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Kiribati Prepared For Second Economic Boost

The World Bank’s Board of Executive Directors today approved US$3 million for the Second Economic Support Development Policy Operation, which will support efficient public service delivery and long-term fiscal sustainability in the Republic of Kiribati. (Read More)

What we’re doing.....

To assist Pacific island partner country Kiribati in addressing the nutrition, health and other issues that have arisen due to long-term dependence on imported foods, and to improve yields of locally grown crops, we are implementing our Horticulture Project, which is gradually improving the overall nutrition and health of local citizens, and creating an income for farmers.
Asia Integration to Continue, Backed by Pragmatic Institutions, Regional Demand

Asia is set to become increasingly integrated as governments bolster trade and transport connections and build regional institutions, such as free trade agreements, regional bond market arrangements, and financial safety nets, that can avoid the kind of dangers that have beset integration in other part of the world. (Read More)

Asia’s Economic Integration

The degree of economic integration within Asia can be seen in the number of free trade agreements (FTAs) being signed. Statistics from the Asian Development Bank indicate that the number of FTAs in the region has risen from 55 in 2000 to 278 as of 2014.

Conference Highlights Need For Regional Cooperation to Boost Productivity

Developing Asia must boost productivity if it is to continue to enjoy strong economic growth, reduce poverty and inequality, and avoid getting mired in the middle-income trap, delegates heard at an Asian Regional Cooperation and Integration conference that ends here today. (Read More)
African Development Bank to contribute to food security in 11 countries
The African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) Kenya have signed on November 14, 2014, in Nairobi, a grant agreement to support the growth and formalization of 54 African seed companies in eleven countries. (Read More)

What we’re doing...
To increase food security, we’re implementing a number of projects in cooperation with Africa partners, including our Food Crops Development Project in São Tomé and Principe, and our Consultancy Project for the Management of Hydraulic Systems and Rice Production in the Bagré Reclamation Area in Burkina Faso.

African Development Bank Group Board approves new Regional Integration Policy and Strategy
The African Development Bank Group’s (AfDB) Board of Executive Directors approved on Wednesday, November 19 the new Regional Integration Policy and Strategy (RIPoS) for the period 2014-2023. (Read More)
Inter-American Development Bank to promote soybean industrialization in Paraguay

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) signed a $94.7 million loan to support the industrialization of Paraguay’s soybean complex through financing of CAIASA, a new soybean crushing plant, which will be the largest in country. (Read More)

Countries vow to combat malnutrition through firm policies and actions

In a major step towards eradicating malnutrition worldwide, over 170 countries today made a number of concrete commitments and adopted a series of recommendations on policies and investments aimed at ensuring that all people have access to healthier and more sustainable diets. (Read More)