



## Researchers Alliance for Development

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### NEWS

#### Board Approves Governance and Anticorruption Strategy

The Bank's Board of Directors unanimously approved a new Governance and Anticorruption Strategy for the Bank Group. The strategy paper - originally presented to the Development Committee at the Bank's 2006 Annual Meetings in Singapore - was recently revised to take into account main messages resulting from multi-stakeholder consultations that the Bank held between November 2006 and January 2007 with over 3,200 representatives from government, academia (including the RAD), civil society, donor agencies, and other interested parties through country consultations and web-based feedback. [Read more...](#)

### EVENTS

Upcoming:

#### 2007 Bank/IMF Spring Meetings

April 14-15, Washington - The World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund will conduct meetings to discuss progress on the work of the Fund and Bank. Plenary sessions of the IMF and the World Bank's Boards of Governors are scheduled during the Annual Meetings in the autumn. [Read more...](#)

#### Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE), May 17-18, 2007, Bled, Slovenia, on Private Sector and Development

Deadline for registration: April 20.

[Read more and consult the updated program.](#)

#### RAD Annual Meeting, May 16, 2007, Bled, Slovenia

Annual Meeting of the Researchers Alliance for Development will be held in Bled, Slovenia, on May 16, back-to-back with the ABCDE Conference.

Latest:

### Video Meeting - Parliamentary Network on the World Bank Conference

The 7th Annual Conference of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank brought together 200 parliamentarians from around the world with representatives from the Bank, the African Development Bank, the International Monetary Fund, other multilateral organizations, civil society and the private sector. Parliamentarians debated what they could do to promote action on pressing development issues, and to help strengthen the accountability and transparency of international financial institutions. [Read more...](#)

## **GRANTS AND COMPETITIONS**

### Call for applications: GARNET PhD SCHOOL, 4th Seminar, Global Governance,

### Regionalism: The interregional dimension, June 11-15 2007, Brussels, Belgium

The Network of PhD schools is part of the GARNET Network of Excellence -financed by the 6th FP of European Commission (2005-2009) - which focuses on “*Global Governance, Regionalisation and Regulation: the role of the EU*”. The Network of PhD schools is jointly coordinated by the the Institut d’Etudes Européennes at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (IEE-ULB) and the UNU-CRIS in Bruges, under the scientific supervision of an Academic Council. [Read more...](#)

### Opening - Grants for Women from Developing Countries

Over the past twenty-five years, the Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund has helped 114 women from 53 developing countries pursue their dream of obtaining a degree to enable them to return to their home countries to work for the benefit of women and children. Each year, the Fund awards grants to women from developing countries engaged in graduate studies in the United States or Canada. The applicants must be at least 25 years of age, must have demonstrated a commitment to work for the benefit of women and children in the developing world, and must plan to return to their countries within two years of receiving the grant. [Read more...](#)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Making the Most of Scarcity

Water in the Middle East and North Africa region such as insufficient supply, unreliable services and environmental damage have major social and economic ramifications. This publication, subtitled “Accountability for Better Water Management in the Middle East and North Africa,” says per capita availability will fall by half by 2050, water quality is deteriorating, many aquifers are on the verge of exhaustion, and climate change may alter rainfall patterns. Although most countries have made progress improving water policies, some of the most important elements of reform have remained politically intractable. Now, a series of factors are emerging that represent a potential opportunity to break this impasse. [Read more...](#)

### [World Bank research digest, volume 2](#)

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accessible and timely way, the findings of research relevant for development policy. The research featured in this digest fulfills several criteria: it is top quality, path-breaking with respect to publications for the scientific community, relevant for policy, and useful for the development community.

[New World Bank policy research working papers](#)