

Managing Capital Flows: Lessons from Emerging Markets for Frontier Economies

PROGRAM*

Monday, March 2, 2015

0800-0900hrs **Registration and Coffee**

0900-0930hrs **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Seetannah Lutchmeenaraidoo, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Mauritius

David Lipton, First Deputy Managing Director, IMF

0930-1015hrs **Keynote Speech**

Dani Rodrik, Professor, Institute for Advanced Study

1015-1045hrs **Coffee**

1045-1215hrs **Session I—Trends, Dynamics, and Challenges of Capital Flows to Frontier Markets**

This session will discuss the recent trends and behavior of capital flows to frontier markets, and the challenges posed by such flows. What are the factors driving capital flows to frontier markets—is the rise in private flows a structural phenomenon that defines a “new normal” or is it largely driven by lax monetary policy conditions in advanced countries, inducing investors to take on riskier bets? What are the main types of flows to frontier markets? Do they pose any risks and challenges? Are frontier markets likely to experience as much capital flow volatility as emerging markets? How does experience differ according to country characteristics (exchange rate regime, fiscal institutions, resource endowment, domestic supervision/regulation)?

Chair:

Ramesh Basant Roi, Governor, Central Bank of Mauritius

Speakers:

Allah Malik Kazemi, Advisor to Governor; Former Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Bangladesh

Louis Kasekende, Deputy Governor, Bank of Uganda

Henry Rotich, Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury, Kenya

Daniel Zelikow, Managing Director, Global Head, Public Sector Group

JP Morgan

* Conference will be held under Chatham House rules.

1215-1330hrs Lunch

1330-1500hrs Session II—Policy Responses to Capital Inflows

This session will discuss the policy tools deployed by frontier and emerging markets to manage the challenges posed by capital inflows: macroeconomic policies; macroprudential policy; and capital controls. How effective are the various tools? What can be said about the policy hierarchy among these various tools? Should countries intervene in foreign exchange markets to mitigate exchange rate volatility associated with capital flow volatility?

Chair:

Jonathan D. Ostry, Deputy Director, Research Department, IMF

Speakers:

José De Gregorio, Professor, Universidad de Chile; Former Governor, Central Bank of Chile

Olivier Jeanne, Professor, Johns Hopkins University

Millison Narh, Deputy Governor, Bank of Ghana

1500-1530hrs Coffee

1530-1715hrs Panel Discussion—Managing Capital Flows in Frontier and Emerging Markets: What are the Lessons?

Moderator:

Richard Davies, Economics Editor, The Economist

Speakers:

Subir Gokarn, Director Research, Brookings India; Former Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India

Brian Kahn, Advisor to Governor, Reserve Bank of South Africa

Tukiya Kankasa-Mabula, Deputy Governor, Bank of Zambia

Okwu Joseph Nnanna, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria

1715-1730hrs Concluding Remarks

Antoinette Sayeh, Director, African Department, IMF

1900hrs Reception and Dinner (by invitation only)