FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Washington D.C.- 04/19) - The Bretton Woods Committee will host its 2022 Annual Meeting from April 19-22.

Entitled "Confronting Changes: Adapting to a Post-Pandemic Economy", this year's conference will explore how the global community and international financial institutions can adapt to the emerging geopolitical and economic challenges ahead.

Over the four-day conference, BWC will host several expert-led lectures and discussions of pertinent issues addressing the global policy response to the economic recovery from COVID-19, and navigating potential solutions to the geopolitical implications of Russia's invasion of Ukraine: easing supply-chains congestion amid rising inflation, promoting digital trade, decarbonizing the global economies amid a global energy crisis, opportunities and challenges of financial technology innovations, and looming sovereign defaults.

Confirmed speakers include Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economics Daleep Singh, and EU Commission's Chief Trade Enforcement Officer Denis Redonnet, both instrumental to the design and implementation of current trade sanctions on Russia; World Bank President David Malpass; International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva; and more.

Additionally, BWC's <u>Future of Finance Working Group Digital Finance Project Team</u> will present the first in a series of briefs investigating critical regulatory aspects of digital currencies, "State of Play in Crypto Markets: Opportunities and Dangers."

Through this conference, BWC hopes to spur constructive conversations surrounding the reinvention of the financial system around new technologies and explore the ways that stakeholders across sectors can adapt the system to navigate the challenges of the post-pandemic world more effectively.

Due to concerns about COVID-19, this year's meeting will take the form of a hybrid conference. Virtual sessions will be held on April 19-21, and in-person sessions will be offered in Washington D.C. on April 22. Attendees to in-person sessions must follow Washington, D.C. safety guidelines in effect at the time of the event, and all in-person sessions will have a Zoom option.

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