

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

EDUCATION INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE BALKANS: THE EMERGING MARKET

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Working Languages of the conference: Greek and English

Thursday, June 27

- Welcome** **9.30 – 10.00**
 - *George Papandreou, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece*
 - *Jo Ritzen, Vice President, Human Development, World Bank Group*

- Keynote: Overview of Global Market for Education** **10.00 – 10.30**

Speaker: ***Shanta Dervarajan***, Chief Economist for Human Development and
Director of forthcoming Human Development Report, World Bank

COFFEE BREAK	10.30 – 10.45
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- Session 1: The Role of Private Education in the Balkans** **10.45 – 11.30**

Moderator: *George Psacharopoulos, MP*

Speaker 1: ***Frances Tsakonas***, Balkan Study Co-ordinator, Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Speaker 2: Minister of Education (Balkan country)

Speaker 3: ***Dennis Farrington***, Dean, South East Europe University in Tetovo, FYROM

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION **11.30 – 11.45**

Session 2: Concepts That Are Working – CASE STUDIES 11.45 – 12.45

Moderator: Harry Patrinos, World Bank

Speaker 1: **George Babiniotis**, The Arsakeio School in Tirana

Speaker 2: **Vanera Novakovska**, NOVA School, Skopje, FYROM

Speaker 3: **Zlatko Seselj**, Classical Lyceum, Zagreb Croatia

Speaker 4: **Vladimir Athanassov**, The Balkan School, Sofia, Bulgaria

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION 12.45 – 1.00

LUNCH BREAK	13.00 – 14.15
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Session 2 (continued): CASE STUDIES 14.15 – 15.00

*Moderator: Andrea Marto, Former Deputy Minister of Education, Albania**

Speaker 5: **Mariana Mihailova**, European College of Economics and Management, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Speaker 6: **Edmond Hoxha**, INKUS School, Albania

Speaker 7: **Response Training**, Romania

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION 15.00 – 15.15

Session 3: Financing of Private Education 15.15– 16.15

*Moderator: Ron Perkinson, IFC**

Speaker 1: **Harry Patrinos**, Demand-side Financing, The World Bank

Speaker 2: **Guy Ellena**, Director, Health and Education Department, IFC*

Speaker 3: **Luisa Ferreira**, European Investment Bank*

Speaker 4: Southeast Europe Enterprise Development

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION 16.15 – 16.30

COFFEE BREAK	16.30 – 16.45
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Session 4: Public-Private Partnerships 16.45 – 17.30

Moderator: Ayesha Vawda, World Bank

Speaker 5: **Michael Latham**, Public-Private Partnerships, EdInvest*

Speaker 6: Hellenic Development Agency

Speaker 7: **Case Study** – Soros Foundation

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION 17.30 – 18.00

Friday, June 28

Session 5: Investment Opportunities - The Emerging Market 9.20 – 10.00

Moderator: Frances Tsakonas, Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Speaker 1: **Yiannis Sophianopoulos**, Director General, Organization for Agricultural VET & Employment

Speaker 2: **Tassos Ioannides**, Director, Political Reportage, NET

Speaker 3: **Aris Hairetis**, Deputy Director, Hellenic Telecommunications Organization

Speaker 4: **Jeff Levett**, Director, Hellenic Institute for Public Health

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION 10.00 – 10.20

COFFEE BREAK	10.20 – 10.40
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Session 5 (continued): Investment Opportunities 10.40– 11.10

Moderator: Frances Tsakonas, Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Speaker 5: National Bank of Greece

Speaker 6: **Miltos Economides**, EU Representative, Serbia*

Speaker 7: **Paul Siegelbaum**, World Bank, Global Distance Learning Network/Development Gateway Foundation

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION 11.10 – 11.30

COFFEE BREAK	11.30 – 12.00
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Session 6: Hellenic Program for the Reconstruction of the Balkans 12.00 – 12.30

Andreas Loverdos, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION 12.30 – 1.00

CLOSING 1.00 – 1.15

George Papandreou, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece