

The Washington Roundtable on the Global Economic Agenda

Conveners:

**Asian Development Bank Institute
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On September 18, Brookings—jointly with the Asian Development Bank Institute and the Inter-American Development Bank—co-hosted a roundtable focusing on the global economic agenda for the fall of 2009. Strategically scheduled just prior to the United Nation’s General Assembly, the G20 Leader’s Summit in Pittsburgh and the Annual Meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF); the roundtable served as a forum to enhance engagement and exchanges between experts from the United States and other G20 countries on the critical issues to be addressed at these high-level international gatherings.

In an era when global policy coordination is key, this initiative fostered the exchange of opinions and ideas on the some of the most pressing challenges without the constraints that the formality of international gatherings typically imposes. This was a clear objective of the Washington Roundtable on the Global Economic Agenda, which followed Chatham House Rule to ensure the confidentiality of individual statements. With the participation of 40 international opinion leaders, economists and academics, and policymakers; the roundtable allowed for a rich discussion of macroeconomic policies, financial regulatory reform, global governance reforms and the long-term global perspective beyond the current crisis.

Key questions addressed included the response to the crisis fostered by the G20 and its role after the crisis; domestic financial and regulatory reform in G20 countries, with special reference to the regulatory framework in emerging-market countries; the resources, role and longer-term perspective of the IMF; and the role that the U.S. will play in shaping the future of the international economic architecture. Major topics that surfaced included the importance of tackling global imbalances, the representation of developing and emerging markets in both the informal gatherings of the G20 as well as formal institutions such as the IMF, and how best to move forward with governance reform of international financial institutions.

Please follow the links below to access the agenda, list of participants and the Issues Paper authored by Domenico Lombardi which provides background information and highlights key topics discussed.

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