

BSTDB Regional Business Forum in Bulgaria on June 20, 2014

On the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors and the 15th anniversary of the commencement of operations of the Black Sea Trade & Development Bank (BSTDB), the Bank will host a regional Business Forum on Friday, June 20, 2014, at the Hilton Sofia hotel.

Policy makers, business leaders, and representatives of development financial institutions will exchange views on the challenges and opportunities of cross-border investment in the Black Sea region. The Forum will offer excellent opportunities to the Bulgarian and regional business and investor communities to network and discuss business proposals with BSTDB and participating financial institutions. A Preliminary Program of the Forum is attached.

The Business Forum is organized in close cooperation with the Government of Bulgaria. BSTDB partner financial institutions, such as the European Investment Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group, Nordic Investment Bank, KfW of Germany, Development Bank of Austria, Proparco of France are invited to the Forum. BSTDB is cooperating with the Business Council of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Bulgarian Development Bank and Bulgaria's business and banking associations in inviting private and public companies and banks engaged in infrastructure, energy, manufacturing, agribusiness, transport, telecoms, construction, services, trade, and other sectors from Bulgaria and other countries of the Black Sea region and beyond. The organizers will facilitate meeting arrangements for business participants with BSTDB bankers, companies and financial institutions attending the Forum.

Participation in the Business Forum is free of charge.

Please visit <u>www.bstdb.org</u> to register for the Forum and indicate your interest in meeting BSTDB bankers. The BSTDB Event Team stands ready to respond to your queries and to assist you in making the necessary arrangements.

BSTDB is looking forward to welcoming you in Sofia!

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