

Private Sector Finance and Development Workshop

[British International Investment](#) (BII) is delighted to host a research workshop in collaboration with the [Private Sector Development Research Network](#) (PSDRN), the CEPR [Structural Change and Economic Growth](#) programme (STEG), and the [International Growth Centre](#) (IGC). PSDRN is designed to bring together researchers and practitioners with a shared interest in understanding how firms and markets contribute to sustainable and inclusive growth. Both funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), STEG is a research initiative that aims to provide a better understanding of structural change, productivity, and growth in low- and middle-income countries, while IGC is a global research centre that works with policymakers in developing countries to promote inclusive and sustainable growth through pathbreaking research.

The workshop will start with a panel discussion of how practitioners put research into practice followed by five presentations and discussions of cutting-edge research into the development impact of private investment. The workshop will be preceded by a buffet lunch and followed by a drinks reception at BII.

Wednesday, 1 February

<i>Time</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Presentation</i>
12:00	LUNCH	
13:00	Paddy Carter	Welcoming Remarks
13:10	Policy Panel	Putting Research into Practice: What We Need and What We Get Prof. Adnan Khan, Chief Economist and Director for the Economics and Evaluation Directorate at FCDO Liz Lloyd CBE, Chief Impact Officer at BII Denis Medvedev, Director of Economic Policy Research at the International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank Group
14:00	BREAK	
14:15	Roberto Fattal Jaef	Deconstructing the Missing Middle: Informality and Growth of Firms in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Kaleb Abreha, Xavier Cirera, Elwyn Davies, and Hibret Maemir)
14:50	Sandhya Garg	Financial Access and Gender-wise Entrepreneurship: Evidence from Rural India (with Samarth Gupta and Sushanta Mallick)
15:25	BREAK	
15:40	Chhavi Rastogi	Entry along the Supply Chain: Removing Growth Restrictions on Firms in India
16:15	Nicholas Trachter	Sectoral Development Multipliers (with Francisco Buera)
16:50	BREAK	
17:05	Alexandros Ragoussis	The Great Upgrade (with Jonathan Timmis)
17:40	Paddy Carter	Closing Remarks
17:45	REFRESHMENTS	