Global Government Officials Seminar on the G-20 and Development Policy

Program Objective

The Global Government Officials Seminar on G20 and International Policy is being cohosted by the Ministry of Strategy and Finance, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Korea Development Institute (KDI) School of Public Policy and Management. The program aims to bring together mid-level managers and stakeholders from various ministries dedicated to improving global development and G-20 development goals. The Korean government has made this program possible as an integral part of its commitment to the G20 Seoul Development Consensus for Shared Growth "to add value to and complement existing development commitments." The program helps build networks among government. The objective of the program is to enable participants to enhance their contributions towards reaching G-20 development goals set forth at the Seoul Summit and drive the momentum in implementing action plans to reach these goals.

The program has been designed for managers working in all areas of development, including in the G-20 development agenda areas, whether from the donor, recipient, facilitator, mediator, or change agent vantage point, to come together into a classroom to learn about Korea's exemplary economic development and also share each other's respective experiences in helping overcome today's complex challenges to achieving global sustainable development.

*As part of the Korean government's dedication to the G20 Development Principles set forth in the Seoul Development Consensus for Shared Growth, each participant from developing countries will be hosted by the KDI School and the Korean government. All program fees have been waived and each participant from developing countries will be entitled to roundtrip airfare, housing, and a modest stipend while attending the program.

Given the motivation behind the creation of the program, it is critical that key players in the world of development participate in the program. The prospective participant should be a mid-career practitioner, policymaker, organizational manager and/or stakeholder. The program will have a strong emphasis on practical applications that incorporate interactive teaching methods and experiential learning. Participants will be encouraged to take part in simulations, debates and share professional experiences and case studies. Courses will be taught by KDI School faculty, practitioners, and guest speakers.

Program Structure

This is an intensive program conducted over 8 days. Courses will be conducted six hours per day. The morning and afternoon session consists of presentation and discussions. The first part of the program will be focused on the best practice example of the Korean case. It will be an opportunity to learn about the Korean development experience, highlighting the fact that Korea started its development journey from somewhat the same place as some of the least developed countries. The latter part of the program will address G-20 agenda issues and action plans for realizing G-20 development goals. Lectures will cover how to overcome challenges to development amidst global changes in trade, energy, climate, financial regulatory systems, and technology landscapes.

There will also be a 3-day field trip to key industrial sites in Korea to witness firsthand Korea's economic development in action.

Who Should Attend

This program is designed for mid-level practitioners and decision makers in their respective organizations who will be working in some capacity as a manager, change agent, or facilitator in promoting global development or on G-20 agenda-setting. Given the heavy emphasis on cultivating a peer learning community, participants should be motivated to share professional experiences and challenges. A strong proficiency in the English language is required as all courses and coursework will be conducted in the English language.

Where and When

The program will be held at the KDI School of Public Policy and Management campus in Seoul, Korea.

The program will commence December 8, 2014 and conclude on December 12, 2014.

Further Information

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