



FINANCE PROFESSIONALS FORUM

Addressing issues and strategies to meet the challenges of the global economic downturn

One Day Forum, 31 March 2009, Citigate Central Hotel, Sydney

Leading Speakers Include:

Dr Guy Debelle, *Assistant Governor (Financial Markets), Reserve Bank of Australia*, looks at the global financial crisis and its effect on Australian financial markets

Nigel Ray, *Executive Director, Finance and Corporate, Department of Treasury*, looks at issues of fiscal policy in the current environment

Dr Martin Fahy, *Chief Executive Officer, Finsia - Financial Services Institute of Australasia* looks at what needs to be addressed if Australia is to achieve its ambition of becoming a regional financial hub

Fariborz Moshirian, *Professor of Finance, Australian School of Business, University of New South Wales*, and esteemed author was recently a speaker at a conference organised by the World Bank and the IMF on "Financial Globalisation, Risk Analysis and Management".

Patrick Winsbury, *Senior Vice President, Moody's Investors Service* looks at Australian bank liquidity – Where to next for banks, Lessons learnt from the crisis and life after the Government guarantees.

Dr Partha Gangopadhyay, *Senior Lecturer, School of Economics and Finance, University of Western Sydney*, Author of Economics of Globalisation, looks at the ramifications of the current financial downturn and what measures could have been taken to alleviate impact to Australian Economy.

Who Should Attend?

CFO's, Finance Directors, Financial Analysts, Economists, COO's, Executive Directors, Senior Analysts, Investment Bankers, Corporate/Group Treasurers, Financial Controllers and others involved in the Finance function.

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Conference Overview

Attend the Finance Professional's Forum to gain a current perspective on what's happening globally and its impact on the Australian economy. Backed up by an excellent speaking panel, the forum will also address an in-depth business outlook for 2009 and beyond.

Learning Network Solutions brings you The Finance Professional's Forum in Sydney, an excellent opportunity for all finance professionals to come and hear from leading speakers who unite to discuss the Global Financial Crisis.

Program Agenda

TUESDAY, 31 MARCH

8.15 - 9.00

REGISTRATION & MORNING TEA

9.00 - 9.10

OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

9.10 – 10.00

KEYNOTE ADDRESS : FISCAL POLICY IN THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT

Nigel Ray

Executive Director Fiscal and Corporate
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

10.00 – 10.20

NETWORKING MORNING TEA

10.20 – 11.20

MAKING SENSE OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CLIMATE

Reviewing current economic trends and future forecast, this session will provide you with a current economic overview looking at the current market volatility, fuel pricing and commodity prices.

- Global markets and impacts on the local economy
- Impact of global credit crunch – could the chaos have been prevented?
- Economic growth in Australia and the opportunities presented by BRIC economics
- The dollar, inflation and resulting current market trends
- Fall of finance companies – the impacts and implications
- Preparing for the uncertainty and best practices to adopt

Dr. Partha Gangopadhyay

Senior Lecturer, School of Economics and Finance
UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY

11.20 – 12.20

AUSTRALIAN BANK LIQUIDITY : A RATINGS PERSPECTIVE

- How Australian banks compare
- Lessons from the crisis
- Impact of global de-leveraging
- After the government guarantees
- Where next for bank ratings?

Patrick Winsbury

Senior Vice President
MOODY'S INVESTOR SERVICE

12.20 – 1.20

LUNCH

1.20 -2.20

A COMMENTARY ON THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS AND ITS IMPACT ON AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL MARKETS

This session looks at the global financial crisis and its ramifications on Australian financial markets

Guy Debelle

Assistant Governor, Financial Markets
RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA

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TUESDAY, 31 MARCH (Continued)

4.35

CLOSING REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

2.20 - 3.20

DOMESTIC EFFECTS OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN: GLOBALISATION FRIEND OR FOE

- What impact will the global financial crisis have on Australian businesses
- Globalisation as a double edge sword
- Who is responsible for the current upheaval and how organisations best deal with the change
- The future of financial crisis
- Reserve Bank Independence and Monetary Policy in the context of Financial Crisis

Fariborz Moshirian

Professor of Finance, Australian School of Business
UNIVERSITY OF NSW

3.20 – 3.45

AFTERNOON TEA

3.45 -4.35

AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE AS A REGIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES HUB – THE “TALENT” DIMENSION

- Examination of the current turmoil in financial markets and its impact on employment in the sector
- Looking at the long – term challenges and key underlying structural patterns which have characterized employment in the financial services industry
- Discussion of what needs to be addressed if Australia is to achieve its ambition of becoming a regional financial hub and suggested policy responses

Martin Fahy

Chief Executive Officer
FINSIA

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