

Warsaw, 25th September 2017

*Dear Sir / Madam,*

The World Bank together with the Institute for Structural Research and the Centre of Migration Research are pleased to invite you to an international conference to launch the latest World Bank Economic Update for Europe and Central Asia (ECA), titled **"Migration and Mobility in the Europe and Central Asia Region."** The conference will take place on October 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 in the Press Centre of the Polish Press Agency (Bracka Str. 6/8) from 11.00-13.00.

During the conference, **Hans Timmer**, Chief Economist of the World Bank's ECA region, will give a presentation on migration and mobility – two factors that play a vital role in the economic, political, and social dynamics of the countries in this region. Over the years, the region has seen changes in the drivers, nature, and intensity of migration, a broad phenomenon that has had an integral impact on the of societies in ECA.

The conference will provide an opportunity to discuss, among other things, the benefits and challenges of migration for host and origin countries in the region. Speakers will include: **Hans Timmer**, **Piotr Lewandowski** (Institute for Structural Research), and **Paweł Kaczmarczyk** (Centre of Migration Research).

Please note that the meeting will be held in English (translation into Polish will not be provided).

Yours sincerely



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