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STORY OF THE MONTH

## **“It’s about the role of law, not just the rule of law” says new World Development Report of the World Bank**

**Paris, January 30, 2017** – On the occasion of the launch of the 2017 World Development Report *Governance and the Law*, the World Bank and the Agence Française de Développement partnered to organize a roundtable discussion on

the report at the French National Assembly. Jean-Marie Tétart, MP, French National Assembly, delivered opening remarks , followed by Paul Romer, Chief Economist of the World Bank.

Luis F. Lopez-Calva and Yongmei Zhou, Co-Directors for the WDR presented the main messages of the report, explaining why carefully designed, sensible policies are too often not adopted or implemented. Policy making and policy implementation do not occur in a vacuum, they explained. Rather, they take place in complex political and social settings, in which individuals and groups with unequal power interact within changing rules as they pursue conflicting interests.

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