



Joint IMF-WB High-Level Event on Low-Income Countries

“Rising to the Challenge: Policy Action in Low-Income Countries and the Role of the International Community”

April 3, 2024, Washington DC (EDT time)

- 09:00-09:20** Fireside chat with **Kristalina Georgieva** (IMF Managing Director) and **Ajay Banga** (WBG President)
Moderator: **Rachelle Akuffo** (Yahoo Finance)
- 09:20-09:30** Presentation of G20 Priorities by **Tatiana Rosito** (Secretary of International Affairs,
Ministry of Finance of Brazil, G20 Presidency)
- 09:30-10:30** **Session 1: Domestic Reform Priorities to Accelerate Progress Toward the SDGs**
- Moderator: **Shanta Devarajan** (Georgetown University)
 - Presentation by World Bank and IMF
 - Panel discussion:
 - **Romuald Wadagni** (Minister of Finance of Benin)
 - **Vera Daves de Sousa** (Minister of Finance of Angola)
 - **Liao Min** (Vice Minister of Finance of China, TBC)
 - **Andrew Mitchell** (Minister of State for Development and Africa, UK)
 - Q&A with participants
- 10:30-10:45** Break
- 10:45-11:45** **Session 2: The role of the International Community**
- Moderator: **Masood Ahmed** (President of the Center for Global Development)
 - Presentation by IMF and World Bank
 - Panel discussion:
 - **Njuguna Ndung'u** (Cabinet Secretary of National Treasury and Economic Planning, Kenya)
 - **Riccardo Barbieri Hermitte** (Director General of the Treasury, Ministry of Economy and Finance of Italy, G7 Presidency)
 - **Abdulmuhsen AlKhalaf** (Assistant Minister of Finance of Saudi Arabia)
 - **Hanan Morsy** (Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief economist at the UNECA)
 - Q&A with participants
- 11:45-12:00** **Wrap up and concluding remarks**
Anna Bjerde (WBG Managing Director for Operations) and **Antoinette Sayeh** (IMF Deputy Managing Director)