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### **“The Road Beyond Paris: Role of International Public Finance for Climate Change and Sustainable Development ”**

2016 has been a watershed year for the global environment. The Paris Agreement entered into force on 4 November 2016, already ratified by over 110 countries. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development officially came into force on 1 January 2016. These agreements set ambitious goals and carry the promise of meaningful progress towards a sustainable future for the world. How is the implementation of these agreements being supported? What are the priorities of countries to catalyze action on mitigation, adaptation, as well as complex global environmental problems? What roles can public financing institutions play to support developing countries in their efforts to address global environmental concerns?

This seminar explores these questions, based on the experiences of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and reflecting outcomes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that took place earlier this month in Marrakech, Morocco. The GEF is a/the financial mechanism for multiple multilateral environmental agreements, including the UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement, the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the Minamata Convention on Mercury among others.

**Chizuru Aoki** is Lead Environmental Specialist of the Global Environment Facility (GEF). She leads GEF's strategy development for multiple multilateral environmental agreements, and also plays a leading role in climate finance. Prior to joining the GEF in 2010, she was Senior Programme Officer at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), where she led one of the largest UN-led environmental interventions in Iraq to facilitate ecosystem management and technology transfer. She was a Fulbright Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, receiving her Ph.D in Technology, Management and Policy in 2002. Her professional and research interests are on technological change for sustainable development. Earlier in her career, she managed a program to promote cleaner production in developing countries. She is a citizen of Japan.

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