

# Centre for Global Finance Seminar Series

## SOAS University of London

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**Wednesday 9 February 2022, 13:00-15:00 (GMT)**

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### **Development Finance Institutions in Africa: Shaping Future Research Directions**

This seminar will discuss future research on development finance institutions (DFIs) in Africa and map out a practical exciting agenda for researchers and DFI officials interested in DFIs, primarily to generate new evidence to shape public policy and private practice going forward.

Research on DFIs (focusing on those targeting the private sector) has picked up over the last two decades and especially over the last five years after the 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We have begun to understand much better how DFIs link with global SDGs. DFIs themselves have also changed, but a constant trend is the enhanced policy interest in supporting development through investing in private sector firms.

We would like to know more about how DFIs have evolved over time in terms of scope, sectors, themes, instruments, business models, profitability, geographies, private capital mobilisation and development impact in Africa. What evolution has so far happened and what is likely in the future? What evolution is desirable and why? What do DFIs do well, which partners can they work best with, and how, and what are the anticipated challenges and opportunities?

Professor Dirk Willem te Velde will outline some initial reflections, based on his ongoing research paper, which will be followed by experts from various DFIs, the African Development Bank and university researchers.

### **Full Programme**

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<b>13:00 - 13:15</b>	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> <i>Victor Murinde</i> AXA Professor in Global Finance & Director of Centre for Global Finance, SOAS University of London
<b>13:15 - 13:35</b>	<b>Inaugural Lecture: Introductory speaker</b> <i>Dirk Willem te Velde</i> Professor of Practice, SOAS University of London Principal Research Fellow and Director for International Economic Development, ODI  Remarks based on ongoing research paper at Centre for Global Finance, SOAS University of London

<b>13:35 - 14:05</b>	<b>Reflections from African Development Banks and researchers</b>
	<i>Andrew Mwaba</i> Formerly Country Manager African Development Bank Malawi
	<i>Grace Kyokunda</i> Private Sector Specialist African Development Bank Nairobi Regional Office
	<i>Joshua Abor</i> Professor of Finance and Development University of Ghana, Legon
<b>14:05 - 14:35</b>	<b>Reflections from DFIs based on recent research</b>
	<i>Paddy Carter</i> Director of Research CDC Group (to be rebranded as British International Investment (BII) on 4 April 2022)  Remarks based on BII strategy paper released in November 2021
	<i>Nina Fenton</i> Senior Economist Policy and Strategy Division, Economics Department, European Investment Bank (EIB)  Remarks based on EIB banking in Africa report released in December 2021
	<i>Neil Gregory</i> Chief Thought Leadership Officer Economics and Private Sector Development, International Finance Corporation (IFC), The World Bank Group  Remarks based on ongoing IFC research
	<b>14:35 - 15:00</b>
<b>Q&amp;A and Closing Remarks</b>	
<i>Victor Murinde</i> Director of Centre for Global Finance, SOAS University of London	