



Researchers Alliance for Development

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NEWS

Join the Steering Committee of the RAD!

The RAD Steering Committee will be happy to welcome new members in May 2007.

[Read](#) about the current RAD Steering Committee.

Expressions of interest (short bio and a one-pager motivation) are accepted by email and fax sent to the [RAD Secretariat](#) by March 9, 2007.

A Year in Review

Read about the 2006 hot topics in development: governance, climate, health, gender, Africa, education, youth, debt relief, finance!

Independent evaluation of World Bank Research 1998 – 2005

This evaluation of World Bank research between 1998 and 2005 was carried out by a panel consisting of Abhijit Banerjee (MIT), Angus Deaton (Princeton, chair), Nora Lustig (UNDP), and Kenneth Rogoff (Harvard.) The panel selected a large random sample of research projects, which were read and assessed by a team of 25 evaluators. Panel members also solicited views from current and past Bank staff, as well as from policy makers and academics in developing countries.

Read the [full text](#) of the report.

Two Years After the Tsunami – Lessons Learned, Reconstruction and Disaster Prevention

[Launch of the International Essay Competition 2007](#), a RAD partner project

Young people aged 18-25 are invited to share their experience and ideas on the following topic:

1. How does corruption affect your life?
2. What can you do to fight the corruption that you face?

Submissions are accepted till March 15, 2007, on www.essaycompetition.org.

Finalists will participate in the [ABCDE 2007 conference](#); winners will be awarded prizes of 5000 and 1000 USD.



EVENTS

Upcoming:

[Promoting Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Middle East and North Africa](#), January 31 - February 3, Casablanca, Morocco

This first forum for the region brings together grantees of the Bank-sponsored Information for Development Program, regional incubators, government policy-makers, donors agencies, private sector players and other international agencies and organisms.

The main theme of the Forum is "Innovation and Entrepreneurship in MENA: Challenges and Strategies".

[Global Forum: Building Science, Technology, and Innovation Capacity for Sustainable Growth and Poverty Reduction](#)

On February 13-15, 2007, the World Bank, in partnership with CIDA, DFID, Global Research Alliance (GRA), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Science Initiative Group (SIG), UNCTAD, and UNESCO, will convene a Global Forum on Building Science, Technology, and Innovation Capacity for Sustainable Growth and Poverty

Reduction.

Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE) 2007, Slovenia

Registration is now open on www.worldbank.org/abcde-slovenia.

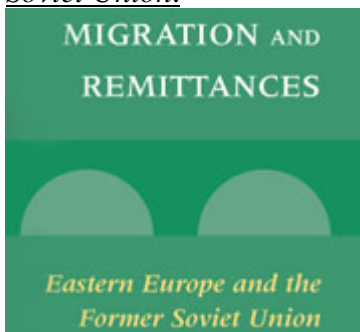
CONSULTATIONS

The RAD network participated in the World Bank Governance and Anti-Corruption consultations! We would like to thank all RAD members for their contributions.

[Read](#) the document prepared by the RAD!

PUBLICATIONS

NEW! World Bank report, *Migration and Remittances: Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union.*

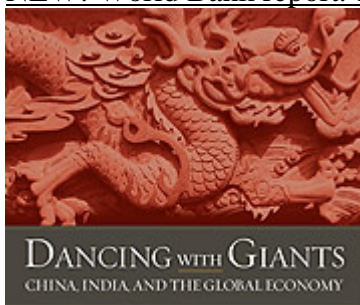


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Migration in Eastern Europe and Central Asia is unique and significant: ECA accounts for one-third of all developing country emigration, and Russia is the second largest immigration country worldwide. Migrants' remittances, as a portion of gross domestic product, are also large by world standards in many of the net emigration countries of the region. Economic motivations and expectations regarding improvements in the quality of life at home currently drive short-term, long-term, and circular migration flows within ECA and between ECA and Western Europe. This report traces the trends of international migration and remittances in the region since the transition and their determinants. The report also looks at international migration policy in the region and how current bilateral migration schemes can be improved.

Read the [full text](#) of the report (also available in Russian).

NEW! World Bank report: *Dancing with Giants, China, India and the Global Economy.*



China and India – two fast-growing giants – are increasingly affecting global markets and the global commons. Indeed, the two countries account for 37.5 percent of world population and 6.4 percent of the value of world output and income at current prices and exchange rates. This book, edited by L. Alan Winters and Shahid Yusuf, contains six essays and an introduction that explore whether the Giants’ continued rapid growth through 2020 is feasible, whether there are any hints about the form it will take, and how any such expansion will impinge on other countries.

[Read the report online.](#)

[Handbook on the Economics of Corruption](#) edited by Susan Rose-Ackerman, Yale University. [Read more...](#)

[2006 Paying Taxes Report](#)

The 2006 Paying Taxes report, the first full report of its kind, was compiled by the Bank with the help of accounting firm PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

The report ranks 175 countries on the ease of paying taxes, based on the amount of taxes a medium-sized firm would pay, as well as the time it would spend complying with tax law.

[EADI Development Research Survey Report](#)

The European Association of Development Research Institutes (EADI) issued the results of the first annual European Development Research Survey. The data of the survey is based on the responses of heads of institutes and think-tanks in Europe and is the definitive source of information on institutes on international development issues.

[Atlas of Global Development: A Visual Guide to the World's Greatest Challenges](#)

Drawing on data from the World Bank's authoritative World Development Indicators, the book brings to life country comparisons of social indicators like life expectancy, infant mortality, safe water, population, growth, poverty and energy efficiency. Issues that have been hitting the headlines such as AIDS, population living below \$1 a day, freshwater, trade are presented giving an unbiased view of the state of the world we live in.

VACANCIES, GRANTS & CONSULTANCIES

[Operations Officer, IFC](#)

[Design of a Strategic Communications Program](#)

The Bank’s Water and Sanitation Program is seeking expressions of interest from consultants to design a communications strategy, using multiple channels, aimed at improving the health of populations at risk for diarrhea by promoting hand-washing with soap.

[Call for Papers](#)

Submit a paper for a special issue of the ‘Afrique Contemporain’ journal (October 2007 edition), analyzing public finance reforms in Africa and the new aid and debt relief mechanisms. Deadline: February 2, 2007. [Read more...](#)

Support Grant: Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE) 2007
Researchers, NGO representatives, journalists, parliamentarians and youth leaders are invited to apply for a travel and accommodation grant to the ABCDE 2007 in Slovenia.
www.worldbank.org/abcde-slovenia

Joint Hewlett/ESRC Economic Development and Population/Reproductive Health (Population/Poverty) Research Scheme
Call for applications. Issued 17 January 2007; Deadline for applications: 16:00 on 24 April 2007. [Read more...](#)

FEATURED

[The InfoShop Newsletter](#)

The Bank's public information center and development bookstore, known as the InfoShop, publishes a monthly newsletter that contains updates on new publication titles on development, Bank disclosure documents and InfoShop events.

It provides internal and external audiences access to over 6000 titles published by the Bank, other international organizations, and other publishers on development issues.