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Redefining the Landscape of Payment Systems

Westin Grand Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa
For latest details about the conference, see:
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April 7-10, 2009



Payment systems remain a ‘top of mind’ issue for financial sector policymakers due to a recognition of their critical role in supporting systemic stability, economic development and growth. Inefficiencies and high transaction costs in payment and other settlement systems represent a tax on individuals, enterprises, and economies as a whole.

The World Bank Group is a leader in financial infrastructure development in emerging markets, including payment systems and remittances, credit reporting and secured lending. The Payment Systems Development Group of the World Bank has been active in over 100 countries, through a variety of instruments, including supporting comprehensive reform programs in countries; developing reform strategies; providing technical advice; and managing multi-country and regional initiatives that position the Bank at the center of a network of 150+ relevant institutions in the field of payment systems.

Moreover, the World Bank is intensifying its commitment to promote and disseminate the policy and research debate on these and other topics within the scope of financial infrastructure. For this purpose, the World Bank Group is organizing the third global conference for payment system specialists. This year’s conference “Redefining the Landscape of Payment Systems” has two main objectives: i) discuss those topics currently at the heart of the international debate; and, ii) challenge the international payment systems community on whether new approaches are necessary to better address current weaknesses. The conference will take place in April 7-10, 2009 at the Westin Grand Hotel in Cape Town, South Africa.

The conference will gather senior representatives from central banks, securities regulators, commercial banks, non bank financial institutions, payments operators, and multilateral institutions. Speakers will include senior payments systems experts with extensive reform experience (from multilateral institutions, regulatory authorities, and financial institutions), and leading scholars with experience in applied research. The conference aims to:

- Review current practices in reforming payment, remittance and securities settlement systems worldwide in light of recent events in the global financial market;
- Offer tools to help policymakers design and manage the reform effort;
- Challenge existing market, regulatory and oversight approaches and explore the newest instruments in the field;
- Address the role of payment systems for promoting inclusive finance, including the role of international remittances;
- Present a special focus on payment system challenges and opportunities for the Africa continent.

The conference will provide simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian.

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Hotel Accommodations

Accommodation is not included in the conference fee. To reserve accommodation, kindly contact one of the hotels below and provide credit card information to hold the room. Reservations should be made soon, as space may not be available later.

Westin Grand Cape Town Hotel

Convention Square, 1 Lower Long Street, Cape Town
Telephone: +27 21 412 9010
Fax: 27214129035
Email: RESERVATIONS@ARABELLA.CO.ZA

Additional Accommodation in Cape Town:

Victoria and Alfred Hotel

On the Waterfront Pierhead, Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town
Telephone: +27 21 430 3304
Fax: +27 21 4198955
Email: res@vahotel.co.za
Website: <http://www.vahotel.co.za>

The Commodore Hotel

V&A Waterfront
Cape Town 8002
Telephone: +27 21 415 1000
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Email: commodore@legacyhotels.co.za

Cape Town Lodge Hotel (3 km from Westin Grand)

101 Buitengracht Street, Cape Town
Telephone: +27 21 422 0030
Fax: +27 21 422 0090
Email: robyn@capetownlodge.co.za
Website: <http://www.capetownlodge.co.za/>

Villa Sunshine Guest House and Apartments (5 km from Westin Grand)

1 Rochester Road, Bantry Bay, Cape Town
Telephone: +27 21 439 8224
Fax: +27 21 439 8219
Email: contact@villasunshine.co.za
Website: <http://www.villasunshine.co.za/>

Ritz Hotel

(300m from the beach and V&A Waterfront)
Corner Main & Camberwell Roads Sea Point Rhine Road, Cape Town
Telephone: +27 21 439-6010
Fax: +27 21 439-1848

Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge

(1 km from Westin Grand, and V&A Waterfront)
Portwood Road, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town
Telephone: +27 21 4061911
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Registration

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- Check Wire Transfer
 Credit Card: Visa MasterCard

Card Number: _____

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Registration Fee

The fee for conference participation is \$1,250.00. This fee applies to conference participation in all sessions, breakfast, lunch and snacks from Tuesday, April 7th through Friday April 10th, as well as the reception on Tuesday evening, April 7th. It does not include travel or accommodation expenses, which should be planned by each participant. To secure your place at the conference, kindly follow the payment instructions on the next page.

Conference Organizer

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Financial and Private Sector Development Vice Presidency
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