FOCUS SESSION 13:  
Partnering with Private Investors for Development Impact  
Tuesday, April 15 at 3:00

Objective:

This focus session aims to bring together the diverse actors who are active in the financing nexus between the private sector and development. It will provide a unique opportunity to show-case financial partnerships with the private sector that already achieve development impact, for private and institutional investors to discuss what they need to be able to scale investments in development, and for governments and development finance institutions to practically describe how they can facilitate such investments. The session also aims to launch a structured dialogue on this topic as input into the post-2015 financing discussion.

Session Format:

To-the-point discussions between a diverse private-public panel, including TED-style talks and interaction with the audience, centered on four central questions:

- What are the successes and short-comings of the more traditional public-private partnerships in development finance?
- Financial innovations – sounds good but how do they work?
- What does the private sector need to scale up investments in development and how can the public sector help?
- How do we pave new ways for development finance towards and post-2015?

Moderator is Jonathan Charles, Director for Communications, EBRD.

Speakers/Panelists:

- Bob Annibale, Global Director, Community Development and Microfinance, Citibank
- Owen Barder, Senior Fellow and Director for Europe, Center for Global Development
- Michael Eddy, Co-founder and Partner, Instiglio
- Christopher Egerton-Warburton, Partner, Lions Head Global Partners
- Pertti Majanen, Co-chair, Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing
- Mahmoud Mohieldin, President’s Special Envoy for Post-2015, World Bank
- Luis Alberto Moreno, President, Inter-American Development Bank
Christian Paradis, Minister of International Development, Canada
Daniel Pastor, Managing Director, The Abraaj Group
Marie-Ange Saraka-Yao, Director, Research Mobilization, GAVI Alliance
Erik Solheim, Chair, OECD Development Assistance Committee
Gavin Wilson, CEO, IFC Asset Management Company

Background/Narrative:

Public and private development resources are not currently aligned to maximize financial and social return. Scaled-up private investment is needed in countries which suffer from insufficient resource diversity and private capital. Private investors are looking to a growing range of developing countries as the new investment frontier and potential future markets. In this context, there is considerable scope to change the development finance paradigm through innovative financial partnerships between the private sector, development finance institutions, governments, and social impact investors, including foundations.

Organizers:

This focus session is jointly organized by multilateral development banks (MDBs), Partnerships for Prosperity (P4P), and the OECD.

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