for discussion at the Forum.