

Harmonization of Anti-Corruption Efforts Across Multilateral Development Banks

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My project will study the harmonization process among multilateral development banks (MDBs) on anti-corruption. In 2006, the MDBs agreed to establish a Joint International Financial Institutions Anti-Corruption Task Force to promote greater coordination among banks and thereby strengthen the prevention and enforcement of a coherent anti-corruption agenda. I plan to investigate the factors that led to this new initiative and identify the obstacles that must be overcome to enable its success. I will also study the unintended consequences of harmonization and evaluate the value of harmonizing other issue areas in the future. The methods for this project will include interviews with MDB officials, field research at the World Bank and perhaps other banks, and attendance at meetings on harmonization.