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Subject: EDI Course in French

The Economic Development Institute of the World Bank today (April 6) began in Washington its third annual course on development planning conducted in the French language. There are 19 officials participating in the course from 14 of the Bank's member countries where French is the official language or the second language commonly used. The countries are:

Algeria
Cameroon
Chad
Comoro Islands (France)
Congo (Brazzaville)
Haiti
Iran
Ivory Coast
Lao
Lebanon
Madagascar
Morocco
Senegal
Tunisia

The Economic Development Institute was organized by the Bank in 1955 as a staff college for senior officials from developing member countries whose work involves decisions on economic policy and the formulation and administration of development programs or projects. The course is designed to give the participants a broad perspective of problems of economic development. It will have an essentially practical orientation aimed at increasing the effectiveness of the participants in carrying out their responsibilities at home. This is the third course the Institute has conducted in French; in order to cover the subject matter more adequately, it has been lengthened to 15 weeks instead of 12 weeks which has been the duration of the other courses in French.
The course will be conducted by the seminar method so that the participants may learn from one another's experience as well as from that of the Institute's staff who will lead the discussions. There will be 9 seminars, each consisting of 5 to 9 sessions with the following general headings:

1. General Factors in Economic Development
2. The Financing of Investments
3. Infrastructure Investments
4. Agricultural Investments
5. Industrial Investments
6. Development Policies
7. Financial Aspects of Development
8. Planning
9. Human Aspects of Development

The Director of the Institute is Mr. John H. Adler. The course is in charge of Mr. Olivier Richet, now a member of the staff of the Institute and formerly with the Caisse Centrale de Cooperation Economique, an agency of the French Government. He will be assisted by Mr. Yves Laulan, lent by the Caisse Centrale and until recently a staff member of the International Monetary Fund. Members of the regular staff of the Institute, staff members of the Bank and guest lecturers will also conduct sessions.

Participants in Third Development Course in French

**ALGERIA**  
Mr. Mahfoud Zeroula, Director of Public Equipment, Development Bank of Algeria

**CAMEROON**  
Mr. Jean-Claude Epote, Alternate to the Director of External Economic Relations, Ministry of National Economy  
Mr. Soter Tsanga, Secretary General, Cameroon Development Bank

**CHAD**  
Mr. Assan Kolingar, First Counsellor, Chad Embassy in Paris
COMORO ISLANDS (France)  
Mr. Mikidache Abdourahim, Alternate to the Head of Planning Office, Ministry of Planning

CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE)  
Mr. Albert Rakantsi, Director of Construction, Urbanism and Housing Department, Planning Board, Ministry of Public Works

Mr. Dominique N'gounou, Administrator of Financial and Administrative Services, Director of Planning, Ministry of National Economy, Planning, Public Works, Transport and Mines

HAITI  
Mr. André Dejean, Inspector, National Bank of Haiti

IRAN  
Mr. Charifi Parand M. Sadegh, Director of Economic Research Bureau, Ministry of Finance

IVORY COAST  
Mr. Zoumana Kone, Assistant to the Chief of the Department of Public Investment Programs, Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and Planning

Mr. Sékou Touré, Assistant Director of the Division of Development Studies, Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and Planning

LAOS  
Mr. Oraphit Inthavong, Finance Inspector, Ministry of Finance

Mr. Noi Sihavong, Chief of Purchasing Bureau, Ministry of Planning and National Economy

LEBANON  
Mr. Rémi Chamé, Secretary of the Planning and Development Council, Ministry of Planning

MADAGASCAR  
Mr. Edmond Rajoela, Chief of Provincial Department of Finance of Tamatave

Mr. Joseph Rakotonirina, Department Head, Ministry of Finance

MOROCCO  
Mr. Abderrazak Zerrad, Director of Studies, Ministry of Economic Affairs

SENEGAL  
Mr. Ousmane M'Baye, Alternate to the General Manager, Office of Exchange Control

TUNISIA  
Mr. Mohamed Radhi Dhane, Subdivision Engineer, Department of Mines, State Secretariat for Planning and Finance