

FOCUS SESSION 20:

Middle Income Countries and Multilateral Development Banks: Effective Development Partners

Wednesday 08.00-9:15, Room 3

Objective:

This session will explore the partnership between Middle Income Countries (MICs) and Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs), including how MDBs help MICs to address their unique and evolving development challenges. As MICs have the largest number of people living in poverty in the world, MDBs will also showcase their work in MICs to reduce poverty and inequality while stimulating sustainable growth. The importance of continued knowledge management (relevant knowledge generation and dissemination) and innovation in the partnership between MDBs and MICs will be highlighted.

Session Format:

The event will be organized in a talk show format. The Moderator would establish the pre-defined, focus areas and allow panelists introductory remarks. This would be followed by two rounds of questions to be posed to the panelists to start off the discussion. This would be followed by a Q&A session from the audience. Approximately 15 minutes for each of the four segments and 15 minutes for question/answer from the audience and commentators. No PowerPoint presentations are planned; however maps/photos will be projected behind the panelists only during the segment on the MDB case studies (see below).

Speakers/Panelists:

- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) – President Luis Alberto Moreno
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) Vice-President Wencai Zhang
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Vice-President Michel Mordasini
- Additional speakers will be confirmed prior to the event

Narrative:

Opening Remarks (15 minutes)

The Moderator would begin by asking panelists to make opening remarks of 5 minutes each. This would include the three MDB representatives addressing the question: **How do MDBs View their Work with MICs?**

How do MICs View the MDBs as Development Partners? (15 minutes)

The Moderator would begin by asking the panelists starting with a representative from a MIC – how they view the MDBs as Development Partners – specifically what do MICs value from their partnership with the MDBs, and where they believe MDBs need to improve.

Shared Priorities: Fighting Poverty within MICs: 30 minutes [MDB Representatives only]

Each of the MDB representatives would share concrete examples of successful MDB partnerships at the country level, highlighting their work with subnational governments, private sector and civil society, to tackle poverty and inequality.

Challenges for the Future: (15 minutes)

The Moderator will ask each of the panelists to identify the key challenges for the future work of the MIC-MDB Partnership, starting with the MIC representatives and ending with MDBs – for example, the importance of continued knowledge management (relevant knowledge generation and dissemination), efficacy and effectiveness of policies and business practices of MDBs in the MIC context, use of country systems and innovative financing modalities.

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