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)
  - Abdulmuhisen 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)