

G-24 Technical Group Meeting 3-4 March, 2016

Museo Naval Del Caribe Calle San Juán de Dios No. 3-62 Centro Histórico, Plaza Santa Teresa Cartagena, Colombia

Agenda

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016		
19:00-21:30	Welcome Cocktail	
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016		
08:30-09:00	Opening Remarks by Minister M. Cárdenas, Minister of Finance, Colombia	
09:00-10:45	Session 1a: Financing Infrastructure through Domestic Resource Mobilization	
	Emerging and developing countries require a major increase in infrastructure investment in order to raise growth rates and achieve crucial development goals. They face major challenges in mobilizing domestic resources – through fiscal revenues and capital markets, which will be important sources of financing, especially against the backdrop of prolonged slower growth globally and in developing countries. This session will provide an overview of key issues, global experience, and processes underway to strengthen developing countries capacity to raise domestic resources to scale up infrastructure investments.	
	Moderator: Maria Angelica Arbelaez, Alternate Executive Director, IMF	
	Speakers:	
	Sanjeev Gupta, Deputy Director, IMF (on public revenue and investment management)	
	Ines Bustillo, Director, ECLAC (on local currency bond markets, capital market development)	
	Clemente del Valle, President, Financiera de Dessarollo Nacional (on role of local development bank- ing)	
	Gerardo Zuñiga, Senior Adviser, IMF, Mexico's Infrastructure Investment Program	
	Open Discussion	



10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:45	Session 1b: Financing Infrastructure and the Role of Public-Private-Partnerships
	The private sector will play an important role in closing the infrastructure gap in many developing countries. This session will cover the relevant challenges as well as the latest developments in Public-Private-Partnerships, focusing on learning from the experience of different countries.
	Moderator: Rosalia de León, Alternate Executive Director, World Bank
	Speakers:
	Laurence Carter, Senior Director, IFC/World Bank (on global PPP experience)
	Mar Beltran, Senior Director, G20 Global Infrastructure Hub (on role of procurement)
	Jorge Kogan, Senior Advisor, CAF (on role of regional/multilateral development banking)
	Kenneth Chua, Chief of Staff of Privatization Group, Department of Finance, The Philippines' PPP experience
	Mfundo Hlatshwayo, Director, National Treasury, South Africa, Renewable energy procurement program
	Open Discussion
12:45-13:30	Lunch
14:00-15:45	Session 2: Fiscal Policy and Income Inequality
	Recent studies document rising inequality in societies around the world, and the impediment to growth this would cause. In light of the active deliberations in multilateral institutions, civil society, and academia, as well as the importance of this issue to G-24 members, this session will provide an opportunity to pursue substantive discussions and an exchange of views on how to balance the role of fiscal policy in increasing efficiency, improving inclusion, and tackling inequality.
	Moderator: Oscar Hendrick, Alternate Executive Director, IMF
	Speakers:
	Sanjeev Gupta, Deputy Director, IMF (co-editor of the book "Fiscal Policy and Inequality.)
	Dr. Estuardo Morán, Associate Director, Commitment to Equity (CEQ) Institute, Latin American and Caribbean Region
	Jomo Sundaram, previous G-24 Research Coordinator
	Open Discussion
15:45-16:15	Coffee Break



16:15-18:00

Session 3: Financial Inclusion: Innovations and Challenges Ahead

Enhancing financial inclusion is a powerful policy tool to enable inclusive growth, poverty reduction, as well as the expansion of a country's domestic financial sector. This session will focus on sharing experiences from member countries, technological innovation to advance inclusion, and the challenges to financial inclusion posed by international regulations.

Moderator: Jose Rojas, Executive Director, The World Bank Group

Speakers:

Pablo Garcia Arabéhéty, Regional Representative for Latin America and the Carribean, CGAP

Maria Ines Agudelo, FOGAFIN (Financial education)

Saurabh Vijay, Advisor to the Executive Director, World Bank, India's Financial Inclusion Program

Moses Tule, Director, Central Bank of Nigeria, Nigeria's Financial Inclusion Program

Michelle Pearl Durham-Kisson, Advisor to the Executive Director, World Bank, A brief on the issue of de-risking

Open Discussion

19:30-22:30

Reception

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2015

09:30-11:15

Session 4: A Dialogue on Reinvigorating Growth

The global economy is facing significant transitions. Growth in emerging markets and developing countries is moderating, albeit at different paces. The macroeconomic environment presents challenges but also opportunities for countries to explore new sources of growth at this critical juncture. The discussion in this session will identify linkages among topics in the previous day, potential areas for action, as well as the benefits of international collaboration.

Moderator: Marilou Uy, Director, G-24 Secretariat

Keynote Speaker: Danny Leipziger, Managing Director, Growth Dialogue (co-authored with Michael Spence, Restarting the Global Economy: Harnessing the Forces of Economic Growth, 2015)

Discussants:

Guillermo Perry, UNIANDES and former Minister of Finance, Colombia

Swarna Gunaratne, Alternate Executive Director, IMF, Srilanka's Experience on Reinvigorating Growth

Open Discussion



11:15-12:30	Discussion on the Research Agenda and Closing Remarks
	Closing Remarks: Ana Milena Lopez, Public Credit and National Treasury Director, Ministry of Finance, Colombia
12:30-14:00	Lunch
15:00-18:00	Seeing Cartagena