

Aspen Program on the World Economy 2012 Agenda

Saturday/August 18th - Opening Reception and Dinner - 6:15 pm

- **Dinner Discussion - The 2012 U.S. Presidential Election:** What Do the Polls Say About the Key Issues On Convention Eve?

Sunday/August 19th - Opening Morning to Early Afternoon Sessions - 8:00 am to 2:30 pm

- **The Global Economic Outlook - 8:00 am to 10:00 am** - We will provide a consensus, base-case 2012-2013 forecast in advance so that the discussion can focus on either risks to or disagreements with the consensus view. We also welcome suggestions regarding appropriate policies!
- **Europe's Future - 10:15 am to 12:15 pm** - The lead speakers will help to bring us up to date, but we would like to focus the discussion on the most likely outcomes over the next year; and on Europe's long-term prospects.
- **Emerging Economies Discussion - 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm** - The lead speakers will provide an overview on how the sluggish Advanced Economy performance is affecting the emerging economies and their financial markets. We will briefly review the outlook in the key Emerging Economies.

Sunday/August 19th - RESTAURANT DINNER - 6:00 pm

Monday/August 20th - Morning to Early Afternoon Sessions - 8:00 am to 2:15 pm

- **The MENA Region: Political and Economic Prospects – 8:00 am to 10:00 am** The Aftershocks of the Arab Spring - 8:00 am to 10:00 am - The regional upheaval is still developing. The lead speakers will focus on the key developments unfolding across the region, and whether the United Nations, the G20, NATO, Russia, China or any outsiders can play a positive role in the region.
- **Post-Crisis Transformation of Global Finance - 10:15 am to 12:15 pm** - Where does the global financial reform agenda stand? What are the likely upcoming changes in the sector's structure and future role? What are the prospects for markets remaining global? Have the Crisis and the resulting Great Recession altered public and political support for a private sector-driven markets?

- **The U.S. Energy Revival in a Global Context - 12:30 pm to 2:15 pm** - How does the "new U.S. energy revolution" alter long-range prospects for U.S. growth? How will the revolution alter the structure of the U.S. economy? Will global geo-politics be changed fundamentally?

Monday/August 20th - BARBECUE with Double Diamond Band - 6:00 pm

Tuesday/August 21st - Morning Sessions - 8:00 am to 10:45am

- **Special Topic Focus - Developed Country Labor Markets: Polarization, Mobility, and Inequality? - 8:00 am to 10:00 am** - How long term are the key trends; what are the underlying drivers; how will they change societies and politics?
- **Brief Group Discussion - 10:15 am to 10:45 am** - Assessments of 2012 discussions; looking forward to 2013.
- **Lunch will be available - 11:00 am**