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Invitation: EDC2020 Policy Forum on the Global Economic Crisis, 27 May 2009

Dear Ms Gitte Lillelund Bech

I write to kindly remind you of our Policy Forum on the theme ***Fighting the global recession's storm: what consequences for European development cooperation?*** to be held in Brussels, Residence Palace, on 27 May 2009. You are kindly invited to participate in this event.

During this Policy Forum, leading experts will analyze critical issues surrounding the global recession and developing countries. This analysis will include the implications of the decisions made by the G20 and those formulated in EU policies. It will also include an analysis of recent recommendations made by the European Commission under the Communication "Supporting Developing Countries in Coping with the Crisis".

10.00 - 10.30 Registration

10.30 - 11.00 Opening and Welcome

Thomas Lawo, EADI Executive Secretary
N.N., DG Research

11.00 - 13.00 Roundtable: *Are we doing well in supporting developing countries? The aftermath of G20 meeting in April 2009 and burning issues*

Chair: Ramesh Jaura, Inter Press Service
Alison Evans, Director, Overseas Development Institute
Jean Louis Arcand, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
Simona Bovha Padilla, Bureau of European Policy Advisers of the European Commission
Vicente Yu, South Centre

14:00 – 16:00 Open Discussion Forum: *What should the EU do to support developing countries? Recent concrete pledges made by the European Commission*

Chair: Ramesh Jaura, Inter Press Service
Andy Sumner, Institute of Development Studies
Annalisa Prizzon, OECD Development Centre
Béatrice Knerr, University of Kassel
Bodo Ellmers, Eurodad
Dirk Willem te Velde, Overseas Development Institute
San Bilal, European Centre for Development Policy Management

16:00 - 17:00 Closing and Drinks

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If you are not able to attend the event I would kindly ask you to forward the invitation to your interested colleagues.

To register and access the full programme, visit <http://www.edc2020.eu/64.0.html>. Places are limited so please return the registration form to heck@eadi.org or register online at <http://www.edc2020.eu/67.0.html> as soon as possible. Apologies for any cross-posting.

With best wishes,

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