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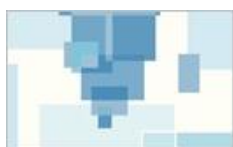
Leveraging pension funds for financing infrastructure in Africa

In light of the huge financing needs for infrastructure development in Africa, this [OSAA-OECD high-level side event](#) in Addis Ababa explored strategies to leverage Africa's growing pension funds for financing infrastructure development and debated options for improving the investment climate in general.



Financing for development? Show me the money!

In her 2009 book "Dead Aid", Zambian economist Dambisa Moyo shocked much of the international development community by claiming that 'traditional' systems of ODA to Africa were not delivering, and arguing why we must find alternatives. This [article](#) looks at where we are at today.



An investment policy framework for Southern Africa

Attracting investment has been placed at the core of the development integration agenda of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). Using the [Policy Framework for Investment](#) as a reference, the 15 member states of the SADC have developed a [regional investment policy framework](#) to help meet these challenges.



Bundling sticks: Regional investment policy co-operation

Regional economic co-operation has been on the international development agenda for decades. But it requires strong coordination, including in the field of investment policy, and that does not come automatically. This [article](#) looks at regional initiatives to promote investment policy reforms and development co-operation.



How international investment is shaping the global economy

Investment is important not only to sustain growth but also to address inequalities, encourage innovation, help the transition towards low-carbon economies, and finance the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. This eclectic [collection of articles](#) highlights many of the trends and challenges shaping international investment today.



Debating the low interest rate environment and financial risks

The current low interest rate environment poses a significant risk for the long-term financial viability of pension funds and insurance companies, as they seek to generate sufficient returns to meet promises. Access the [speeches, video, photos, highlights and more](#) from a high-level roundtable addressing these questions.



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PARIS	29-30 Oct	Global forum on competition
KUALA LUMPUR	30 Sep-2 Oct	Malaysia-OECD global symposium on financial well-being
KUALA LUMPUR	17-18 Sep	Global seminar on disaster risk financing
PARIS	1 Oct	Roundtable on due diligence in the garment supply chain
MONTEGO BAY	23-24 Sep	Latin American competition forum
JOHANNESBURG	21-22 Jul	Workshop on investment policy reforms in Southern Africa
ADDIS ABABA	15 Jul	Financing infrastructure development in Africa

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