

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> |
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| 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) [slides] |
| 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 [slides] |
| 16:15 | Nicholas Trachter | Sectoral Development Multipliers (with Francisco Buera) [slides] |
| 16:50 | BREAK | |
| 17:05 | Alexandros Ragoussis and Jonathan Timmis | The Great Upgrade [slides] |
| 17:40 | Paddy Carter | Closing Remarks |
| 17:45 | REFRESHMENTS | |