

Workshop on

**"Emerging from the Crisis: Prospects and Challenges for Low-Income Countries"**

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The global economic crisis has had a severe impact on low-income countries. In contrast to previous world economic downturns, low-income countries have reacted to the crisis with a robust domestic policy response. Past gains from macroeconomic stabilization and debt reduction, together with increased IMF crisis financing, have created space in many countries for short-term stimulus. The

IMF has aimed to cushion the shock by significantly scaling up its liquidity support in 2009, accommodating countercyclical responses, increased program flexibility, and reforming its low-income country instruments. The key challenge for low-income countries now is to restore economic growth and sustainable macroeconomic positions in the wake of the crisis. The meeting will focus on questions related to near-term fiscal, monetary and exchange rate policies, debt sustainability considerations, and linkages to global trends with a view of rebuilding policy buffers. It will also be an opportunity to exchange views on the post-crisis development finance architecture, including the investment-debt-growth nexus, prospects for scaling up of aid, and the role of investment flows from large emerging markets.

**Tuesday 27th April 2010 at 17:00h in Sala Europa, Villa Schifanoia**

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**followed by cocktail and dinner (by invitation only)**

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**Background Information**  
**Useful links on the new policies of the IMF regarding the Low-Income Countries**

**LIC reforms:**

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/survey/so/2009/POL072909A.htm>

**Activation of the reform:**

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/survey/so/2010/POL011110A.htm>

**Two recent flagship research/outreach papers:**

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/pp/eng/2009/091009A.pdf>

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/pp/eng/2009/092809.pdf>

**MD's speech in Kenya**

(<http://www.imf.org/external/np/speeches/2010/030810.htm>)

**Factsheets**

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/exr/facts/ecf.htm> (ECF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/exr/facts/rcf.htm> (RCF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/exr/facts/scf.htm> (SCF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/exr/facts/concesslending.htm> (Financing of Concessional Lending)

**Podcast**

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/seminars/eng/2010/lic/>