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AFD NEWSLETTER – n°30 – July 2010

The latest issue of AFD's Newsletter features the following news updates for the month: an interview of Dov Zerah, the AFD's new Chief Executive Officer, a spotlight on International Year of Biodiversity, our actions in the framework of the Union for the Mediterranean, our latest publications, our employment offers...

News

2010, Year of Biodiversity



In recent years, we have witnessed growing international awareness of the vital role biodiversity plays in ensuring truly sustainable development and supporting the poorest populations. Scientists, NGOs and policymakers in developed, developing and emerging countries alike have all disseminated the findings of several research studies that confirm the pressing need to better integrate biodiversity into development aid policies...

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In brief...

- ▶ [Agence Française de Développement \(AFD\), the European Investment Bank \(EIB\) and European Development Finance Institutions \(EDFI\) will establish a joint climate change fund](#)
- ▶ [AFD and World Bank organize the first Workshop on Climate Induced Migration and Displacement in Middle East and Nord Africa](#)
- ▶ [Partnership agreement signed with groupe Bank of Africa to help finance SMEs in Africa](#)
- ▶ [Loan agreement signed with OCP Group for a slurry pipeline project to transport phosphates in Morocco](#)

Figure of the month

AFD's financing in 2009 will contribute to vaccinating

1.8 million children

In the field

Mediterranean: Actions scaled up in the framework of the UfM



AFD is supporting the Union for the Mediterranean process by providing practical solutions for boosting growth and bringing the region's economies together. Its financing is expected to reach 6 billion euros over the next five years.

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3 questions to...

Dov Zerah, Chief Executive Officer of AFD



What is your viewpoint on AFD?

Over the past ten years our Institution – which will be celebrating its 70th anniversary next year – has experienced a profound revolution and I do not hesitate to use this word. AFD has seen a considerable geographical expansion and a wide diversification in its areas of activity. After these ten years of major changes, I see my role as being carved out within a period of consolidation.

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Ethiopia: Support for infrastructure and the private sector



AFD's new strategy in Ethiopia aims to develop infrastructure in the water, urban development and energy sectors, support investment and strengthen the capacities of productive sectors.

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PROPARCO AFD's private sector arm

Supporting a Lebanese bank's international development strategy



Lebanese banks play a key role in developing Middle East economies, yet they find it difficult to raise equity and long-term financing. PROPARCO has made an equity investment in the capital of Byblos Bank in order to support its international development and attract more private investors.

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Publications

How to finance higher education in the Mediterranean.

N° 1 of the new Recherches collection



Under what conditions can higher education in Egypt, Lebanon and Tunisia meet the challenges of globalization and demographic transition? Two AFD economists, Thomas Melonio and Mihoub Mezouaghi, propose areas for reflection.

(English version forthcoming)

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Employment opportunities

AFD is recruiting

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New projects

Developing countries

► [Water in South Africa, electricity in Egypt, the fight against climate change in Indonesia, education in Burkina Faso...](#)

French Overseas Communities

► [Social and intermediary housing in Martinique, public infrastructure in French Polynesia...](#)

FGEF

French Global Environment Facility

Global Oceans Conference 2010



The fifth Global Oceans Conference was held at UNESCO in Paris from 3 to 7 May 2010 as part of events to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and International Year of Biodiversity.

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Other publications

Notes and documents

► [n° 52: Disponibilité des ressources financières pour la santé dans les pays d'Afrique subsaharienne \(in French\)](#)

Focales

► [n° 3: Linking Labour Organisation and Vocational Training in Uganda: Lessons for Rural Poverty Reduction](#)

Working Papers

► [N° 83: Le discours mondial sur la "participation" et son émergence dans la protection de la biodiversité \(in French\)](#)

► [N° 92: Protection de la biodiversité à Soufrière, Sainte-Lucie \(in French\)](#)

► [N° 94: Développer le premier cycle secondaire : enjeu rural et défis pour l'Afrique subsaharienne \(in French\)](#)

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