

2016 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up Panel Discussion on the Global Infrastructure Forum

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Program

Keynote address:

- Mr. Joaquim Levy, Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer, World Bank Group

Panellists:

- Mr. Pablo Pereira dos Santos, Manager, Infrastructure and Environment Sector, Inter-American Development Bank
- Mr. Thomas Barrett, Corporate Director, European Investment Bank
- Mr. Craig Steffensen, Representative, North American Representative Office, Asian Development Bank
- Mr. Laurence Carter, Senior Director, Public-Private Partnerships, World Bank Group

Background

The Addis Agenda recognizes that investments in sustainable and resilient infrastructure are a prerequisite to achieving many of the SDGs. It commits enhanced support to developing countries to bridge the infrastructure gap. It seeks to address impediments to greater private investment in infrastructure, and encourages development banks to increase financing for infrastructure. These specific commitments are complemented by the call for a new global infrastructure forum building

## Biographies



Mr. Joaquim Levy joined the World Bank in February 2016 as the Managing Director and the Chief Financial Officer of the World Bank Group. Before his current role, he worked as the Minister of Finance for the Federal Republic of Brazil since January 2015. From 2010 to 2014, he was the CEO of Bradesco Asset Management S.A. Distribuidora de Títulos e Valores Mobiliários, division of Banco Bradesco S.A. In 2007, he was appointed as the Secretary of Finance of the state of Rio de Janeiro. He was the Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration at the Inter-American Development Bank from 2006. He was appointed as the Secretary of Brazil's National Treasury since 2003. Before, he was appointed as the Chief Economist at the Brazilian Ministry of Planning, Budget & Management from 2001. He became the Deputy Secretary of Economic Policy at the Brazilian Finance Ministry in 2000. Prior to Levy's position as Visiting Economist at the European Central Bank from 1999 to 2000, he held several positions within the International Monetary Fund from 1992.



Mr. Pablo Pereira dos Santos currently serves as Manager of the Inter-American Development Bank's Infrastructure and Environment Sector. Previously, he acted as Under-Secretary for Regulation and Infrastructure at the Ministry of Finance of Brazil. He was also a Board Member of the Banco do Brasil until October 2015. From October 2013 to February 2015, he served as Secretary for Economic Affairs at the Ministry of Finance. He joined the Ministry of Finance in 1998 and has been a staff member of the National Treasury since 2001. Over the past seventeen years, he worked in different positions in the Brazilian Government, mostly engaged in infrastructure finance and development, as well as regulatory issues related to it.



Mr. Thomas C. Barrett is the Director and Chief Representative of the European Investment Bank and the Minister of the European Union Delegation to the United States in Washington, D.C. Before taking up his assignment in Washington, D.C., he was Director of EIB's Advisory Services and New Products Departments. He was concurrently Chairman of the European PPP Expertise Centre (EPEC), comprising the EIB, the European Commission and EU Member States. He has also been EIB Director for North Western Europe and was responsible for project financing of the aerospace; oil and gas and satellite telecommunication industries. He was also responsible for the establishment of the EIB's Centers of Expertise on Trans-European Networks (TENs). He is currently a member of the Management Board of Marguerite Fund for Energy Climate Change and Infrastructure and of the Supervisory Board of the European Energy Efficiency Fund.

Mr. Craig Steffensen is the Representative to the Asian Development Bank's North American Representative Office (NARO) in Washington, DC. He leads NARO's efforts to raise public awareness of ADB in Canada and the United States, as well as to strengthen collaboration. He was assigned as