



Association for the Development of Friendship and Understanding (ADFU)

PROGRAM study session

Poldering VII/The Dutch Economy and Budget

Date : Friday January 23, 2015

Location : The Hague

08.30 **Walk-in and registration**

08.50 **Tour de table** : Mr. Hylke A. Vinkeles Melchers, Managing Director ADFU/CD

09.00 **1) The end of the economic crisis?**
Mr. Timon VERHEULE, Member MT General Economic Policies Unit (AEP),
Ministry of Economic Affairs, The Hague

09.30 **2) Falling Deficit and tempered Austerity**
Mr. Peter Hein van MULLIGEN, Head Economist of the Central Office of
Statistics (CBS), The Hague

10.00 **3) To what extent did the Dutch create their own Crisis?**
Mr. Taco van HOEK, Director of the Economic Institute for the Building sector
(EIB), Amsterdam

10:30 Break

10.45 **4) The Eurozone and the performance of the Dutch economy**
Mr. Jean-Luc ANNAERT, European Semester Officer, EU Representation in The
Hague

11.15 **5) Climate an actual Business Case**
Mr. Frits de GROOT, Director environment, energy, spatial planning, transport
and infrastructure, VNO-NCW, The Hague

11.45 **6) A gap in the Budget?**
Mr. Wouter KOOLMEES, Member of Parliament for D'66, The Hague

12.30 Network lunch

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