

Report on the Activities of the Finance for Development Working Group 2009

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a. 2009 activities

The EADI Working Group on Finance for Development was set up in March 2009 and is still in an initial phase. The 2009 activities comprised the following:

1) Research and Publication

In April 2009 CeSPI, in partnership with Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (**FIIAPP**), concluded a research project on International Finance for Development in Africa (IFDA). The project aimed at monitoring financial flows to a group of African Countries, and involved an assessment of the quality of national data on finance for development in the same countries.

The project was carried out by the following researchers in Europe and Africa:

- Elisenda Estruch Puertas, Alberto Mazzali, Anna Ozorio de Almeida and Marco Zupi (CeSPI, Italy)
- Mohammed Zine Barka (University of Tlemcen, Algeria);
- Issa Samake (Bamako University, Mali);
- Mohammed Chigueur (University of Oujda, Morocco);
- Amilcar Tivane (Ministry of Finance, Mozambique);
- Gaye Daffé (Cheikh Anta Diop University/UCAD, Senegal).

The final report of the IFDA project, together with background papers, can be downloaded from the CeSPI website at:

<http://www.cespi.it/reportIFDA.html>

2) Events

The results of the IFDA report were presented and discussed on two different occasions: in April in Rome, with a group of representatives of African Embassies, and in May in Dakar, in association with the *Consortium por la Recherche Economique et Sociale of Université Cheikh Anta Diop*, to a group of representatives of Senegalese institutions.

3) Networking and current members

The working group on FFD has carried out a reconnaissance of other EADI institutes with research programmes on the theme of FFD. A first round of contacts with these institutes is in the course of being carried out, with a view to solicit their participation in the group's activities and identify common research interest within the FFD issue.

b. Future activities

The group is working on a concept note to be sent to present or potential partner institutions regarding setting up projects for 2010.

In this framework, the expected results of the current networking activities are:

- 1) the mapping out of the activities and resources member institutes are currently destinating to the issue of FfD;
- 2) identification of main interests and points of convergence;
- 3) the development of synergies as regards the debate, organisation of research projects, events, publications and fund-raising initiatives, based on the outcomes of point 1;
- 4) enhancement of the use of the website (<http://www.eadi.org/working-groups/wg-finance.html>) as a forum for exchanges among members.