

DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLE

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Extraordinary Somalia: The Future of Political and Economic Growth

Dr. Abdirahman Duale Beyle - Minister of Finance, Government of Somalia

This presentation comes at a crucial time for Somalia as its new Government faces challenges such as security, a weak but slowly recovering economy, and the struggle for Somalia to return to the community of nations as a regional and international player. Minister Beileh will argue that, despite remaining challenges, development and progress are possible in Somalia. The talk will discuss the role of good governance, economic development, and security as major building blocks of the Somali nation and state-building process.

Thur, October 12
4:30 - 6:00 PM
BOB 500



A Practitioner's Approach to Financing Energy Efficiency in Emerging Markets

Madeleine Varkay - Former Private Sector Development Specialist, Asian Development Bank

Lack of national project-based financing represents one of the primary global barriers to energy efficiency. Drawing on her experience at the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank, Ms. Varkay will discuss how upgrading regulatory frameworks can enable long-term investments in infrastructure and industries such as clean energy. She will examine the case study of ADB's recent partnership with Indonesia Eximbank, which pioneered an attractive energy efficiency financing program for export-oriented industrial enterprises.

Wed, November 1
12:30 - 1:45 PM
BOB 500



The Innovation Blind Spot: Why We Back the Wrong Ideas and What to Do About It

Ross Baird - CEO and Founder, Village Capital

While big companies in the American economy have never been more successful, entrepreneurial activity is near a 30-year low. More businesses are dying than starting every day. Investors continue to dump billions of dollars into photo-sharing apps and food-delivery services, solving problems for only a wealthy sliver of the world's population, while challenges in health, food security, and education grow more serious. Mr. Baird will discuss his new book, *The Innovation Blind Spot*, explaining why the innovations that truly matter don't see the light of day.

Wed, November 15
12:30 - 1:45 PM
Rome Auditorium



Global Economic Trends: The World Economy and Where It Is Headed

Masood Ahmed - President, Center for Global Development

Recent events point to rising policy uncertainty, which will affect economic development outcomes across the globe. Mr. Ahmed will discuss current trends in the global economy, seeking to answer how advanced, emerging, and developing economies are performing and where they are headed. Drawing on years of experience at the IMF, World Bank, and DFID, he will explore the risks, asking: What role will increasingly capable technology play in the development of emerging economies? Should we be concerned about the implications of an aging population? What countries will dominate the world economy fifty years from now?

Wed, December 6
12:30 - 1:45 PM
BOB 500



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