

**IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION**

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June 28, 2012

To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: **2012 Annual Meetings—Invitations to Observers**

Attached for consideration by Executive Directors is a draft letter to the Chairman of the Boards of Governors of the Fund and the Bank recommending for his consideration a list of organizations that would be invited to send Observers to the 2012 Annual Meetings.

Requests have been received from the organizations below to be accorded Observer status.

European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) – EFSF, based in Luxembourg, was created in 2010 by the euro area Member States within the framework of the Ecofin Council. The EFSF's mandate is to safeguard financial stability in Europe by providing financial assistance to euro area Member States.

International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF) – OIF, based in Paris, was created in 1970, with its mission to embody the active solidarity between its 75 member states and governments (56 members and 19 observers). OIF organizes political activities and actions of multilateral cooperation that benefit French-speaking populations.

According to our established procedures, the following organizations are proposed for removal from the list of organizations invited in 2011. They have not attended the Meetings for the past six years or more.

European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
Inter-Arab Investment Guarantee Corp (IAIGC)
Universal Postal Union (UPU)

It is not proposed to bring the attached letter to the agenda of the Executive Board unless an Executive Director so requests by **noon on Friday, July 6, 2012**. In the absence of such a request, the draft letter will be deemed approved by the Executive Board on that date, and it will be so recorded in the minutes of the next meeting thereafter.

A paper containing the same draft letter is also being circulated to the Executive Directors of the World Bank.

Questions may be referred to Mr. Christo, SEC (ext. 36264).

Att: (1)

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INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

2012 Annual Meetings – Invitations to Observers

Prepared by the Secretary's Department

Approved by Jianhai Lin

June 28, 2012

The attached draft letter to the Chairman of the Boards of Governors regarding invitations to Observers for the 2012 Annual Meetings (Annex) is submitted for approval. The proposed list of Observers for 2012 is attached.

ANNEX

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Sir:

In accordance with established practice, the Executive Boards of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group recommend that invitations to send Observers to the 2012 Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors be extended to the organizations listed in the attachment.

Countries formally applying for membership in the Fund or Bank prior to the Meetings are also entitled to Observer status. Should it be proposed to extend additional invitations to other organizations, you will be advised.

This recommendation of the Executive Boards conforms in general to those made in connection with previous Meetings. We trust that this proposed list of organizations meets with your approval and would appreciate receiving an indication of your agreement.

Very truly yours,

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Vice President and Corporate Secretary
World Bank Group

Jianhai Lin
Secretary
International Monetary Fund

Attachment

His Excellency
Governor for Lebanon
and Chairman of the Boards of Governors
of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group
Beirut
Lebanon

Proposed List of Observers – 2012 Annual Meetings

Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ABU DHABI FUND)
 African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF)
 African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group)
 African Development Bank (AfDB)
 African Export-Import Bank (AFREXIMBANK)
 African Fund for Guarantee and Economic Cooperation (FAGACE)
 African Trade Insurance Agency (ATI)
 African Union (AU)
 Andean Development Corporation (ADC)
 Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAID)
 Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)
 Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD)
 Arab Monetary Fund (AMF)
 Asian Development Bank (AsDB)
 Association of African Development Finance Institutions (AADFI)
 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

Bank for International Settlements (BIS)
 Bank of Central African States (BEAC)
 Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB)

Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
 Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)
 Center for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA)
 Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC)
 Central African States Development Bank (BDEAC)
 Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI)
 Central American Monetary Council (CAMC)
 Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)
 Common Fund for Commodities (COMMON FUND)
 Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
 Commonwealth Secretariat (COMSEC)
 Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC)
 Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB)

East African Community (EAC)
 East African Development Bank (EADB)
 Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB)
 Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
 Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)
 European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
 European Central Bank (ECB)
 European Commission (EC)

European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF)
European Investment Bank Group (EIB Group)

Financial Stability Board (FSB)
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Inter-American Development Bank (IaDB)
To include: Inter-American Investment Corporation (IIC)
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
International Labour Organization (ILO)
International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF)
International Telecommunications Union (ITU)
Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB)

Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KUWAIT FUND)

Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions (ALIDE)
Latin American Economic System (SELA)
Latin American Reserve Fund (LARF)
League of Arab States (LAS)

Nordic Development Fund (NDF)
Nordic Investment Bank (NIB)

OPEC Fund for International Development (OPEC FUND)
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
To include: Development Assistance Committee (DAC)
Organization of American States (OAS)
Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC)
Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)
Palestine Liberation Organization (P.L.O.)

Saudi Fund for Development (SFD)
Secretariat for Central American Economic Integration (SIECA)
Southern African Development Community (SADC)

United Nations (UN)
To include: UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)
UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
UN Development Programme (UNDP)
UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC)

UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)

UN Environment Programme (UNEP)

United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

West African Development Bank (BOAD)

West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA)

West African Monetary Institute (WAMI)

World Health Organization (WHO)

World Trade Organization (WTO)