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## WELCOME

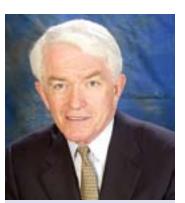
#### From the Chair and the President

The pace of change in the world remains rapid and often contradictory. The Middle East and North Africa have seen their people rise and struggle toward political reform, while the former Soviet sphere has seen democracy start to deteriorate. Burma undertook its first democratic election as Venezuela considers its future after Chavez. Syria's civil uprising continued unabated as South Sudan became, finally, an independent nation. As the world continues to absorb these and other changes, CIPE's global mission — to strengthen democracy through private enterprise and market oriented reform — remains more crucial than ever. CIPE's partners throughout the world are poised and prepared to offer input and guidance to the transformation of their own economies, and are embracing the opportunities and responsibilities of democracy. As our partners establish their roles and priorities to advance reform, CIPE stands ready to help build the institutions that support and nurture democracy and economic growth.

Since 1983, CIPE has teamed with over 500 partners in more than 100 countries on nearly 1,400 programs dedicated to strengthening the intersection between democracy and economics. Across the spectrum from the private sector and other civil society players, CIPE engages with unique partners and program initiatives to help build strong, market-oriented democracies. These partners range from one of the foremost business associations in Kenya to a nascent economic think tank in Syria. In 2012, CIPE's programs had wide-ranging impact. CIPE's Pakistan office played an instrumental role in facilitating first-ever rules for the governance of state-owned enterprises, helping to diminish major opportunities for corruption. An innovative CIPEsupported EmprendeAhora training program in Peru worked to empower young people with the knowledge they need to pursue their dreams of entrepreneurship while understanding the rights and responsibilities of a democratic citizen. In Central Asia, CIPE helped train journalists and university faculty in order to increase the public's access to reliable information about the



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economy. And, CIPE led the creation of a committed group of global thinkers and reformers — the Free Enterprise and Democracy Network — to address the lack of private sector representation in global forums on democracy around the world.

2013 will mark the 30th anniversary of CIPE's founding as both a core institute of the National Endowment for Democracy and as a proud affiliate of the US Chamber of Commerce. CIPE's three decades of knowledge and experience in emerging markets ensure that it will remain well positioned to continue to fulfill its mission. We are pleased to present CIPE's programmatic activities for 2012 and to report on the good work and accomplishments of our many global partners. With the ongoing support of the National Endowment for Democracy, the U.S. Agency for International Development and the U.S. Department of State, the State Department's Middle East Partnership Initiative, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and others, CIPE and its partners remain at the forefront of building market institutions that provide opportunities for sustainable economic growth and the development of democracy around the world.

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#### CIPE AREAS OF WORK

**Democratic Governance:** CIPE works to create and strengthen institutions of accountability, increase public participation in government, reform government agencies, and strengthen judicial systems.

Access to Information: CIPE works with local partners to achieve greater transparency in government, an unrestricted voice for reformers, and a greater public understanding of democratic, market-oriented principles.

**Combating Corruption:** CIPE seeks to reform ambiguous legal systems, implement standards for government agencies, make a link between cultural norms and rule of law, and improve governance mechanisms.

**Business Association Development:** CIPE supports freedom of association and grassroots participation of private sector organizations by providing executive management courses and educational materials, assistance on advocacy strategies and organization governance, and support for market-oriented member services.

**Corporate Governance:** CIPE works to build systems of corporate governance, without which neither markets nor democratic governance can prosper. CIPE initiates and supports programs to reform laws and institutions, build support for business ethics, and raise public awareness of the need for effective corporate governance practices.

**Legal and Regulatory Reform:** CIPE's National Business Agenda approach encourages the private sector to identify laws and regulations that hinder business activity and offers recommendations to remove barriers and improve the climate for entrepreneurship.

Women's Issues: CIPE works to remove institutional and cultural barriers to women's participation in society. We view women's empowerment through the prism of building linkages between educational, political, civic, and economic empowerment, where civil society organizations — especially women's business associations — become a leading force to remove barriers and empower women to shape the future of their own countries.

**Youth:** CIPE focuses on building skills through entrepreneurship and management programs and supporting associations that provide networking, services, and forums for young leaders.

**Informal Sector and Property Rights:** CIPE and its partners bridge the gap between the informal sector and the formal economy by supporting the democratic voice and participation of the informal sector, reforming business registration procedures, and strengthening private property rights.

## **CIPE OBJECTIVES**

- Foster institutions necessary to establish and sustain market-oriented democracies.
- Increase private sector participation in the democratic process.
- Increase support for and understanding of the freedoms, rights, and responsibilities essential to market-oriented democracies among government officials, businesspeople, media, and the public.
- Improve governance through transparency and accountability in the public and private sectors.
- Strengthen freedom of association and private, voluntary business associations.
- Promote an entrepreneurial culture and understanding of how markets work.
- Expand access to information necessary for sound entrepreneurial and policy decisions.

Around the world, tens of millions of men and women strive every day to improve their lives through private enterprise. Over time, their individual accomplishments can add up to wholesale economic and political transformation. But in order for these businesspeople to create change, they need more than ideas and energy. They need a level playing field, fair and inclusive markets, and clear rules of the game. This is where the work of the Center for Private Enterprise (CIPE) begins, partnering with the private sector to help build the infrastructure of market economies and encourage democratic reform.

#### **REGIONAL STRATEGIES**

#### Middle East and North Africa

Change continued to dominate the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region in 2012. While some nations found a measure of normalcy, others confronted sectarian clashes and civil war. Throughout the region, CIPE's partners served as a source of skills, knowledge, and inspiration for citizens advocating for democratic institutions and free markets.

#### South Asia

South Asia's future is undermined by rampant corruption, disenfranchisement of women and youth, and weak democratic institutions. CIPE demonstrated the value of its sustained efforts in the region this year, as a four-year initiative to reform state-owned enterprises (SOEs) led to the creation of a set of draft rules for SOE corporate governance in Pakistan. These have been endorsed at the highest levels and are moving through the approval process.

#### **Eurasia**

As strong national leaders reassert control in many Eurasian countries, the window for reform has begun to narrow. In response, CIPE and its partners focused on journalists and educators who are well positioned to increase public awareness of democratic and free market concepts. CIPE worked to strengthen networks and coalitions of business organizations and to help local thought leaders engage effectively and sustainably in the reform process.

#### **Africa**

The informal, micro, small, and medium-sized enterprise sectors in Africa represent tremendous potential for economic growth — if the business environment can be modified to support their success. CIPE's 2012 programs in Africa helped business associations, civil society groups, and think tanks gain the capacity to advocate more effectively. The result was a series of laws removing burdensome regulation and reforming tax codes.

#### Asia

Throughout Asia, CIPE contributed to the maturing of democratic principles, ideals, and institutions. Thanks to CIPE's efforts and those of its partners, there is a growing recognition that sound corporate and public governance promote a more vibrant economy and lead to higher living standards.

#### Latin America and the Caribbean

A major 2012 theme in Latin America and the Caribbean for CIPE was empowering citizens with the insight and skills needed to participate in the political system and make their mark in the local economy. Many of CIPE's partners found the Internet to be a powerful tool for conveying vital information and fostering dialogue.

#### Global

CIPE's Global programs in 2012 focused on building broad consensus for democratic and economic reform. As part of this effort, CIPE and its partners have launched a number of initiatives to disseminate best practices worldwide and build a global network of likeminded organizations.

The projects and partners featured in the "2012 Annual Report" represent only a few of the many committed, dedicated individuals and organizations who work tirelessly to nurture democracies that deliver real results for citizens and market economies.

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## MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

## **Featured Projects**



PGI Executive Director Dr. Hisham Awartani (left) with Prime Minister of the Palestinian National Authority Salam Fayyad (center) at the official PGI launch ceremony. Sixty leaders from Palestinian businesses, civil society organizations, and government gathered for the ceremony.

# **PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES**Fostering a Culture of Corporate Governance

The Palestine Governance Institute (PGI), a CIPE partner in the region, is the first institution in the Palestinian Territories to focus on corporate governance as a way to address the corruption and lack of accountability that undermine the economy. In 2012, PGI organized a series of activities that is changing the way firms view their governance practices.

- With CIPE's support, PGI conducted a benchmark survey of governance among firms listed on the Palestine Exchange (PEX). The data from the survey shed light on impediments to implementing corporate governance reform.
- Capitalizing on its extensive relationships with key stakeholders, PGI organized 14 seminars and workshops that attracted 500 West Bank corporate leaders, government regulators, and institutional stakeholders to discuss the survey findings.

- PGI's high-profile workshops and seminars cemented its reputation as the premier institution dedicated solely to strengthening corporate governance in the Palestinian Territories. As a result, Palestinian companies, banks, business associations, and institutional authorities such as the Palestinian Monetary Authority, Capital Market Authority, Stock Exchange, and Anti-Corruption Commission, sought out PGI's advice to improve their governance standards and practices.
- As a result of PGI's advocacy efforts, eight more firms listed on the PEX, an indication of their willingness to subject their corporate governance practices to public scrutiny.

#### **SYRIA**

# Advancing the Private Sector's Vision for the Future

The people of Syria are unwilling to wait for the struggle for democracy to end before charting their economic future. With CIPE's assistance, they established the Syrian Economic Forum (SEF), a think tank including some of the most active and committed leaders in the Syrian private sector. Its role is to focus on those issues crucial to the country's economic transition, craft a series of actionable policy proposals to create a vital private sector, and mobilize internal and international support for these efforts.

 Throughout 2012, SEF's Board of Directors communicated its vision at gatherings of CIPE's partners and, with CIPE support, established a substantial online presence. Through its new website (www.syrianef.org) and related social media, SEF has published Syrian economic news and analysis on a daily basis, while serving as a repository of materials on democracy-building and market economics.



The Economic Reform Task Force, a project of CIPE and the Studies and Economic Media Center (SEMC), conducted a roundtable on Security and the Rule of Law for the public and private sectors. Pictured (left to right): Yemen Businessmen Club Chairman Ahmed Bazaraa, Deputy Minister of the Interior Mustafa Nassr, SEMC Executive Director Dr. Mohammed Al-Qaedi, and the Public Relations Director for the Ministry of the Interior.

#### **YEMEN**

## **Helping the Private Sector Drive Reform**

In response to Yemen's changes in 2011, CIPE and its local partners worked together on a series of projects that, for the first time, yielded a collective Private Sector Vision for the nation's future. In the process, these initiatives demonstrated the power of consensus in a historically fractured society even as the private sector begins to inject this vision into the ongoing national dialogue.

 Working with the Human Rights and Information Training Center, the Studies and Economic Media Center, and the Political Development Forum, CIPE helped forge an unprecedented coalition unified by its determination to promote democratic governance, economic reform, and development. This group created a task force consisting of

- representatives from state and local councils, political parties, civil society, donor organizations, and the media to rally widespread support among private sector stakeholders for their vision.
- CIPE and its partners met with the Yemeni prime minister to advocate for greater inclusion of the business community in the democratic transition. As a result, the prime minister formed a consultative body to work on economic reform priority issues. This body is the first of its kind in Yemen and represents a level of public-private cooperation that is unparalleled in Yemen's history.

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## **SOUTH ASIA**

## **Featured Projects**



Launch ceremony for the Code of Corporate Governance 2012 featuring (left to right): Chair of the Task Force Ebrahim Sidat, Governor State Bank of Pakistan Yaseen Anwar, Federal Minister for Finance Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Chairman of SECP Muhammad Ali, and President & CEO of the Pakistan Institute of Corporate Governance Fuad Azim Hashimi.



Pakistan Finance Minister Abdul Hafeez Shaikh talks to the media after presenting at a CIPE roundtable on corporate governance for SOEs in Islamabad.

#### **PAKISTAN**

# Reducing Corruption by Strengthening Corporate Governance in State-owned Enterprise

The lack of proper financial and business controls that plagues Pakistan's state-owned enterprises (SOEs) creates opportunities for mismanagement and corruption. At the same time, these enterprises produce multi-billion-dollar annual losses that imperil government finances. At the urging of CIPE and its partners, the Ministry of Finance formed a taskforce of highly-placed stakeholders in 2009 to examine weak SOE governance in depth — the first time that SOEs have been subject to this level of scrutiny. The group delivered a set of draft rules for SOE corporate governance in 2012.

- To obtain the views of stakeholders, CIPE, the
  Pakistan Institute of Corporate Governance, the
  Ministry of Finance, and the Securities and Exchange
  Commission of Pakistan (SECP) hosted a series
  of three roundtables in Islamabad, Karachi, and
  Lahore. The first roundtable, led by the minister
  of finance, drew more than 100 participants from
  SOEs, representatives of the World Bank, the Asian
  Development Bank, International Finance Corporation,
  and a range of economists and business leaders.
- In late 2012, the draft rules were approved by the Policy Board of the SECP, chaired by the secretary of the Ministry of Finance. The Ministry of Law is now reviewing the rules before they move to the next stage of the approval process.

#### **AFGHANISTAN**

# Strengthening the Democratic Policy and Governance Process

In 2011, business associations in Afghanistan, with CIPE's support, launched the National Business Agenda, which contains a series of targeted policy reforms that may lead to significant improvements in the Afghan business climate. This year, CIPE held regular roundtable discussions with business leaders, policymakers, and other key stakeholders to help make the National Business Agenda a reality. These efforts have led to improvements in a number of areas.

CIPE also works on the provincial level. In 2012, it conducted seminars for 15 Provincial Councils to increase their understanding of the value of an active private sector. As a result, the Provincial Councils have been more responsive to private sector requests to address such issues as corruption.

 Consistent with NBA recommendations, the Afghan Central Bank had drafted a new Islamic banking law and an industrial banking law.

- The Carpet Working Group, appointed by the Afghan government and comprised of members of relevant government ministries and representatives from the carpet industry, adopted NBA recommendations, including reducing the income tax on carpets from 20 percent to 10 percent and exempting carpet-making equipment from tariffs.
- In accord with the NBA's recommendations, the government improved electricity supply and other necessary infrastructure at its six existing industrial parks and announced the creation of seven new industrial parks around the country.
- Meeting with the governor and municipal authorities, the Takhar Provincial Council stopped illegal fees on truck drivers, lowering the prices of goods sold locally.
- The Ghazni Provincial Council reclaimed approximately 3,000 hectares of government land that had been illegally taken. Such land grabs prevent the government from making land available to productive private businesses.



Since 2011, CIPE has worked with business associations to improve the Afghan business climate for small and medium-sized enterprises like these in the Old Kabul District.

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## **EURASIA**

## **Featured Projects**



Participants at a business association training session in Western Ukraine work to build their organizations' capacity.

#### **UKRAINE**

# **Business Owners Find Their Voices during Parliamentary Elections**

Ukraine's small and medium-sized businesses have been ineffective in influencing electoral politics because they have not rallied around common concerns. Thanks to CIPE, this changed during the 2012 parliamentary elections. With CIPE assistance, business associations mobilized the entrepreneurial community to identify barriers to economic activity and to insist that candidates clearly take a position on these subjects. To help business associations play this more active role, CIPE worked closely with them to build capacity in such areas as budgeting, financial management, communications, and advocacy.

 CIPE supported a survey of 2,700 entrepreneurs and leaders of business organizations — through polls, roundtables, and focus groups in 11 regions — that helped the business community define its top two priorities for change: corruption and high taxes. These events generated more than a dozen articles and television reports, heightening awareness of the business community's newfound determination to become involved in politics.

- Four successful parliamentary candidates signed pledges to pursue policies promoted by the business community. CIPE partners are holding these new parliamentarians publicly accountable for their pledges.
- Once elections were over, graduates of the business association training seminars continued to build support for reform. For instance, the Sevastopol chapter of the Ukrainian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs hosted an online conference in November 2012 for 15 elected leaders and policymakers to map the business community's legislative priorities.

#### **CENTRAL ASIA**

# Strengthening Understanding of Economic Topics in Central Asia

Because the Central Asian public has limited access to reliable, independent sources of economic information, they are ill-equipped to engage with policymakers and to hold governments accountable for their economic policies. To fill the information void, CIPE has focused on journalists and university faculty as groups that can play a key role in increasing the public's access to and understanding of information about the economy.

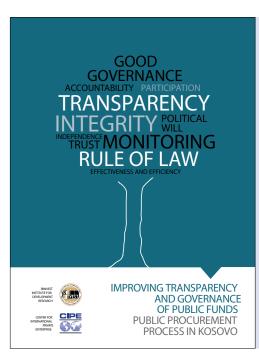
- In 2012, more than 100 journalists from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan participated in CIPE-supported Economic Journalism Schools to strengthen their knowledge of market topics, the value of stable institutions, and the importance of a sound investment climate. Economic Journalism School participants in the region have produced more than 200 news articles and 25 video stories on economic topics in the region's mass media since completing the training.
- More than 90 media representatives, economic and think tanks experts, and members of business associations from all of Central Asia, including Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, gathered in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan for a two-day international conference on economic journalism — the first of its kind in the region.
- In Kazakhstan, nearly 800 university professors and business school students took part in CIPE-supported corporate governance seminars that stressed the value of sound corporate governance in promoting transparency and accountability in business and government. As a result, 50 percent of Kazakhstan's universities now offer courses in corporate governance.

#### **KOSOVO**

# Strengthening Public Procurement and Governance

With CIPE assistance, the Riinvest Institute for Development Research is helping to galvanize public support for greater transparency and accountability in Kosovo's government. Riinvest surveyed 600 small and medium-sized businesses and conducted in-depth interviews with key stakeholders, then produced high-profile policy papers on public procurement and

corporate governance in Kosovo's publicly-owned enterprises. The reports were circulated widely, including to more than 50,000 companies, and large public events were held to present their findings and recommendations. The Balkan Investigative Reporting Network broadcasted both events on special editions of "Life in Kosovo," a popular television program with nearly 400,000 viewers per week. The surge of public attention and support has positioned Riinvest well to intensify its advocacy for transparency and corporate governance reform.



CIPE partner
Riinvest Institute
for Development
Research launched
a report on
transparency and
governance in
Kosovo's public
procurement
system.

- Parliament and the other four government bodies involved in public procurement in Kosovo opened discussions with private sector and civil society representatives on fostering a more transparent and efficient public procurement process.
- The Kosovo Institute of Public Administration developed a new advanced training program for public procurement officers. By stressing technical procurement issues and emphasizing case studies, the institute hopes to create greater awareness of how barriers to transparency and fairness can be overcome.
- The Public Procurement Regulatory Commission completed and simplified secondary legislation governing public procurement. These laws will make it easier for companies to bid on government contracts and help create more transparency around the expenditure of public funds.

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## **AFRICA**

## **Featured Projects**



Owners of micro, small, and medium-sized businesses, like the fruit and vegetable vendors in Nairobi's Gikomba Market, are key to Kenya's economic future.

#### **KENYA**

# Creating a Framework for Micro and Small Enterprise Growth

The key to Kenya's political and economic future is its vibrant micro and small enterprise sector. It currently provides 78 percent of the country's total employment, more than 90 percent of new jobs, and 18 percent of GDP. The passage of the Micro and Small Enterprises (MSE) Bill on December 31, 2012 is therefore a milestone in the nation's evolution. It is the first significant legislation targeting Kenya's micro and small business environment in several decades and provides a framework for its promotion, development, and regulation.

- This new law is a direct result of CIPE's partners' efforts to build awareness for micro and small enterprise policy reform. It also reflects their extensive input in drafting and passing the bill, which was sponsored by Member of Parliament Francis Thombe Nyammo of the Tetu constituency.
- The MSE Bill establishes the legal framework for a Small Business Authority charged with regulating small business and associations, creates a small business fund to support innovation and research into products and services, and establishes a tribunal to arbitrate commercial disputes among small businesses.

#### **SENEGAL**

# Promoting Tax Reforms that Encourage SMEs to Join the Formal Sector

CIPE's partner in Senegal, Union Nationale des Commercants et Industriels du Senegal (UNACOIS), scored a notable success this year with the passage of a revised tax code that included a series of provisions that it formulated to better integrate small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) into the formal economy. UNACOIS is the largest business association in Senegal with 80,000 members, nearly 70 percent of which operate in the informal sector. At regional and cross-regional dialogue sessions jointly organized by CIPE and UNACOIS, UNACOIS members identified the nation's complex tax code and high tax rates for SME operators as a major cause of informality in the SME sector. With CIPE support, UNACOIS developed an evidence-based policy paper on tax reform, held public-private dialogue meetings with relevant stakeholders, and presented these recommendations to government officials.

- As a result of UNACOIS' advocacy campaign, the Ministry of Tax and Customs submitted UNACOIS' tax reform recommendations for a more uniform and proportional tax code for SMEs to Parliament as part of its comprehensive review of the Code General des Impots du Senegal (Senegal Tax Code). The Legislative Tax Code reform passed on December 31, 2012 included all of UNACOIS' recommendations.
- Following up on this success, UNACOIS signed a public-private partnership agreement with the government to find solutions to Senegal's persistent food security challenges. This unprecedented agreement leverages UNACOIS' broad-based nationwide membership to create efficient and well-coordinated import and distribution channels to lower the costs of basic commodities.

#### **NIGERIA**

# **Empowering Associations to Remove Barriers** to Entrepreneurship

Working with seven coalitions of business and professional associations in Nigeria's North Central and Southeast Zones, CIPE supported private sector efforts to advocate for specific policy reforms that improve the business environment and make public officials more accountable to their constituents. Through a combination of capacity-building, technical assistance, and grants, CIPE has enabled these coalitions to effectively raise the voice of the private sector on issues that matter.

- The Niger Coalition of Business and Professional Associations (NICOBPA) successfully helped reduce multiple taxation on businesses. On NICOBPA's recommendation, the Niger State government now issues identification cards to tax collectors and allows business owners to pay their taxes directly to designated banks, reducing the opportunity for corruption by civil servants.
- The Enugu Coalition of Business and Professional Associations (ECOBPA) successfully advocated for the elimination of illegitimate fees for business permits. As a result, Enugu state government officials have reassessed how taxes and fees are collected and found ways to collect fees that reduce the potential for corruption.
- At the urging of the Kogi Coalition of Business and Professional Associations (KOCOBPA), the Kogi Parliament now holds public hearings on all legislative bills. Ten such public hearings have already been held, and KOCOBPA now keeps a desk at the House of Assembly in order to provide regular and consistent input into the policy reform process.



CIPE established an official presence the sub-Saharan Africa region with the opening of its Nigeria Field Office in September, 2012. The office is located in Lagos, Nigeria, and helps ensure effective implementation of all CIPE programs across the region. Country Director Omowumi Gbadamosi is pictured above.

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## **ASIA**

## **Featured Projects**



Participants in ISA's January 2012 PGS Bootcamp in Clark Pampanga, focused on training city employees in good governance techniques.



ISA Chairman Dr. Jesus P. Estanislao (center) meets with CIPE's Asia and Knowledge Management staff.

#### **PHILIPPINES**

#### **Improving Public Governance in the Philippines**

Elections are just a prerequisite for democracy; for democracy to deliver, local governments must perform for citizens every day. CIPE and its partner the Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA) developed a management tool, ISA's Public Governance System (PGS), which has been highly effective in helping city governments set priorities that match citizen needs and budget accordingly. This success has encouraged more governments to embrace the PGS process.

Adapted from a tool developed by a professor at the Harvard Business School, the PGS requires cities to fundamentally transform their policy-making processes. City officials work with a broad-based community group to design specific public policy goals, an action plan to accomplish them, and performance metrics to measure progress. City staff must complete a rigorous training regimen before launching a PGS initiative.

- Since adopting the PGS, the city of San Fernando in Pampanga, with a population of nearly 300,000, has built an additional 6,300 housing units and made record investments in education. The private sector has followed suit. As a result, the city has reduced its poverty rate by nearly 70 percent. Currently less than 2 percent of the city's population lives in abject poverty (one-sixth the national average), and more than half of San Fernando's population is now classified as "middle class." This is almost three times the national average.
- Thanks to the PGS, the city of Balanga in Bataan has transformed its planning and budgeting process, better linking budget outcomes to policy priorities. This has produced such highly visible improvements as a redeveloped public market and completion of the city's first-ever public library. Prior to the PGS, annual budgets were produced on an ad-hoc basis. Mayor Joet Garcia of Balanga won a presidential award for outstanding achievements in public governance.



Commissioner of Thailand's National Anti-Corruption Commission Dr. Pakdee Pothisiri addressed the audience at the third annual conference on Collective Action Against Corruption in Bangkok, Thailand.

#### **THAILAND**

## **Private Sector Approaches to Anti-corruption**

The Collective Action Against Corruption Coalition, which CIPE partner the Thai Institute of Directors (IOD) is heading, has emerged as one of the most robust, dynamic, and comprehensive private sector anticorruption initiatives in the world. With CIPE assistance, this constantly expanding coalition of leading Thai corporations has developed a rigorous certification process to ensure that coalition companies put their anti-corruption pledges into practice.

The certification process includes advanced training programs for senior executives and corporate compliance officers where they learn how their companies can mitigate corruption risks from their employees, suppliers, and vendors. Coalition companies also share best practices for implementing anti-corruption strategies and installing strong internal anti-corruption controls.

- Thanks to high-profile efforts promoting the coalition, Thai companies now fully appreciate the importance, locally and internationally, of reducing corporate corruption. They now pay for the right to be a part of the coalition, creating a dedicated revenue stream that will ensure its long-term sustainability.
- The 15 companies that make up the Thai Bankers Association joined IOD's coalition, a significant development for a sector whose practices were responsible in part for the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis.

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## LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

**Featured Projects** 



RevistaPerspectiva.com home page featuring the website team, Chief Editor Carolina Gomez (center, left) and Assistant Editor Laura Acero (center, right).

#### **REGIONAL**

# Creating an Online Presence for Democratic Values and Free-Market Principles

In Latin America, many citizens lack an understanding of democratic and free-market principles, and strong, charismatic leaders have exploited that knowledge gap. To reverse this trend, CIPE partnered with the Political Science Institute (ICP) in Colombia to launch an online edition of its magazine, *Perspectiva*. By featuring a slate of new articles each week, RevistaPerspectiva.com allows ICP to greatly extend its influence and provide much more information. It now publishes 600 percent more original content online than it does in print.

- Since its launch in June 2012, RevistaPerspectiva.com published 150 original pieces that provided in-depth analyses and perspectives on the political, economic, and social landscape throughout Latin America.
- Approximately 20 percent of the 144 contributing authors were from CIPE partners, providing a regional perspective and extending the website's audience.

#### **MEXICO**

# Promoting Public Policy Debate in Mexican Elections

In Mexico, lack of reliable information limits the ability of citizens to insist that candidates engage in meaningful discussions of political, economic, and security issues. During Mexico's 2012 presidential campaign cycle, CIPE worked with the Center of Research for Development (CIDAC) on a campaign to provide evidence-based analysis to the public and candidates for office and to open new channels for dialogue between citizens and policymakers.

- During the 2012 election cycle, CIDAC selected 53 important policy proposals that, in its view, would lead to greater equity and prosperity in the country. It shared these proposals with each of the main presidential candidates and their policy teams and employed a variety of platforms including traditional media and roundtable discussion to publicize them. It was particularly successful reaching citizens through the Internet and social media.
  - More than 60,000 people have read CIDAC's weekly political news analyses on its website and Facebook page.
  - A special Facebook application called "Debate Electoral" served as a platform for debating 12 major policy proposals. Nearly 12,000 readers took part in these online discussions in the three months leading up to the July 1 election.
  - A series of videos focusing on justice reform were viewed over 35,000 times.
  - CIDAC's information campaign led to sharp growth in its online influence. It now has 15,000 Twitter followers, a 130 percent increase since 2011, and over 24,500 Facebook fans, a 123 percent increase since 2011.



CIDAC Director Veronica Baz (left) speaks to President Enrique Peña Nieto (center) at the "Agenda Mexico 12:18" event.

CIDAC's efforts have produced policy change.
 Mexico's newly inaugurated president Enrique Peña
 Nieto adopted 20 of CIDAC's proposals in such areas
 as transparency and accountability, anti-corruption,
 media, competition, and regulation.

#### **PERU**

# Developing Leadership and Entrepreneurship Skills Among Youth

To build the next generation of Peruvian leaders and create opportunities for sustainable democratic and economic development in Peru, CIPE has worked

with Instituto Invertir since 2008 to deliver its EmprendeAhora civic leadership and entrepreneurship program. This initiative targets unemployed youth in rural areas, who, because of high inequality and poor economic development, distrust the democratic and free-market systems. EmprendeAhora features 90 hours of class work on entrepreneurial skills while raising awareness of democracy, market economies, the rule of law, and the role of private enterprise.

- Since its inception in 2008, 530 young Peruvians enrolled in EmprendeAhora and 499 graduated. At least 130 businesses have been started or are being started by these alumni, including native product sales, restaurants, and e-businesses.
- This year, 114 rural university students took part in the program. They were selected from more than 2,150 applicants.
- In September 2012, Instituto Invertir organized an alumni conference in Lima that was attended by 110 graduates. It featured workshops and group sessions organized to enhance their entrepreneurial skills and knowledge of democracy. The process of organizing the event also enhanced Instituto Invertir's ability to conduct online training and monitoring for new businesses.



CIPE Program Officer Brent Ruth (top) with participants of the first 2012 session of the EmprendeAhora youth leadership and entrepreneurship program in Peru.

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## GLOBAL PROGRAMS AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

**Featured Projects** 



The participants in CIPE's ChamberL.I.N.K.S. program meet with CIPE Executive Director John D. Sullivan and CIPE Global staff.

#### LEARNING THROUGH EXAMPLE

Sustained and effective change requires engaged and active reformers. Chambers of commerce and business associations are often at the forefront of reform efforts but they need support, including resources, guidance, and learning opportunities. In 2012, CIPE's Global programs engaged diverse sets of reformers within chambers and associations, including youth and women, and helped to provide them with some of the necessary tools for success.

• Through its ChamberL.I.N.K.S. program, CIPE invited seven young professionals from countries as diverse as Pakistan and Zimbabwe to shadow officials at U.S. business associations and chambers of commerce in Troy, Michigan; Cheyenne, Wyoming; Ponca City, Oklahoma; and elsewhere for five weeks. The participants returned home with enhanced leadership skills and tangible strategies to better serve members of their home organizations.

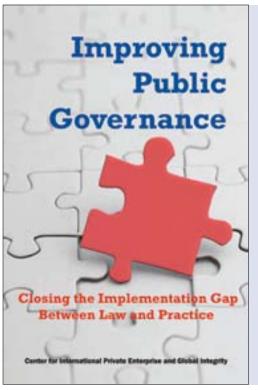
- For example, Dalil Batryov of the Association of Agribusinessmen of Kyrgyzstan successfully introduced webinars to educate their membership, a practice he learned during his stay with the Grocery Manufacturers Association.
- CIPE's KnowHow Mentorship program paired professionals from eight associations in the Caucasus, Eastern Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa, and South Asia with partners from leading U.S. associations in Washington, DC; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Cleveland, Ohio. The professionals then applied the skills they learned to strengthen their organizations.
  - Thanks to membership development practices gained from a KnowHow Mentorship, the Georgian Small and Medium Enterprise Association increased its membership by 31 percent in 12 months.

# INSPIRING THROUGH BEST PRACTICES

Improperly implemented laws weaken public governance and hamper economic growth by undermining the credibility of government officials, fueling corruption, and degrading the business environment. This is commonly known as the "implementation gap." Together with input from their international networks of partners, CIPE and Global Integrity jointly developed a guidebook, Improving Public Governance: Closing the Implementation Gap between Law and Practice, to help explain why implementation gaps happen and how they can be addressed by local stakeholders.

These challenges are especially difficult at the local level, where poor governance and weak administration of laws have the greatest impact on the daily lives of citizens. The guidebook offers practical advice for identifying the gaps and suggesting approaches that the government, the private sector, and civil society can take to enhance implementation.

 CIPE translated the guidebook into Russian, Arabic, and Khmer. Since publication, it has reached nearly 17,000 individuals through CIPE's and Global Integrity's networks around the world.



CIPE and
Global Integrity
jointly authored
"Improving Public
Governance"
in order to help
address the
implementation
gap between laws
on the books and
their enforcement.

• CIPE has used the guidebook as a basis for soliciting proposals from local partners to advance accountable, transparent, and honest public governance and business environments. CIPE funded the three best proposals, which came from organizations in Argentina, Bangladesh, and Lebanon.

# BUILDING THE FREE ENTERPRISE AND DEMOCRACY NETWORK

For more than 25 years, CIPE has built strong relationships and programs with economic reformers around the world. Still, global forums on democratic development lack a concerted voice for the private sector and economic freedom. Realizing the need to express how democracy and a free market economy act as mutually supportive systems, CIPE has joined with leaders from business and civil society to create the Free Enterprise and Democracy Network (FEDN). FEDN's main objective is to advocate globally and regionally for economic reform as an integral element of democratic development, as well as to serve as a forum for like-minded reformers to share ideas and best practices.

- At the 7th Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy in Lima, Peru, FEDN steering committee members officially announced the creation of the network and released its Principles and Objectives. The principles, which capture the values and strengths of democratic, economically free societies, will serve as the framework for educational and outreach efforts.
- Following the assembly, FEDN leaders conducted an inaugural roundtable workshop in Lima entitled "Spreading the Message of Economic Freedom and Democracy." During the session, participants addressed key linkages between political and economic reform in their respective countries, shared successes in championing reform, and discussed future opportunities to spread the message.

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# CIPE PARTNERS AND PROJECTS

These represent a range of CIPE's partners and projects around the world.

## **PARTNER PROJECTS**

#### **AFRICA**

#### **GHANA**

#### Institute of Economic Affairs

Strengthening the Voice of Ghana's Civil Society in Policymaking

#### KENYA

#### Institute of Economic Affairs

Empowering Civil Society to Advocate for Budget Reforms

Promoting Transparency and Accountability in County Government Budgets

#### Kenya Association of Manufacturers

Promoting Local Governance Reform

#### Kenya Gatsby Trust

Strengthening the Voice of Kenya's Micro and Small-Scale Entrepreneurs

# Kenya National Alliance of Street Vendors and Informal Traders

Strengthening the Voice of Micro and Small-Scale Entrepreneurs

#### Kenya Private Sector Alliance

Enhancing Private Sector Participation in Constitutional Implementation

#### **NIGERIA**

# Centre for Entrepreneurship, Skill Acquisition and Sustainable Development

Enhancing the Capacity of Parliamentarians, Phase II

# Enugu Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines, and Agriculture

Creating an Enabling Business Environment through Public-Private Dialogue

#### Manufacturers Association of Nigeria

Fostering Private Sector Participation in Policymaking through Tax Reform, Phase II

#### National Association of Small and Medium Enterprises

Strengthening the Voice of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises

#### **SENEGAL**

# Union Nationale des Commerçants et Industriels du Senegal

Empowering Small and Medium Enterprises for Reform

#### **UGANDA**

#### Kitara Heritage Development Agency

Fostering Grassroots Private Sector Participation in Uganda's Energy Policy

#### **ZIMBABWE**

#### Zimbabwe National Chamber of Commerce

Building the Capacity of Women Business
Organizations to Advocate for Public Policy Reform

#### **ASIA**

#### **CAMBODIA**

#### **SILAKA**

Reducing Corruption in Local Government

#### CHINA

Enabling Free and Open Debate in China

Protecting Rural Women's Land Rights

Protecting Rural Land Rights

Improving Local Governance and Promoting Public Policy Dialogue

Improving Transparency in Local Governments

#### **INDONESIA**

#### Indonesia Business Links

Promoting Business Ethics and Reducing Corruption

#### **PHILIPPINES**

# Asian Institute of Management Scientific Research Foundation

Combating Corruption in the Private Sector

#### Institute for Corporate Directors

Improving Corporate Governance in Philippine Firms

#### Institute for Solidarity in Asia

Improving Public Governance in the Philippines

#### **THAILAND**

#### Thai Institute of Directors

Private Sector Approaches to Anti-Corruption

#### **EURASIA**

#### **ALBANIA**

#### Albanian Center for Economic Research

Building an Effective Public-Private Dialogue

#### **AZERBAIJAN**

## Entrepreneurship Development Foundation

Building Dialogue on Economic Reform Fostering Youth Leadership on Economic Reform

#### **CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL**

## Kyrgyz Stock Exchange Press Club

Strengthening Understanding of Market Concepts

#### KOSOVO

#### Riinvest Institute for Development Research

Enhancing Transparency and Accountability in Public Procurement

Strengthening Public Procurement and Governance

#### KYRGYZSTAN

#### Bishkek Business Club

Business Leadership for Economic Reform — Phase II

#### Corporate Governance School

Strengthening Corporate Governance in Kyrgyzstan

#### Development Policy Institute

Strengthening Understanding of Economic Issues

#### **MOLDOVA**

#### Institute for Development and Social Initiatives

Strengthening Moldova's Reform Network

#### **RUSSIA**

#### Vladikavkaz Institute of Management

Developing the Entrepreneurial and Leadership Skills of Youth in the North Caucasus

#### SERBIA

#### Center for Liberal-Democratic Studies

Strengthening the Voice of Business

#### Serbian Association of Managers

Strengthening the Voice of Business

#### **TURKMENISTAN**

#### Union of Economists

Fostering Entrepreneurship

#### **UKRAINE**

#### International Institute of Business

Improving Governance in the SME Sector

#### **GLOBAL**

# Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific

Institutionalizing Responsible Corporate Citizenship in Development Banks

#### Centre for Development and Enterprise

Identifying Lessons in Democratic Development from Emerging Economies

#### LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

#### **ARGENTINA**

## Center for the Implementation of Public Policies Promoting Equity and Growth

Agenda for the President 2011-2015

#### **BOLIVIA**

## Confederation of Private Businesspeople of Bolivia

Strengthening the Voice of Business in Bolivia

#### Fundacion Milenio

Cultivating an Informed Democracy
Promoting Dialogue on Alternative Policies

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#### **COLOMBIA**

# Colombian Confederation of Chambers of Commerce

Creating Incentives for Corporate
Governance Standards

#### Political Science Institute

Perspectiva Magazine

#### **ECUADOR**

#### Corporation for Development Studies

Encouraging Dialogue on Alternative Economic Policies

#### **GUATEMALA**

#### National Economic Research Center

Fostering Institutional Reform in Guatemala

#### **MEXICO**

#### The Center of Research for Development

Developing Public Policy Dialogue in Mexico

#### **PARAGUAY**

## The Foundation for Development in Democracy

Initiating a National Dialogue on Public Policy

# Paraguayan Foundation for Cooperation and Development

Strengthening Democracy through Entrepreneurship Education

#### **PERU**

#### Instituto Invertir

EmprendeAhora 2013: Democracy, Entrepreneurship, and Youth Leadership

EmprendeAhora: Promoting Entrepreneurship, Leadership, and Democratic Principles among Youth Promoting Leadership and Democratic Values among Youth III

#### **VENEZUELA**

# Center for the Dissemination of Economic Knowledge

Enhancing Democratic Dialogue through Legislative and Economic Analysis

#### MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

#### **REGIONAL**

#### L'Institut Arabe des Chefs d'Entreprises

**Engaging MENA Entrepreneurs** 

#### **ALGERIA**

#### Cercle d'action et de réflexion autour de l'entreprise

Reducing Barriers to Citizens' Economic Participation Supporting CSO Advocacy for Increased Political and Economic Opportunity for Algerian Citizens

#### **EGYPT**

#### Federation of Economic Development Associations

Expanding Participation and Opportunity through Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Policy Reform

#### **JORDAN**

#### Young Entrepreneurs Association

Advocacy for SME Policy Reform

#### **LEBANON**

#### Development for People and Nature Association

Expanding Entrepreneurship Education to the National Level

#### Lebanese Transparency Association

Changing the Role of Law in Lebanon through Rights Education

#### **MOROCCO**

#### Espace Point de Départ

Empowering Youth to Participate in Reform

#### **PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES**

#### Palestine Governance Institute

Expanding Corporate Governance Culture throughout the Palestinian Private Sector

#### **TUNISIA**

#### L'Institute Arabe des Chefs d'Enteprises

Economic Platform Development for Political Parties and Capacity Building for Private Sector Reinforcing Good Governance in Limited Liability Companies

#### **TURKEY**

#### Corporate Governance Association of Turkey

Expanding Awareness of Corporate Governance

#### YEMEN

#### Human Rights Information and Training Center

Democracy that Delivers through Economic and Political Reform

#### Political Development Forum

Enhancing Private Sector Participation in Constitutional Transition

Economic Reform Platform Building

#### Studies & Economic Media Center

Strengthening the Voice of the Private Sector

#### **SOUTH ASIA**

Pakistan-Afghanistan Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry

#### **BANGLADESH**

# Bangladesh Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Promoting the Sustainability of Women's Business Advocacy

#### **NEPAL**

#### Samriddhi, the Prosperity Foundation

Nepal Economic Growth Agenda Strengthening Democracy through Policy Advocacy

# CAPACITY-BUILDING AND TRAINING PROJECTS

#### **AFRICA**

#### Regional

Expanding Africa's Network for Reform

#### Cote d'Ivoire

Strengthening the Voice of Small and Medium Enterprises for Reform

#### Ethiopia

Empowering Grassroots Associations
Strengthening the Capacity of Business Associations

#### Liberia

Enhancing Public-Private Dialogue

#### Mauritania

**Empowering Private Sector Organizations** 

#### Nigeria

Enhancing the Participation of Nigerian Business Women in Policy-Making

Strengthening the Voice of Business in the North Central Zone

#### **ASIA**

#### No CIPE-led projects

#### **EURASIA**

#### Russia

Promoting Entrepreneurship in the North Caucasus Fighting Corruption through Legal Reform Strengthening Property Market Institutions

#### Ukraine

Building Business Association Capacity, Phase II
Business Association Capacity Building Phase III —
Advocacy and Coalition Building

#### LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

#### Regional Dialogue on Democracy

Strengthening Business Associations in Latin America

#### **MENA**

#### Regional

Advancing Democratic Reforms by Improving Access to Information

Combating Corruption & Promoting Transparency

#### Bahrain

Addressing Conflict through Entrepreneurship and Private Sector Engagement

#### Egypt

Enhancing Grassroots Participation in Reform Fostering Dialogue on the Economy in Democratic Transition

#### Iraq

Building Constituencies for Reform

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#### Saudi Arabia

Increasing Citizen Engagement with Saudi Chamber of Commerce

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#### Syria

Civic Education for Syrian University Students Empowering the Business Community to Engage in a Changing Region II

#### Tunisia

Building the Capacity of Business Associations to Play an Active Role in the Country's Democracy Strengthening Tunisia's Political Parties and Democratic Transition

#### **SOUTH ASIA**

#### Regional

Building a Regional Network of Women's Business Organizations

#### Afghanistan

Increasing Institutional Capacity and Access to Information

#### Pakistan

Promoting Economic Reform through Business Advocacy

Promoting Policy Reform through Business Advocacy

## **CIPE GLOBAL PROJECTS**

Creating the Environment for Entrepreneurial Success Empowering Women Globally

Institute for Liberty and Democracy

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Forum on Economic Freedom Network

Improving Democratic Governance on the Local Level

Global Integrity

Knowledge Management

Strengthening Entrepreneurship through Democratic Institutions

Strengthening Property Market Institutions for Small Businesses

Supporting Women's Organizations through Responsible Corporate Citizenship

Supporting Young Think Tank Leaders in Public Policy Reforms

Atlas Corps

Supporting Youth Entrepreneurship and Leadership World Chambers Congress

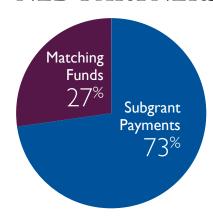
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## **FUNDING SOURCES**

CIPE receives funds from the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and the U.S. Department of State to develop, implement, and evaluate programs in partnership with local organizations, think tanks, and business organizations. CIPE provides management assistance, practical experience, and financial support to these types of organizations to strengthen their expertise while accomplishing key development goals. CIPE's staff of experts provides ongoing guidance and technical assistance.

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# MATCHING FUNDS FOR NED PARTNERSHIP GRANTS



Nearly all partnership projects funded through CIPE include matching funds to facilitate the program's implementation. This allows CIPE to leverage the funds provided by the NED with funds from partner organizations to maximize efforts to strengthen democracy and market-driven reform.

CIPE's grants to partners are used to advance policy advocacy, business services, educational programs, and other development goals. Most grants include communications and advocacy components to build policymakers' support for reform. Grants range from full-scale programs with national business associations and think tanks to integrated small grants that reach grassroots organizations throughout a country. For a list of projects and partners, please visit our website at www.cipe.org.

## **USE OF FUNDS**



Professional & Organizational Development

Training and technical assistance to enhance the capacity of private sector organizations and impart skills related to advocacy and CIPE program themes.

# Policy Advocacy & Knowledge Management

Through diverse media and forums, CIPE fosters understanding of the ideas and principles of democratic, market-oriented reform.

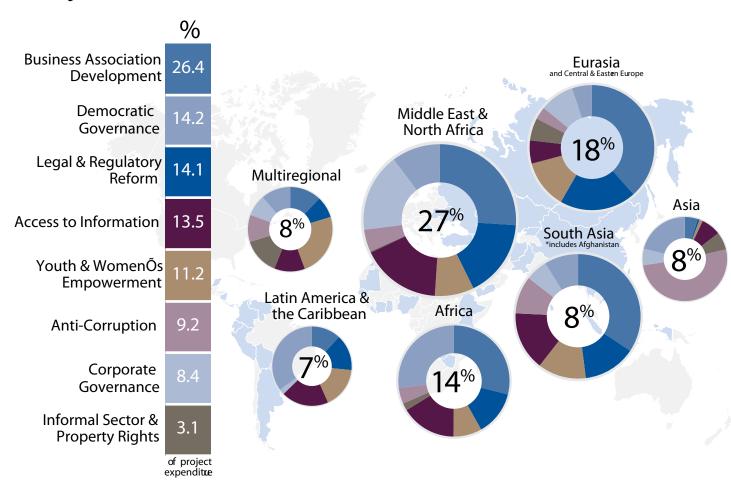
## Partnership Programs

Responding to proposals from local organizations, CIPE provides management assistance, practical experience, and financial support in the form of grants to strengthen expertise while accomplishing key development goals.

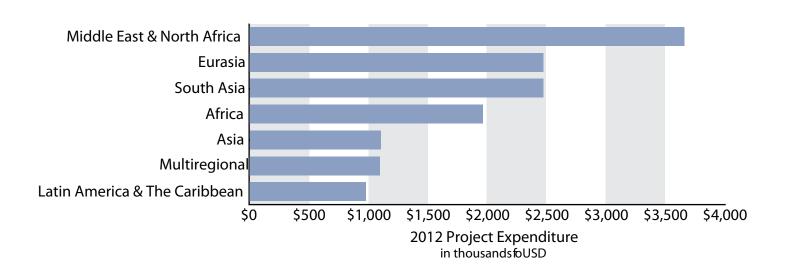


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