

Luxembourg, 12 April 2010

Invitation: **Conference “EIB Lending outside the EU – a way forward”,
Brussels, Friday 29 April 2010**

Dear Sir,
Dear Madam,

On behalf of the European Investment Bank, I would like to invite you to the conference “**EIB Lending outside the EU – a way forward**” scheduled on **Friday 29 April in Brussels**. The event will take place in the Paul Henry Spaak building of the European Parliament, room PHS05B001 starting at 10h00 and ending with a light lunch around 13h00.

This conference is being organised in the wake of the publication of an evaluation report drafted by a steering committee in the context of the Mid-Term Review of the EIB’s external mandates. With almost EUR 9 bn dedicated in 2009 to investments in EU partner countries across the world, the EIB plays an important part in EU economic cooperation and development policy. But what do EU economic cooperation and development policies entail in terms of EU external financial support at the start of the 21st century alongside new challenges such as climate change?

Confirmed speakers include: **Andris Piebalgs**, EU Commissioner for Development and **Michel Camdessus**, former IMF Managing Director and Chairman of the review of EIB external lending.

This event will bring together Members of the European Parliament, EU and third country government representatives, EU policymakers, non-governmental organisations and other stakeholders. We look forward to an interactive debate and have allocated sufficient time in the programme for discussion.

Please indicate your availability for the conference, at your earliest convenience, via the enclosed form. In the event that you are unavailable to attend please do not hesitate to nominate an appropriate colleague.

Looking forward to welcome you on 29 April, I remain

Yours sincerely,



Philippe Maystadt