



**Researchers Alliance for Development**

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## **NEWS**

World Bank-IMF Annual Meetings in Singapore, September 19-20

The Boards of Governors of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group met for a two-day plenary session to discuss the work of their respective institutions.

Annual Meetings homepage

<http://www.imf.org/external/am/2006/index.htm>

Paul Wolfowitz speech at the Annual Meetings

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/NEWS/0,,contentMDK:21058341~pagePK:34370~piPK:42770~theSitePK:4607,00.html>

Related events:

Program of Seminars <http://www.worldbank.org/pos>;  
Civil Society Forum

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/CSO/0,,contentMDK:20971214~pagePK:220503~piPK:220476~theSitePK:228717,00.html>

Key Reports launched at the time of the Annual Meetings:

Governance Indicators 2006:

This paper reports on the latest update of the worldwide governance indicators, covering 213 countries and territories and measuring six dimensions of governance: voice and accountability political stability and absence of violence, government effectiveness, regulatory quality, rule of law, and control of corruption.

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/WBI/EXTWBIGOVANTCOR/0,,menuPK:1740542~pagePK:64168427~piPK:64168435~theSitePK:1740530,00.html>

World Development Report 2007:

The theme of the WDR 2007 is youth—young people between the ages of 12 to 24. The report focuses on crucial capabilities and transitions in a young person's life: learning for life and work, staying healthy, working, forming families, and exercising citizenship.

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTRESEARCH/EXTWDRS/EXTWDR2007/0,,menuPK:1489865~pagePK:64167702~piPK:64167676~theSitePK:1489834,00.htm>

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Doing Business 2007

The Doing Business database provides objective measures of business regulations and their enforcement. The Doing Business indicators are comparable across 175 economies. They indicate the regulatory costs of business and can be used to analyze specific regulations that enhance or constrain investment, productivity, and growth. <http://www.doingbusiness.org/>

Africa's Silk Road:

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/COUNTRIES/AFRICAEXT/0,,contentMDK:21056305~pagePK:146736~piPK:146830~theSitePK:258644,00.html>

East Asia Renaissance:

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/COUNTRIES/EASTASIAPACIFICEXT/0,,contentMDK:21056110~pagePK:146736~piPK:146830~theSitePK:226301,00.html>

Can South Asia End Poverty in a Generation?:

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/COUNTRIES/SOUTHASIAEXT/0,,contentMDK:21050421~pagePK:146736~piPK:146830~theSitePK:223547,00.html>

**EVENTS**

Recent:

Research Workshop on the World Bank for doctoral students, Singapore, September 18

Organized by Diane Stone, RAD Steering Committee member

[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/csgr/activitiesnews/workshops/2006ws/world\\_bank/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/csgr/activitiesnews/workshops/2006ws/world_bank/)

Upcoming:

Communications Planning Seminar on Avian Flu

Videoconference seminar on communications planning on Avian and Human Influenza (AHI) preparedness. Join the live webcast on September 26!

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/COUNTRIES/EASTASIAPACIFICEXT/EXT/EAPREGTOPHEANUT/EXTEAPAVIFLU/0,,contentMDK:21027610~menuPK:2892647~pagePK:64168445~piPK:64168309~theSitePK:2706883,00.html>

E-Learning courses offered by the World Bank Institute - online courses open for all academic and civil society representatives upon prior registration. There is no fee for participants from developing countries.

“Trade, Growth and Poverty” on October 29 – December 22

“Trade and gender” on October 29 – December 17

“Export Development” on November 20 - December 15

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/WBI/WBIPROGRAMS/TRADELP/0,,contentMDK:21024032~menuPK:461732~pagePK:64156158~piPK:64152884~theSitePK:461702,00.html>

Conference on “Bank Regulation and Corporate Finance: Challenges for the Future”, October 26 and 27, 2006 at the World Bank in Washington, D.C.

<http://econ.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTRESEARCH/EXTPROGRAMS/EXTFINRES/0,,contentMDK:20992781~pagePK:64168182~piPK:64168060~theSitePK:478060,00.html>

4<sup>th</sup> AFD/ EUDN Conference “Migrations and Development: Who benefits?”, Paris, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006

<http://www.afd.fr/jahia/Jahia/home/publications/conferences/EUDN2006/lang/en/pid/1594>

**COMPETITIONS**

Global Development Awards and Medals Competition

Prizes in cash and travel of over US \$200,000 to be won! Finalists are invited to GDN's Annual

Global Development Conference in Beijing, China in January 2007, held during the Regional Bank Conference on Development Economics. <http://www.gdnet.org/middle.php?>

## **RAD MEMBERS' PUBLICATIONS**

World Bank and Governance: a decade of reform and reaction.

A book of papers about the World Bank written by PhD researchers, edited by Diane Stone and Christopher Wright, officially launched at the Annual Meetings in Singapore.

World Bank Working Paper No 77, Participatory Approaches to Attacking Extreme Poverty. Case studies led by the International Movement ATD Fourth World

edited by Xavier Godinot, Director, Research and Training Institute International Movement ATD Fourth World (RAD member), and Quenton Woods, Lead Poverty Specialist, the World Bank.

<http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTRAD/Resources/ParticipatoryApproachesAttackingPoverty.pdf>

## **CONSULTATIONS**

Strengthening Bank Group Work in Governance and Anticorruption

Read the draft paper, the results of consultations and the final document (launched during the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings in Singapore).

We thank all RAD members who contributed to the document.

<http://www.worldbank.org/html/extdr/comments/governancefeedback/>

Discuss the 'Doing Business 2007' online!

Comments are accepted until September 29.

<http://rru.worldbank.org/Discussions/Discussion.aspx?>

Participate in a chat with Chief Economist for East Asia & Pacific, Dr Homi Kharas, and Economic Adviser, Dr Indermit Gill about 'East Asia Renaissance', October 5, 11 am (EST)

<http://discuss.worldbank.org/content/interview/detail/4061/>

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