High level conference
Sustainable debt for sustainable growth:
Sound financing for development

May 7th, 2019
French Ministry for the Economy and Finance

Agenda

8:00 - 8:30 AM  Registration and breakfast (we ask all participants to be seated by 08.30 am latest. The Minister will welcome participants from 08.15 in the plenary room)

8:30 - 8:40 AM  Opening remarks by Bruno Le Maire, Economy and Finance Minister, France (open to the press)

8:40 - 8:50 AM  Introductory remarks by Taro Aso, Finance Minister, Japan (open to the press)

8:50 - 9:05 AM  Keynote address by Christine Lagarde, Managing Director, IMF (open to the press)

9:05 - 9:15 AM  Family photo

9:15 - 9:45 AM  Panel discussion—Sound financing for development. Panelists will include Ministers of Finance, a senior representative from the private sector and Angel Gurria, Secretary General of the OECD. The panel will be moderated by the Paris bureau chief of the Financial Times. (open to the press)

9:45 -10:15 AM  Coffee break
10:15 - 12:00 PM  Parallel breakout sessions (closed to the press)
After the panel discussion, the participants will be divided into three breakout sessions. Closed to the press, the format of this session will allow participants to have open and detailed discussions on the various issues. Each session will be assigned a Chair and a Rapporteur who will report back on the discussion during the final afternoon plenary session. After short interventions by 3 or 4 lead speakers, the floor will be open to all participants for an interactive discussion.

- Addressing debt vulnerabilities in LIDCs
- Financing infrastructure in a fair and sustainable way
- Ensuring debt sustainability in challenging financial conditions

12:15 PM - 2:00 PM  Lunch – Keynote address by David Malpass, President, World Bank (closed to the press)

2:00 PM – 3:45 PM  Plenary session (open to the press)
Rapporteurs will present key outputs from the morning breakout sessions. Lead speakers will also have an opportunity to speak briefly before a general discussion open to all and moderated by Minister Le Maire.

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM  Closing remarks by Bruno Le Maire, Economy and Finance Minister, France (open to the press)