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The latest issue of AFD's Newsletter includes the following news updates for the month: the Marketplace on Innovative Financial Solutions for Development to be held on 4 and 5 March 2010, the launch of an awareness raising campaign for the Millennium Development Goals, AFD's first financing in Mexico to support its program to combat climate change, an interview on reconstruction in Haiti...

News

Innovative Financial Solutions for Development



Agence Française de Développement (AFD), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the World Bank will co-host a Marketplace on Innovative Financial Solutions for Development to be held in Paris on 4 and 5 March 2010 at the Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie de la Villette in Paris. This international event aims to promote new ideas for financial mechanisms that can help provide a better response to development challenges.

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In brief...

- [Launch of www.letempspresse.org, an awareness raising campaign for the Millennium Development Goals](#)
- [Latitude France, the showcase for France's global culture and cooperation network, is online](#)
- [Partnership agreement signed with PACA Region](#)
- [Discover "As the earth spins", AFD's new presentation film \(7'\)](#)

Figure of the month

1 million inhabitants of disadvantaged neighborhoods will benefit from improved housing conditions thanks to AFD financing in 2008

In the field

Mexico: supporting the fight against climate change



AFD has granted a 185 million euro loan to Mexico to support its action to combat climate change. It opened an office in Mexico in September 2009 and has a mandate to support green and inclusive growth.

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3 questions to...

Louis-Jacques Vaillant, Director of AFD's Latin America and Caribbean Department



What are the challenges for reconstruction in Haiti?

The pressing need will be to begin reflection on urban development, particularly in Port-au-Prince. The aim will be to take all the different functions of the city into account, not only in terms of housing, but also the environment, mobility, public equipment... Haiti's local councillors will be able to benefit from the experience of foreign local authorities.

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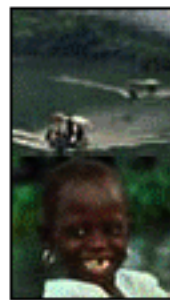
Egypt: wastewater treatment plant extension



AFD is financing the extension of the Gabal el Asfar wastewater treatment plant alongside the African Development Bank. This extension will raise the plant's treatment capacity by 500 000 m³ a day. It will become Africa's biggest wastewater treatment plant.

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Agenda



Until 26 March, on Fridays at 5 p.m.

- ▶ [The AIDS epidemic and the globalization of risks, lecture by Peter Piot, the new Knowledge Against Poverty Chair, Collège de France, Paris](#)

New projects

Developing countries

- ▶ [Transport in Nigeria, budget support in Mozambique, support for the economy in Vietnam, food security in Gabon, rural electrification in Yemen, students loans and health in Lebanon...](#)

Overseas France

- ▶ [Urban renovation in Guadeloupe and economic recovery in French Polynesia...](#)

PROPARCO AFD's private sector arm

FISEA participates in financing East African SMEs



Most SMEs in East Africa have limited access to financing. FISEA, the investment fund held by AFD and managed by PROPARCO, has participated in the first closing of the FANISI fund which will be investing in about a dozen SMEs in the region.

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FGEF French Global Environment Facility

Cartography of the Maldives and climate change



The French GEF is supporting the Maldives authorities in the implementation of a national action plan for climate change adaptation. The aim is to learn more about the risks from rising sea levels in order to define sectoral strategies for protection and prevention.

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Publications

French Aid for Trade



Developing trade is a key lever for economic growth and poverty reduction, and in times of economic crises when protectionist tendencies find a new appeal, support to foster trade must remain high on the agenda. This booklet, illustrated with concrete examples, presents the French strategy on Aid for Trade, prepared and implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Economy and AFD.

[<Find out more>](#)

Other publications

Working Paper

- ▶ [n° 90 : Migration, santé et soins médicaux à Mayotte \(in French\)](#)
- ▶ [n° 92: Community Participation Beyond Idealisation and Demonisation: Biodiversity Protection in Soufrière, St. Lucia](#)

Ex Post

- ▶ [n° 29 : Microfinance dans les États fragiles \(in French\)](#)

Impact analyses

- ▶ [n° 5: Randomized Controlled Evaluation of SKY Health Insurance in Cambodia](#)

Ex Post

- ▶ [n° 4: What are the Economic and Social Impacts of the Mobile Phone Sector in Developing Countries?](#)

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