The 11th Debt Management Facility (DMF) Stakeholders’ Forum, titled “Debt Management During the Global Crisis” is organized by the World Bank. The Covid-19 pandemic induced a surge in public debt levels that intensified existing debt vulnerabilities. Its impact also led to new challenges for debt managers faced with increased uncertainty, higher financing needs, changes in investor behavior, constrained capacity to raise funds at a reasonable cost. In addition, some countries faced debt distress. Crisis management has been—and remains—critical. At the same time, issues surrounding debt transparency have come to the fore. The Forum will foster high level-discussions on global trends, the impact of the pandemic on debt sustainability, debt management practices during a crisis, and debt transparency.

May 24, 2021 - DAY ONE

Session I: Exiting the COVID-19 Crisis with Sustainable Debt • 8:00 - 9:30 am EST

This session will ask: What policy options and actions today are needed to exit the crisis with sustainable debt?

Moderator Ayhan Kose, Acting Vice President EFI, World Bank Group

Speakers

• H.E. Romuald Wadagni, Minister of Economy and Finance, Benin
• Carmen Reinhart, Vice President and Chief Economist, World Bank Group
• Joyce Chang, Chair of Global Research, J.P.Morgan
• Christophe Bories, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multilateral Financial Affairs and Development / Vice-Chairman of the Paris Club
May 25, 2021 - DAY TWO

Session 2: Managing Debt-related Risks during the Crisis • 8:00 - 9:45 am EST

This session will invite practitioners to discuss how they have managed debt and contingent liabilities amid the crisis, what they have learned, and what policies are necessary to weather future crises.

Moderator Roger Nord, Deputy Director, Institute of Capacity Development, IMF and DMF Co-Chair

Speakers
- Gabriel Yorio Gonzalez, Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico
- Tshepiso Moahloli, Deputy Director-General: Asset and Liability Management, National Treasury, South Africa
- Adela Xhemali, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy of Albania
- Jania Ramirez Ucles, Director General of Public Credit, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Honduras

May 26, 2021 - DAY THREE

Session 3: Debt Transparency • 8:00 - 9:30 am EST

This session focuses on debt transparency—a priority in fostering greater accountability and stronger debt reporting to support informed decisions that benefit debtors, creditors, and citizens alike.

Moderator Marcello Estevão, Global Director, World Bank Group and DMF Co-Chair

Speakers
- Stella Rusine Nteziryayo, Head of Debt Directorate, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda
- Anna Gelpern, Anne Fleming Research Professor, Georgetown Law
- Eric LeCompte, Executive Director, Jubilee USA Network
- Moritz Kraemer, Chief Economist at CountryRisk.io

Closing Remarks • 09:30 - 09:45 am EST

Speakers
- Marcello Estevão, Global Director, World Bank Group and DMF Co-Chair
- Roger Nord, Deputy Director, Institute of Capacity Development, IMF and DMF Co-Chair
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