

Friday 15 May

TODAY AT THE EBRD'S ANNUAL MEETING

The **Opening Session of the Board of Governors** (14:00) is followed by the **Board of Governor's roundtable** (15:00) – both events will be chaired by the EBRD Governor for Ireland, Mr Brian Lenihan, Minister of Finance.

The parallel **Business Forum**, a two-day series of discussions, country presentations, specialist panels and networking events, focuses on the impact of the global economic crisis on the EBRD region of operations. Opening at 9:00 with the theme, *Investing in the Future: Opportunities in a Tougher Climate*, the Forum features **discussion panels** throughout the day on the liquidity crisis, commodity dependence, and capital markets.

Today's other highlights include the specialist **Economics Panel** (10:30-11:45) moderated by Erik Berglof, the EBRD's Chief Economist, and a full programme of **country presentations** (10:15-16:45) on Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Poland, Serbia, Turkey and Turkmenistan.

This year's Jacques de Larosière Lecture (17:45-18:30) will be delivered by Lord Nicholas Stern, who will discuss the risks of failing to tackle climate change.

This evening the UK government invites all participants to a **Reception** from 19:00 onwards at Lancaster House. Coaches are provided from EBRD Headquarters to Lancaster House from 18:30. No return transport provided. The pick-up point for coaches is located in the Network Rail slip road in Primrose Street adjacent to the Bank. Directional staff will be in Exchange Square to point out the pick-up point.

Any changes to the Programme Brochure are acknowledged below. For full details on all events, please visit www.ebrd.com/am

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