

Our Guest Speakers

ANDREW BURNS is a Lead Economist with the Development Prospects Group. He is the main author of this year's Global Economic Prospects and has been a principal contributor to past editions of this publication and its sister publication Global Development Finance. Before joining the World Bank, Mr. Burns worked with the OECD where he was Head of Desk for the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and France. His principal responsibilities included supervising and writing the OECD's Economic Surveys for these countries. He also played a lead role in the OECD's Jobs Study, supervising the evaluation of labor market policies in each of the organization's 30 member countries. Mr. Burns holds degrees from the University of Manitoba and McGill University in Canada.

HANS TIMMER, a Dutch National, is Lead Economist and Manager of the Global Trends team in the Bank's Development Prospects Group. Under his management, the Global Trends Team is responsible for authoring "Chapter One – Global Outlook and the Developing Countries" of this year's Global Economic Prospects and the Developing Countries. He is also responsible for short-term monitoring, medium-term forecasting and policy analysis and long-term scenario analysis of the global economy.

Before joining the Bank in May 2000, he was head of international economic analysis at Central Planning Bureau (CPB) for ten years. In this role, he supervised the development of two world models: a long-term model of the world economy, and an econometric medium-term model of OECD economies. He has had vast experience working with the European Commission, IPCC and the OECD, as well as with the Indian Planning Commission and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

He has participated in international modeling groups like LINK and GTAP. Mr. Timmer studied Econometrics at Erasmus University Rotterdam. He has been a researcher at the University of Lodz in Poland and at the Netherlands Economic Institute.

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World Bank Briefing
2008 Global Economic Prospects Report
09 Jan 2008

Conference Room 28A
Monetary Authority of Singapore
MAS Building, Level 28
Singapore 079117
1400 - 1530 Hrs



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Program

- 1:30 pm Registration
- 2:00 pm Welcome Remarks by Chairperson
Dr. Khor Hoe Ee
President, ESS
- 2:10 pm “2008 Global Economic Prospects”
Mr. Andrew Burns
Lead Economist
Development Prospects Group

Mr. Hans Timmer
Lead Economist,
Manager Global Trends,
Development Prospects Group
- 2:40 pm Q&A Session
- 3:20 pm Closing Remarks

Venue

Conference Room 28A
Monetary Authority of Singapore
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