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## Chile signs on to be first South American OECD member

11-Jan-2010

Chile will become the OECD's 31st member and its first in South America under an accession agreement signed today in Santiago by OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría and Chilean Finance Minister Andrés Velasco. Chile will formally become an OECD member once its parliament [ratifies this agreement](#).

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## Evolving Agricultural Policies in a Changing World

19-20-Jan-2010

This no-fee agricultural policy conference is co-hosted by the [United States Department of Agriculture, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the Mexican Ministry of Agriculture \(SAGARPA\)](#) and organized jointly with the [Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development \(OECD\)](#).

During this one and one-half day conference, OECD will provide a broad view of its organization and agricultural policy work focusing on its specific relevance and value to North America.

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## Governments agree to step up fight against bribery

09-Dec-2009

Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke and OECD Secretary-General Angel recognized International Anti-Corruption Day and the 10th anniversary of the entry into force of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention at an event hosted by Transparency International USA.

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## US should increase spending to help young people amid rising unemployment, says OECD

07-Dec-2009

[Jobs for Youth: United States](#) says that despite signs of economic recovery, the outlook for young people in the jobs market will remain difficult in the coming years. In the year to November 2009, the youth unemployment rate rose by 8 percentage points to 19%, equivalent to 1.6 million more young people out of work.

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OECD Lunch Briefing: Launch of the OECD STI Scoreboard 2009 - Innovation and the Crisis Presentation by Andrew Wyckoff, Director of Science, Technology and Industry at OECD.

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## OECD Breakfast Series: Technological Innovations and Emissions Reductions

03-Dec-2009 - The role of cement industry and CCS Presentation of IEA Technology Roadmaps.

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## Recovery still too timid to halt rising unemployment, says new OECD Economic Outlook

19-Nov-2009 - The jobless rate is expected to peak in the first half of 2010 in the [United States](#), but it may not be until 2011 that unemployment begins to fall in the Euro area.

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World Energy Outlook 2009 - The time has come to make the hard choices needed to combat climate change and enhance global energy security  
10-Nov-2009 - This year's edition of the IEA's flagship annual report looks at the impact of the economic downturn on energy use, CO2 emissions and energy investment and what will be required at the UN climate conference in Copenhagen to put together an agreement that stops global temperatures rising at a price that is affordable.

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Amb. Richard Boucher appointed OECD Deputy Secretary-General

5-Nov-2009 - Former Spokesman for the US State Department [Amb. Richard A. Boucher](#) has been appointed Deputy Secretary-General. He will take up duty on 5 November 2009. Among his responsibilities, he will spearhead the Organisation's enhanced engagement and accession processes.

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George C. Marshall - A Tribute from the OECD

16-Oct-2009 - In this statement to commemorate the 50th anniversary of [George C. Marshall's](#) death, the OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría explains that George Marshall's vision still inspires the organisation's work.

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16-Oct-2009 - *Washington Event!*

OECD Breakfast Series: OECD Employment Outlook – Tackling the Jobs Crisis in the United States and Abroad

Presentation made by Stefano Scarpetta, Head of the OECD Employment Division.

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OECD Breakfast Series at the New American Foundation: Fixing Finance - Origins of the Financial Crisis and Requirements for Reform

13-Oct-2009 - Presentation made by Adrian Blundell-Wignall, Deputy Director for Financial and Enterprise Affairs at the OECD. Video is available.

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OECD Breakfast Series: Pensions at a Glance 2009

09-Oct-2009 - Presentation made by Edward Whitehouse, Head of Pension Policy Analysis at the OECD. Janet McCubbin, Director of Economic Security at the AARP Public Policy Institute, will provide comments.

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Head of OECD Health Division Testifies at Hearing for the Senate Special Committee on Aging

30-Sep-2009 - Mark Pearson, Head of the OECD [Health](#) Division, testified on the cost of health care in OECD countries. Read his statement: Disparities in health expenditure across OECD countries: Why does the United States spend so much more?

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G20 Summit: Framework for Strong, Sustainable and Balanced Growth

25-Sep-2009 - Remarks by Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General, to the G20 Leaders are available here:

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OECD and the Pittsburgh G20 Summit - boosting jobs, reshaping the global economy  
24-25-Sep-2009 - Up to 25 million people will have lost their jobs in OECD countries by the end of next year as a result of the crisis. Helping the unemployed and getting economies moving again will be among the most pressing issues on the table at the [G20 Summit in Pittsburgh](#) on 24-25 September 2009.  
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The Economics of Climate Change  
18-Sep-2009 - As world leaders head into serious discussions in the coming weeks about how to address climate change, new OECD work will speak to some of the most contentious issues of the debate – those related to the costs involved. The OECD's new report, *The Economics of Climate Change Mitigation*, addresses these issues.  
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Unemployment was quicker to rise in US than in many OECD countries  
16-Sep-2009 - Released today, the *OECD Employment Outlook 2009* indicates that, Despite signs that the recession is slowing, the early stages of the economic recovery will be too muted to result in strong job creation. As a result, the [US unemployment rate](#) is expected to continue to rise in the coming months to a little above 10% and to remain at that level through 2010.  
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11-Sep-2009 - *Washington Event!*  
OECD Breakfast Series: Education at a Glance 2009 Presentation made by Andreas Schleicher, Head of the Indicators and Analysis Division at the OECD Education Department. John Easton, Director of the Institute for Education Sciences, will provide comments.  
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Healthcare Reform in the United States  
The US Health-care system has many attractive features: in particular, most of the population has access to high standards of medical care. Nevertheless, the overall health status of the US population appears to rank among the lower third of OECD countries, despite much higher health expenditure per capita than in any other country. This working paper from the OECD Economics Department focuses on two factors that contribute to this discrepancy and suggests two sets of reforms to improve the US healthcare system.  
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## OECD Health Data 2009

Find out how the United States compares with the [US Briefing Note](#).

In key outcomes of health, education and poverty, US children do less well than their peers

01-Sep-2009 - The United States should spend more on young children and disadvantaged teenagers to improve poor child health, poor basic education and high rates of child poverty, according to the OECD's first ever publication on children.

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## US Cell Phone Rates Among the Highest in OECD Countries

11-Aug-2009 - According to the OECD's Communications Outlook 2009, Finland, the Netherlands and Sweden have the lowest prices for mobile phone calls among OECD countries, according to the latest OECD Communications Outlook. The highest were found in Canada, Spain and the United States.

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## New Release! OECD Health Data - Comparing Health Statistics across OECD Countries

Find out how the United States stacks up with the [US Briefing Note](#).

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14-Jul-2009 - *Washington Event!*

OECD Breakfast Series: Measuring the Progress of Societies

Presentation made by OECD Chief Statistician, Enrico Giovannini. Rosemary Marcuss, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis, will provide comments.

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## OECD Forum 2009 - The Crisis and Beyond, for a stronger, cleaner, fairer economy.

Participate from afar by accessing the daily summaries and speeches online.

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25-Jun-2009 - *Washington Event!*

OECD Breakfast Series: OECD/FAO Agricultural Outlook - Global Trends in Commodity Markets  
Presentation made by Pavel Vavra, OECD Agricultural Policy Analyst. Paul Westcott, USDA Agricultural Economist, will provide comments.

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23-Jun-2009 - *Washington Event!*

OECD Breakfast Series: The Bioeconomy to 2030 - Designing a Policy Agenda

Presentation made by David Sawaya, Policy Analyst, OECD International Futures Programme.

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The OECD Secretary-General visits Washington  
OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría visited Washington DC this week to discuss taxation, investment, and the OECD's response to the global financial crisis. Download his speeches here:

The Road to Recovery: A Conversation with OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría - [PDF](#)

The OECD's evolving role in shaping international tax policy - [PDF](#)

The crisis and its impact on cross border investment- [PDF](#)

## OECD Congressional Briefing: African Economic Outlook 2009

18-Jun-2009 - Presentation made by the OECD Development Center. Event will be chaired by Congressman Charles B. Rangel and co-chaired by Congressman Donald M. Payne.  
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Luxembourg, United States agree to exchange bank information for tax purposes  
Luxembourg has signed an agreement for the exchange of bank information on request in all tax matters with the U.S., marking a major step forward in international efforts to counter tax evasion.  
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Society at a Glance reveals evolving social trends in OECD countries  
The French spend more time sleeping than anyone else in OECD countries. Norwegians spend just over a quarter of their time on leisure, the highest among OECD countries, while Mexicans spend just 16%, the lowest. American men have 40 minutes more of leisure time per day than American women. Learn more about trends in the United States by reading the [US Country Note](#).  
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Tax haven crackdown will benefit developing countries, says OECD's Secretary-General  
A crackdown on tax havens and cross-border tax evasion will help developing countries to raise more revenues to pay for much-needed schools, roads and hospitals, according to OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría.  
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OECD Breakfast Series: State Owned Enterprises in the World Economy: Corporate Governance and Beyond  
28-Apr-2009 - Presentation by Hans Christiansen, OECD Steering Group on Corporate Governance. Mike Lubrano of Cartica Capital will provide comments.  
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OECD Breakfast Series: Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness - A unique exercise in mutual accountability  
24-Apr-2009 - Presentation by David Batt, Director of the OECD Africa Partnership Forum Support Unit, and Okey Onyejekwe, Director of the UNECA Governance and Public Administration Division. Dennis le Tray, Results for Development Institute will moderate.  
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Following G20 OECD delivers on tax pledge  
02-Apr-2009 - Following the G20 meeting and communiqué, the OECD Secretariat has provided a detailed report on progress by financial centres around the world towards implementation of an internationally agreed standard on exchange of information for tax purposes.  
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OECD Breakfast Series: Interim Report on the Economic Outlook  
31-Mar-2009 - Video-conference with OECD Chief Economist Klaus Schmidt-Hebbel.  
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OECD Work on Tax Havens  
The global economic crisis has sent tax revenues spiralling downwards at a time when governments need every penny they can get to spend on welfare and programmes to stimulate growth. This has cast a spotlight on the perennial problem of tax evasion,

prompting governments to look anew at ways to clamp down on tax dodgers and tax havens.

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OECD Breakfast Series: Inequality and Poverty - Are the rich really getting richer and the poor getting poorer?

19-Mar-2009 - Presentation by Martine Durand, Deputy-Director of the OECD Directorate for Employment, Labor and Social Affairs

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OECD Breakfast Series: Recent Developments in Labor Migration- The impact of the economic crisis and beyond

19-Mar-2009 - Presentation by Georges Lemaitre, OECD International Migration Specialist. Co-sponsored by Georgetown University.

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*International Women's Day 2009*

06-Mar-2009 - OECD Breakfast Series: Culture Counts - A new set of indicators to measure gender equality  
Presentation by OECD Economist, Denis Dreschler. Katherine Blakeslee, Director of USAID's Office of Women in Development, will provide comments.

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OECD Breakfast Series: Going for Growth 2009 - Structural reforms to promote long-term economic growth

04-Mar-2009 - Presentation by OECD Chief Economist, Klaus Schmidt-Hebbel. Adam Posen, Peterson Institute for International Economics, will provide comments.

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Governments must maintain reforms for long-term growth during crisis

03-Mar-2009 - The current crisis offers governments the opportunity of combining emergency action with the important structural reforms needed to improve long-term growth and resilience in their economies, according to OECD's latest [Going for Growth](#).

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Overcoming the Financial Crisis in the United States  
20-Feb-2009 - Just Released - The global financial crisis that emerged in mid 2007 has caused considerable economic disruptions in the United States and elsewhere, and exposed major flaws in the global financial system. After examining the origins of the crisis, this paper recommends specific policy responses to resolve the immediate problems and discusses how to make the US financial system more resilient and stable in the future.

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For a stronger, cleaner, fairer economy: A strategic response to the financial crisis

With major economies now in or threatened by recession, 2009 will be a difficult year. The OECD can help governments to build a stronger, cleaner, fairer world economy.

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OECD Economic Survey of the Euro Area

14-Jan-2009 - Strengthening the financial system in the wake of the current crisis is one of the key challenges discussed in OECD's latest economic survey of the Euro area. Secretary-General Angel Gurría will present the report on Wednesday 14 January 2009 at 10.30 a.m. in Paris.

OECD Composite Leading Indicators signal deep slowdown in OECD area and major non-OECD member economies

12-Jan-2009 - Just released - OECD composite leading indicators (CLIs) for November 2008 point to deep slowdowns in the major seven economies and in major non-OECD member economies, particularly China, India and Russia.

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OECD Congressional Seminar: US Economic Survey 09-Dec-2008 - This seminar will offer two sessions based on the findings of the OECD's new US Economic Survey: *Overcoming the Financial Crisis* and *Financing Health Care: Lessons from Home and Abroad*. OECD Deputy Secretary-General Pier Carlo Padoan and Robert Ford, Deputy Director of OECD Country Studies, will present.

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