

OECD FORUM 28 May - 29 May 2013 OECD Conference Centre Paris, France

Dear Ambassador,

OECD Forum is a key, annual multi-stakeholder event that is essential for delivering on the OECD mandate as an inclusive, global policy network to promote better policies for better lives. The Forum is an opportunity to engage with and listen to external stakeholders.

As you know, this year the OECD Forum will take place on 28-29 May 2013 alongside the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting on 29-30 May, chaired by Norway, with Australia and Estonia as Vice Chairs.

This message requests your assistance to ensure we invite key audiences via your contacts, representing the full range of stakeholders: academia, business, trade unions, members of parliament and government officials. Given the specific focus on youth employment, we especially ask you to ensure that organisations representing young people are included.

Information about the Forum

The 2013 edition of the Forum will be organised around three cross cutting themes:

- Promoting inclusive growth (thereby addressing inequalities extensively diagnosed in 2011 and 2012, while paying special attention to the plight of young people and the middle classes);
- Rebuilding trust (in both public and private sectors, political and economic spheres); and,
- · Fostering sustainability.

The Forum programme will be thematically linked to the MCM agenda and will reflect OECD work on:

- New Approaches for Economic Challenges;
- Action Plan for Youth;
- Global Value Chains:
- Trade in Value Added;
- Knowledge-based Capital; and,
- Base Erosion Profit Shifting.

The programme will also feature the Skills Strategy, the Development Strategy, the Green Growth Strategy, and the Gender Initiative. In terms of regional focus beyond OECD, special emphasis will be placed on Asia and Africa.

Invitation to participate

As in 2012, PAC is continuing an invitation-only policy for Forum participation in order to ensure that we attract an audience that actively engages in the various debates. The Forum will therefore be free of charge, with the number of places limited.

We would like to welcome suggestions for 20-50 participants from amongst your contacts who would benefit from attending the Forum and could be counted upon to contribute to the debates as active members of the audience.

We would kindly request that contact details be submitted directly via EMS by Friday, 5 April 2013 so that we can dispatch invitations in a timely manner.

We invite your Delegation to contact Ms. Gülfem Demiray (<u>Gulfem.DEMIRAY@oecd.org</u> – Tel.: 01 45 24 88 95) who will liaise with your Delegation regarding the registration process and practical information.

Thank you again for your collaboration.