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HIGH LEVEL SEMINAR: THE ENERGY TRANSITION, NDCs, AND THE POST-COP21

By OCP Policy Center, International Monetary Fund and the Center on Global Economic Governance at Columbia University

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Center on Global Economic Governance (CGEG), part of Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, and OCP Policy Center will hold a High Level Seminar, supported by the COP22 Scientific Committee, under the theme of "[The Energy Transition, NDCs, and the Post-COP21](#)" on September 8th and 9th, 2016 at the Sofitel hotel in Marrakech, Morocco.

In preparation of the upcoming COP22 event, the objectives of this high level seminar are to define the long term goals for the struggle against climate change, and to share perspectives on the actions to undertake to make climate agreements credible, with a focus on the strategies that would ensure their implementation.

Two full days will bring together speakers and participants to contribute to discussions around the adoption of carbon pricing, the respective roles for adaptation and mitigation in the climate change discussion, as well as the role of transparency and accountability in achieving climate change alleviation goals. Climate Finance will also be discussed as it is becoming one of the key solutions to fight climate change, as major financial investments are required to transition the world's economy to a low-carbon path, reduce greenhouse gas concentration to safe levels, and build the resilience of vulnerable countries to climate change. In terms of energy transition, the debates will bring elements of response to the following key questions: where does the energy transition stand; what are the transitional risks; how to evaluate the right energy price and how to make the energy transition contribute to economic development? Finally, experts will explore how policy makers should deal with uncertainty.

The Seminar will gather distinguished personalities from international organizations, research institutes and academia, as well as selected professionals in policy and business to push forward reflection on these issues.

About OCP Policy Center

The OCP Policy Center is a Moroccan policy-oriented think tank striving to promote knowledge sharing and to contribute to an enriched reflection on key economic and international relations issues. By offering a southern perspective on major regional and global strategic challenges facing developing and emerging countries, the OCP Policy Center aims to provide a meaningful policy-making contribution through its four research programs: Agriculture, Environment and Food Security, Economic and Social Development, Commodity Economics and Finance, Geopolitics and International Relations. On this basis, we are actively engaged in public policy analysis and consultation while promoting international cooperation for the development of countries in the southern hemisphere. In

this regard, the OCP Policy Center aims to be an incubator of ideas and a source of forward thinking for proposed actions on public policies within emerging economies, and more broadly for all stakeholders engaged in the national and regional growth and development process. For this purpose, the Think Tank relies on independent research and a solid network of internal and external leading research fellows.

About IMF

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is an organization of 189 countries, working to foster global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability, facilitate international trade, promote high employment and sustainable economic growth, and reduce poverty around the world. Created in 1945, the IMF is governed by and accountable to the 189 countries that make up its near-global membership.

About the Center on Global Economic Governance at Columbia University

The Center on Global Economic Governance (CGEG) was created with the recognition that without adequate global economic governance there is a greater possibility of major crises and a tendency toward protectionism and political upheaval. It is our mission to develop, promote and implement new theories, studies and policy initiatives that cut across nation-state boundaries and address this new reality. The goal for CGEG is hence to become a premier Center for producing a new wave of policy-oriented research on global economic governance, stress excellence and recognition, and achieve visibility and impact. In doing so, CGEG will bring critical issues into sharp focus, set the highest academic standards in research, and bring together key players from the academic, policy, and business world.