

Civil Society Policy Forum

April 9-12, 2019

Preliminary Schedule



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SPRING MEETINGS
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Day 1 - Tuesday, April 9, 2019

9:00 am – 9:30 am	CSO Center (I Building, 2 nd floor – same building where you will collect your Spring Meetings badge) Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF) Welcome Breakfast			
9:45 am – 10:30 am	I 2-250 WBG Orientation Opening Remarks by Kristalina Georgieva, Interim President of the World Bank Group and Chief Executive Officer of the World Bank (door will close at 9:30 am)			
10:45 am – 1:00 pm	I 2-250 WBG Orientation Program			
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	I 2-220 Lunch Session - Meeting with the Moderator of CSO Roundtable with WBG Executive Directors			
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	MC 4-100 Challenges to the Economy Citizen Roles in Fostering DRM and Accountable Tax Policies – What Works? Transparency and Accountability Initiative, Save the Children USA, Oxfam, SEATINI-Uganda, CDA-Pakistan	MC 8-100 Engaging Communities Inclusion, Social Accountability and Human Capital: A Roundtable Discussion Counterpart International, Global Partnership for Social Accountability	MC 9-100 Investing in Human Capital After the Replenishment: How is the GFF Addressing Critical Concerns Raised by Civil Society? Médecins Sans Frontières, WEMOS, Oxfam UK, CEHURD-Uganda	MC C1-200 Challenges to the Economy Ease of Doing Business Report – Impacts on Social and Economic Policies for Nations Centre for Financial Accountability
	MC 13-121 Civil Society Roundtable with World Bank Group Executive Directors Followed by a Networking Reception until 7:30 PM			
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm				

Session Descriptions

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1:00 pm

WBG Orientation Program

The WBG Orientation is aimed at civil society organizations not yet familiar with the World Bank Group. Through group discussions, participants will get to know their peers and build an understanding of the different mechanisms for engagement with the World Bank Group.

Citizen Roles in Fostering DRM and Accountable Tax Policies – What Works?

Transparency and Accountability Initiative, Save the Children USA, Oxfam, SEATINI-Uganda, CDA-Pakistan
MC 4-100

This session will showcase evidence and foster discussion about civil society support for domestic resources mobilization (DRM) and accountable tax systems, drawing from new research and the Medium Term Revenue Strategy (MTRS) concept, with experiences from Kenya, Pakistan, and Uganda.

- Moderator: Michael Jarvis, Executive Director, Transparency and Accountability Initiative
- Panelist 1: Jane Nalunga, Country Director, SEATINI-Uganda
- Panelist 2: Muhammad Shahzad, Executive Director, Chanan Development Association (CDA-Pakistan)
- Panelist 3: Andrew Wainer, Director, Policy Research, Save the Children USA
- Panelist 4: Katherine Baer, Division Chief (Revenue Division 2), IMF

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Inclusion, Social Accountability and Human Capital: A Roundtable Discussion

Counterpart International, Global Partnership for Social Accountability
MC 8-100

This roundtable discussion will discuss questions such as, to what extent have social accountability programs been successful in promoting greater inclusion and equity? Have social accountability interventions led to more equitable access to services or more inclusive human capital development? Are tools and methodologies currently available adequate to meet the challenge of inclusion? What lessons can we draw from current practices?

- Moderator: Ann Hudock, Executive Vice President, Counterpart International

- Panelist 1: Christian Arandel, Senior Director, Governance, Counterpart International
- Panelist 2: Jeff Thindwa, Program Manager, GPSA
- Panelist 3: Maarten Oranje, Expert, Health Systems / Health Data, Health & Resilient Communities division, Cordaid

After the Replenishment: How is the GFF Addressing Critical Concerns Raised by Civil Society?

Médecins Sans Frontières, WEMOS, Oxfam UK, CEHURD-Uganda

MC 9-100

In a letter to the GFF, 50+ CSOs raised concerns about approaches towards sub-optimal civil society engagement, health worker shortfalls, financial barriers, certain World Bank linked procedures (e.g. accelerating private sector investments), and performance-based financing. Now it's time to follow-up: what is the GFF's response concerning these challenges in reaching UHC?

- Moderator: Lisa Seidelmann, Global Health Advocate, WEMOS
- Panelist 1: Moses Mulumba, Executive Director, CEHURD Uganda
- Panelist 2: Mit Philips, Health Policy Advisor, Médecins Sans Frontières
- Panelist 3: Monique Vledder, Program Manager, Global Financing Facility
- Panelist 4: Michele Gragnolati, Practice Manager, Health Nutrition and Population, World Bank

Ease of Doing Business Report – Impacts on Social and Economic Policies for Nations

Centre for Financial Accountability

MC C1-200

The Doing Business Report and the ease of doing business index are among the most influential reports by the World Bank Group. The report since its inception, influenced nations to drastically change their regulatory frameworks particularly those regarding labour, environment, land and taxation. The civil society session will provide a platform to debate the implications of these for countries.

- Moderator: David Hunter, Professor International and Comparative Environmental Law, American University's Washington College of Law (TBC)
- Panelist 1: Luiz Fernando Vieira, Coordinator, Bretton Woods Project
- Panelist 2: Gino Brunswijck, Senior Policy & Advocacy Officer, Eurodad
- Panelist 3: Anuradha Munshi, Research Coordinator, Centre for Financial Accountability