DFI has been playing a leading role in publishing analysis on the issues related to developing countries' experiences of external resource mobilisation and new financing strategies. In particular DFI, as part of its work under the HIPC Capacity Building Programme, has designed a methodology to help countries choose dispassionately among different financing sources based on their advantages and disadvantages for development. For a comprehensive overview of external financing choices and a detailed discussion of aid issues facing low-income countries with limited market access, see our publication on Key Analytical Issues for Government External Financing.

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- how best to mobilise less and non-concessional sources of financing, by diversifying resource mobilisation to nonconcessional sources, including multilateral, bilateral, and commercial creditors, as well as international
bond markets and public-private partnerships.