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EVENT IN PARIS DEDICATED TO THE ENTIRE GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE VALUE CHAIN

INFRAWEEK 2021 - INAUGURAL DAY

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Infrastructure development is critical to delivering growth, reducing poverty and addressing broader development goals, as argued in the World Bank Report Transformation through Infrastructure (2012). An accessible, affordable, and reliable infrastructure network is crucial for development. It is necessary for powering business, lowering transactions costs, improving market access, and improving the efficiency of other productive factors, and it is prerequisite for providing people with access to important services such as education and health care, connecting workers to their jobs, and sharing the fruits of growth in an equitable manner. In the global arena, infrastructure is essential for the participation in the value chains to upgrade the economic structure.

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(L) Arnaud DE BRESSON Managing Director, Paris EUROPLACE

(R) Emmanuel MOULIN Managing Director, French Treasury

Infrastructure includes hard (tangible) infrastructure and soft (intangible) infrastructure. Hard infrastructure often refers to transport system (such as roads, airports, port facilities, and rail), public utilities (such as energy, water supply and sewer, and irrigation), communication network (such as telecommunication and broadband), and social infrastructure (such as schools and hospitals). Soft infrastructure often refers to matters related to efficiency, such as institutions and regulations

Global value chains will undergo a drastic transformation in the decade ahead. The change will be driven by a push for greater supply chain resilience due to COVID-19, which adds to existing pressures from the technology revolution, growing economic nationalism, and the sustainability imperative. However, COVID-19 is not the only gamechanger. The crisis caused by the pandemic arrives on top of existing mega-challenges to the system of international production arising from the new industrial revolution. These challenges were already reaching an inflection point; the demand, supply and policy shocks caused by the pandemic are set to tip the scales.

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(L) Augustin DE ROMANET, Chairman & CEO, ADP Group Chairman, Paris EUROPLACE

(R) Thierry DEAU, Chief Executive Officer, Meridiam Chairman, Long Term Infrastructure Investors Association (LTIIA) Chairman, Finance for Tomorrow

How better identify a pipeline of bankable projects ? How make infrastructure spending more effective ? How identify the impediments that restrict the flow of financing ? How further integrate in bank and insurance regulation the specific nature of the infrastructure asset class ? How bring together public officials, corporates, equity providers, banks and multilaterals to structure, build and finance efficient and valuable projects ? And finally how finance to-morrow's infrastructures ? These are some of many questions to be addressed

during the InfraWeek 2021.

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(L) Moderator: Sasha VAKULINA, Business Editor, Euronews

- Jean-Bernard LEVY, Chairman and CEO, EDF

(R) Moderator Panel 1: René KASSIS, Head of Real and Private assets, La Banque Postale AM, Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee, French Asset Management Association (AFG)

The Event is destined to: Major international institutional investors, fund managers, lenders, arrangers, multilaterals as well as government and EU officials, infrastructure developers, lawyers and financial consultants, academia, and other players of the infrastructure finance community from all around the world, should benefit from the various conferences and workshops, business meetings and other networking opportunities.

During the three previous Paris InfraWeek editions in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, over 2.000 people from over 30 nationalities registered for one or some of the 25 events.

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Moderator: Virginie GRAND, Managing Director, HSBC Continental Europe

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