



Kingdom of the Netherlands

## ***Doing Business with the World Bank: Aid & Trade NL for World Bank - September, 2019***

### **Success Story: Philips**

At the Human Capital Summit 2018 Philips CEO Frans van Houten co-signed an open letter to the world community highlighting the need for greater investment in human capital. The publication of the open letter coincided with the launch of the World Bank Group's Human Capital Index. Philips made a commitment to improve the lives of 3 billion people by 2030. They are working with the World Bank Group (amongst others) to reach this goal. One of their key solutions are Community Life Centers, which people in low resource settings.

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### **Climate-Smart Energy Solutions: Business Opportunities Fair**

The World Bank Group is pleased to invite you to its Business Opportunities Fair. The event - from October 29-31 - will focus on climate-smart energy solutions and will bring together a diverse group of companies from around the world interested in the work of International

Financial Institutions (IFIs) in this sector. The two-and-a-half-day program intends to provide you with information on the energy sector strategies, priorities, and portfolios of the World Bank Group and other IFIs.

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## Food 4 All Partnership review presentation

Wijnand van IJssel lead the [Food 4 All Partnership](#) initiative from 2016-2019. The goal of the partnership is to help address the problem of global food security and food safety which in turn contributes to helping the World Bank Group reach the overall goal of reducing poverty globally. The most important outcomes of the first 3 years - of the in total 5-year partnership - are food safety studies in Vietnam and India, but also educational initiatives as Food for All Talks.



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## Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO)

On August 1st the [Netherlands Enterprise Agency \(RVO\)](#) launched the new and improved [website](#). This is part of a bigger communication strategy to provide more information to Dutch entrepreneurs/businesses about the activities from Netherlands Enterprise Agency. Through practical stories and interviews with the Dutch Network abroad and RVO, entrepreneurial successes are communicated using online platforms [YouTube](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#)

and online Dutch news paper  
[Financieel Dagblad](#).

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## Global Economic Prospects

Global growth has continued to soften this year. Subdued investment in emerging market and developing economies (EMDEs) is dampening potential growth prospects. Risks to the outlook remain firmly on the downside, including the possibility of escalating trade tensions. Reforms to boost private investment and productivity growth are needed, particularly in low-income countries, which face more significant challenges today than they did in the early 2000s.

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## Rethinking Power Sector Reform in the Developing World

Every country aspires to provide reliable, affordable, and sustainable electricity to its citizens. Yet during the past 25 years, some countries made huge strides, while others saw little progress. What accounts for this difference? A new World Bank report - [Rethinking Power Sector Reform in the Developing World](#) - looks at the evidence on the ways in which developing countries have attempted to improve power sector performance and on what the outcomes have been.

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[Annual Meetings: World Bank  
Group/IMF](#)  
Washington, D.C.



October 29-30, 2019

**World Bank Group's Business  
Opportunities Fair: Climate-Smart  
Energy Solutions**  
Washington, D.C.

December 11, 2019

**#Infra4Dev Conference:  
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