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Debt and innovative finance in developing countries

Organised by Bank of Finland Institute for Emerging Economies (BOFIT) and UNU-WIDER

Location: Bank of Finland Auditorium, Rauhankatu 19

October 27-28, 2022

Day 1: October 27th

- 0930-1000 Registration in the Bank of Finland
- 1000-1010 **Opening Remarks**
Pasi Hellman, Under-Secretary of State for Development Policy (Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland)
- 1010-1020 **Introduction to the Conference**
Iikka Korhonen (Bank of Finland – BOFIT) and Kunal Sen (UNU-WIDER)
- 1020-1120 **Keynote 1: Climate and Debt Sustainability**
Ugo Panizza, Pictet Chair in Finance and Development (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva)
Chair: Tony Addison (University of Copenhagen and UNU-WIDER)
- 1120-1230 **Panel on Green Finance**
Amir Lebdioui (SOAS, London), Anthony Bartzokas (UNU-MERIT, Maastricht), Shakira Mustapha (ODI, London)
Chair: Esa Jokivuolle (Bank of Finland)
- 1230-1330 Lunch
- 1330-1430 **Panel on Corporate Debt**
Seppo Honkapohja (Aalto University), Sanjay Banerji (University of Nottingham, UK), Adam Gulan (Bank of Finland), Eeva Kerola (Bank of Finland – BOFIT)
Chair: Zuzana Fungáčová (Bank of Finland – BOFIT)
- 1430-1530 **The World Development Report 2022: Finance for an Equitable Recovery**
Leora Klapper* (The World Bank)
Discussant: Abrams Tagem (UNU-WIDER)
Chair: Emmi Oikari (Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland)
- 1530-1600 Coffee Break



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1600-1700 **Keynote 2: The Information View of Debt**

Bengt Holmström* (Nobel Laureate in Economics, MIT)

Chair: Martti Hetemäki (University of Helsinki)

1900-2100 Conference Dinner in the Bank of Finland

**virtual attendance*

Day 2: October 28th

0930-1000 Registration and coffee

1000-1100 **UN Report - Bridging the Finance Divide: 2022 Financing for Sustainable Development**

Shari Spiegel (UNDESA, New York)

Discussant: Amina Ebrahim (UNU-WIDER)

Chair: Jukka Pirttilä (University of Helsinki and UNU-WIDER)

1100-1200 **Panel on Sovereign Debt**

Andrea Presbitero (IMF), Arjan De Haan (IDRC), Maureen Were (Central Bank of Kenya)

Chair: Tuuli Juurikkala (Ministry of Finance, Finland)

1200-1300 Lunch

1300-1400 **Keynote 3: Climate finance within the UN climate convention: can and will it be fixed?**

Sarah Colenbrander (ODI, London)

Chair: Kunal Sen (UNU-WIDER)

1400-1415 **Closing Remarks**

Tony Addison (University of Copenhagen and UNU-WIDER)