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AFD NEWSLETTER - n°18 - April 2009

The latest issue of AFD's Newsletter includes the following news updates for the month: a special feature on recovery in developing countries, the activity of our agencies in the French West Indies, an interview on AFD's partnerships with NGOs, our latest recruitment campaign...

News

Finding the right recovery plan



The crisis is gaining ground. It has gripped our countries, spread to major emerging countries and will probably not spare developing countries. Yet our own recovery will only come about if growth is maintained in these countries which will be the only ones to see positive – albeit timid – growth rates in 2009...

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In brief...

- ▶ ["From official development assistance to the financing of global public policies", Jean-Michel Severino's latest post on the Ideas for Development blog](#)
- ▶ ["Financing infrastructure that creates sustainable development" by Pierre-André Wiltzer](#)
- ▶ ["When the Earth goes hungry: a consequence expected from the global crisis" by José Tissier and Emmanuel Baudran](#)
- ▶ [Watch the reports broadcast by France 3 on our projects for irrigation and access to water in Cambodia](#)

Figure of the month

3.5 million people will use road and railway networks rehabilitated or constructed thanks to financing allocated by AFD in 2008

In the field

Martinique and Guadeloupe: Supporting local authorities in the French West Indies



AFD operates in Martinique and Guadeloupe in line with the mission entrusted to it by the French State to support public policies and companies, develop regional cooperation and help protect the environment...

[<our activities in Martinique \(French version only\)>](#)

[<our activities in Guadeloupe \(French version only\)>](#)

3 questions to...

Catherine Bonnaud, Head of AFD's Division for Partnerships with NGOs.



Why has AFD decided to forge partnerships with NGOs?

AFD began to scale up its strategic dialogue with NGOs back in 2001. The aim is to have exchanges on development issues and several partnership agreements have consequently been signed. The latest with Handicap International should help project managers to better integrate the notion of disability into project design...

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[<AFD and NGOs>](#)

Burkina Faso:

Excellence in training for African executives



AFD is supporting the International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering (2iE). The institute is based in Burkina Faso and trains executives from all over Africa. Its training programs are based on innovation and the corporate spirit...

[<Find out more>](#)

New projects

Developing countries

► [Support for education in DRC, construction of Cairo's 3rd metro line, port investment in Congo, industrial development in Palestine, urban development in Lao PDR, support for microfinance, budget support in Central African Republic, Togo and Burkina Faso...](#)

Overseas France

► [Strengthening bank guarantee mechanisms and urban development – AFD implements the business recovery plan in the whole of Overseas France and supports economic development in Guadeloupe...](#)

PROPARCO

AFD's private sector arm

PROPARCO extends its geographical area of activity



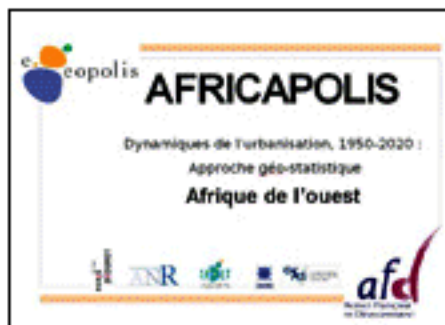
PROPARCO's 26 March 2009 Board of Directors meeting authorized the extension of its geographical activity to all the recipient countries of official development assistance on the list of the OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC).

[<Find out more>](#)

Publications

Africapolis

Urbanization study in West Africa (1950-2020)



This innovative and ambitious project crosses demographic data, provides lists of cities and satellite pictures and highlights modes of urbanization that development partners need to know about...

[<Find out more>](#)

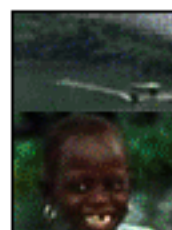
Employment opportunities

Recruitment campaign

<AFD and Proparco are strengthening their teams by recruiting high-level financiers, corporate lawyers, economists and engineers.>

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Agenda



28 April, 1 p.m.

► [Screening of and debate on a documentary about heritage and development in Luang Prabang, Lao PDR, AFD, Paris](#)

FGEF

French Global Environment Facility

Adapting to climate change in the Indian Ocean States



The French GEF and France's Federation of Regional Natural Parks signed a service contract on 25 March 2009 for knowledge transfers between the Federation and Uruguayan partners and to support the two pilot sites under Uruguay's National Protected Areas System (NPAS).

[<Find out more>](#)

Other publications

Working Paper

► [N° 80: The New Systems for Post-Primary Vocational Training, Results of a Field Survey in Cameroon, Mali and Morocco](#)

Ex Post

► [N° 23: Evaluation Study on the New Caledonia Real Estate Company](#)

CEROM

► [N° 5: Assessment of 2008 GDP in Wallis & Futuna \(French version only\)](#)

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