

**GLOBAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND RECOVERY**

A Multi-Regional Project

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PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVES  
  
The Department of State has outlined the following specific objectives for the project:

* To examine international economic cooperation in the context of the growth and integration of emerging markets into the world economy;
* To examine the relationship between U.S. and foreign financial systems and commodity markets; and
* To review U.S. efforts to strengthen the global economy including: stimulating growth and employment; reforming financial institutions; and initiatives to assist the recovery of the financial sector domestically and internationally.

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