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Day 5 – Friday, April 21, 2017

Women Entrepreneurs Driving Socioeconomic Change. Experiences from the Americas, Tunisia and India

9:00 – 10:30 am

Room: I2-210

Sponsors: Femmes & Leadership Association, SPECTRA and Young Americas Business Trust

Panellists:

- Valerie Lorena, Executive Director, Young Americas Business Trust (Moderator)
- Gabriela de la Garza, Sustainability and Corporate Citizenship Director, PepsiCo
- Sana Ghenima, President, Femmes & Leadership Association
- Pradeep Singh, Director, SPECTRA

Representatives from NGO's, international organizations and the private sector will share experiences from the Americas, Tunisia and India on the impact of women-led endeavors to effectively eradicate poverty, bolster entrepreneurship and add value within different socioeconomic contexts.

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Free Education and the Question of Low-Fee Private Schools

9:00 – 10:30 am

Room: I2-220

Sponsors: RESULTS, ActionAid, Global Campaign for Education, Oxfam International and others

Panellists:

- Tony Baker, Associate Director, RESULTS Educational Fund
- Tanvir Muntasim, International Policy Manager- Education, Action Aid
- Sylvain Aubry, Research and Legal Advisor, Global Initiative for Economic Social and Cultural Rights (GI-ESCR)
- Linda Oduor-Noah, Research Consultant, East African Center for Human Rights (EACH Rights)

This session discusses the policy implications of the World Bank's position on free education and fee-charging private schools, with evidence from four reports (RESULTS Educational Fund, Action Aid, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [GI-ESCR], and East African Center for Human Rights [EACH Rights]) in regards to access and quality of IFC funded low-fee private schools.

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Shell Game or Sure Thing? Risk Return Profiles in Infrastructure Development

9:00 – 10:30 am

Room: I2-250

Sponsor: Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)

Panellists:

- Lisa Anne Hamilton, Director- Energy and Climate, Center for International Environmental Law (Moderator)
- Daniel Ribiero, Author- Mozambique Case Study, Bank Information Center
- Markus Walther, Energy Analyst, Calvert Investments
- Elle Hempten, Director Strategic Partnerships, Focus Infrastructure Project Developer

International Finance Institutions can achieve ambitious development goals through increased investment in energy infrastructure but must balance those goals with a rapidly evolving understanding of project risk. Risk averse investors including pension and retirement funds are developing risk assessment tools to minimize exposure to carbon intensive assets. This session will focus on the challenges and opportunities of achieving development goals while addressing civil society's concerns about meeting sustainability.

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Are Governments and the Bretton Woods Institutions Fighting Inequality?

9:00 – 10:30 am

Room: IMF HQ2 3B-838B

Sponsors: Oxfam International, Oxfam International, Development Finance International, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, and New Rules for Global Finance

Panellists:

- Larry Elliott, Economics Editor, The Guardian (Moderator)
- Susanna Gable, Chief Economist, Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)
- Jonathan Ostry, Deputy Director, Research Department- International Monetary Fund
- Carolina Sanchez, Senior Director, Poverty and Equity Global Practice- World Bank Group
- Jose Antonio Ocampo, Director of the Economic and Political Development Concentration, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
- Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director, Oxfam International
- Nora Lustig, Director of the Commitment to Equity (CEQ) Institute, Tulane University

The recent backlash against globalization in advanced economies has been in part driven by the increasing wealth and income gaps between those who benefit and those who do not. The consequences include political shifts in countries that have been the leading proponents of globalization. These shifts have put in question the future role of the multilateral institutions themselves. This high-level panel aims to promote a multistakeholder debate on the key measures global institutions and governments need to pursue in order to more effectively tackle economic inequality. The panel will cover issues which are crucial to reinforcing the roles of the IMF and World Bank in combating inequality and ensuring shared prosperity.

The panel will also discuss two forthcoming reports on inequality. The first is a report by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and New Rules for Global Finance that assesses six global institutions (IMF, World Bank, FSB, OECD, G20 and UN) for their impact on combatting inequality. The second is the Commitment to Reducing Inequality index created by Oxfam and Development Finance International, which ranks 150 countries by their policy commitments to reduce economic inequality.

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Role of Access to Information in Promoting Development and Citizen Participation in Governance

11:00 – 12:30 pm

Room: I2-210

Sponsors: Role of Access to Information in Promoting Development and Citizen Participation in Governance

Panellists:

- Mr. Toby Mendel, Executive Director, Center for Law Democracy (Moderator)
- Edetaen Ojo, Executive Director, Media Rights Agenda
- Gilbert Sendugwa, Executive Director, Africa Freedom of Information Centre
- Carole Excell, Acting Director- Environmental Democracy Practice, World Resources Institute

The right to information is a basic right that underpins good governance, democracy and the enjoyment of other rights. The session will share experiences of how citizens in Africa and around the world have used access to information to promote service delivery and good governance.

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Strengthening Civil Society Engagement in National Planning Processes: Lessons Learned from the Global Financing Facility

11:00 – 12:30 pm

Room: I2-220

Sponsors: Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health & Global Financing Facility Civil Society Coordinating Group

Panellists:

- Joanne Carter, Executive Director, Results (Moderator)
- Aminu Magashi Garba, Coordinator, African Health Budget Network
- Dianne Lynn Stewart, Senior Operations Officer, Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice- World Bank Group
- John Townsend, Vice President and Director, Reproductive Health Program, Population Council
- Francis Ukwuije, Global Financing Facility Focal point, Federal Ministry Health Nigeria
- Marion Subah, Chief Of Party Maternal and Child Survival Program Human Resources for Health (MCSP HRH), Protect/Jhpiego
- Kaosar Afsana, Director, Health, Nutrition & Population Programme, BRAC
- Angela Mutunga, Regional Program Advisor for East Africa, Jhpiego – Advance Family Planning

Civil Society is a critical stakeholder for the improvement of women's, children's and adolescents' health. While its role is recognized, systematic engagement of civil society in national planning remains a challenge. Join us in a session to discuss the experience of civil society in contributing to national planning.

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The New World Bank Environmental and Social Framework: Implementation Update

11:00 – 12:30 pm
Room: I2-250

Sponsors: Operations Policy and Country Services (OPCS) – World Bank Group

Opening Remarks:

- Hartwig Schafer, Vice President, Operations Policy and Country Services (OPCS) – World Bank Group (WBG)

Presentation:

- John Kellenberg, Manager, Environmental & Social Framework Implementation, OPCS- WBG

Panellists:

- Alicia Phillips Mandaville, Vice President for Global Development Practice, InterAction
- Una Meades, Lead Counsel, Legal Vice Presidency (LEGEN)- WBG
- Julia Bucknall, Director, Environment and Natural Resources Global Practice (ENR)- WBG
- Maninder Gill, Director, Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice (SURR)- WBG
- Sumir Lal, Director, External and Corporate Relations (ECRGP)- WBG
- Afshan Khawaja, Manager, Environment and Social Safeguards Team, OPCS- WBG
- Mark King, Chief Environmental and Social Standards Officer, OPCS- WBG

On August 4, 2016, the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved a new Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) to help protect people and the environment in the investment projects it finances. The new framework broadens coverage and access and makes important advances in areas such as transparency, non-discrimination, social inclusion, public participation, and accountability. The framework seeks to promote sustainable development through capacity-and institution-building and will enhance efficiency for both the Borrower and the Bank. This session will consist of a short briefing on the implementation status of the ESF Roll Out and a general discussion about operationalization.

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African Debt Crisis 2.0

11:00 – 12:30 pm
Room: IMF HQ2 3B-838B

Sponsor: Jubilee USA

Panellists:

- Eric LeCompte, Executive Director, Jubilee USA (Moderator)
- Reverend Aniedi Okure, Director, Africa Faith and Justice Network (invited)
- Tirivangane Mutazu, Acting Head of Programs, Africa Network on Debt and Development
- Punam Chuhan-Pole, Lead Economist, Africa Region, World Bank Group
- Laure Redifer, Deputy Division Chief, African Department, International Monetary Fund

Debt levels are rising across Africa. Countries such as Ghana and Mozambique face renewed crises and several African countries now face famine conditions. Approximately a decade after international debt relief and the subsequent global financial crisis, African countries face a "debt crisis 2.0." What should the policy responses to this crisis be?

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Countering Conflict Economies in Syria and Neighbouring Countries

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Room: I2-210

Sponsors: Syrian Center for Policy and Research & Arab Network for Development

Panellists:

- Nabil Abdo, Consultant, Arab NGO Network for Development (Moderator)
- Ahmad Awad, Director, The Phenix Center for Economic and Informatics Studies
- Dr. Shanta Devarajan, Chief Economist, World Bank Group- Middle East and North Africa Region
- Dr. Harun Onder, Senior Economist, The World Bank Group- Macroeconomics and Fiscal Management Global Practice
- Dr. Mohamad Elhage, Advisor, International Monetary Fund- Middle East and Central Asia Department
- Dr. Samir Aita, President, The Circle of Arab Economists
- Rabie Nasser, Co-Founder and Researcher, Syrian Center for Policy Research

The "new" type of "internal" conflict as in Syria and Iraq created a black hole that absorbs human, economic, and institutional resources towards transnational war economy. This conflict creates development in reverse and fragmentation and increases the incentives for conflict economy and instability regionally and internationally. The panel will diagnose the dynamics of conflict-related activities, actors, and transnational networks. The dialogue will concentrate on the potential options to de-institutionalize conflict economy and build peace economy.

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Assessing IMF-WB's Technical Cooperation for Achieving 2030 Agenda

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Room: I2-220

Sponsor: Reality of Aid Network

Panellists:

- Vitalice Meja, Coordinator, Reality of Aid Africa (Moderator)
- Bodo Ellmers, Policy and Advocacy Manager - Debt and Responsible Finance, European Network on Debt and Development
- Ahmad Awad, Director, Arab NGO Network for Development

This session will bring together representatives from civil society to discuss how "fit for purpose" is IMF-WB's technical cooperation for achieving the 2030 Agenda. It aims to deepen the discussion on development effectiveness principles by examining CSO perspectives in the provision of IMF-WB's TC in developing countries to come up with policy recommendations. It will also feature key messages of the Reality of Aid 2016 Report, a collection of CSO researches focused on discussing technical cooperation as an aid modality.

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The World Bank in an Age of Populism: What does the rise of populist governments mean for the World Bank and its relationship with Civil Society?

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Room: I2-250

Sponsor: Bank Information Center (BIC) & Oxfam International

Panellists:

- Jolie Schwarz, Government Affairs, Bank Information Center (Moderator)
- Ray Offenheiser, President, Oxfam America
- Masood Ahmed, President, Center for Global Development
- Alex Thier, Executive Director, Overseas Development Institute
- Shawn Donnan, World Trade Editor, Financial Times
- Caroline Anstey, Former Managing Director, World Bank Group

This session will explore the challenge posed to international organizations like the World Bank by the rise of populist governments. Roundtable participants will respond to questions designed to stimulate new thinking about the common agenda shared by the Bank and civil society. Participants will also explore how the threat of populist governments may provide new leverage for reform (both good and bad) at the World Bank and other institutions, drawing on similar historical events.

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Closing the Gender Gap in Finance

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Room: IMF HQ2-3B-748B

Sponsor: Toronto Center for Global Leadership in Financial Supervision

Opening Remarks:

- The Honourable William (Bill) Francis Morneau, Canada's Minister of Finance
- The Honourable Magdalena Andersson, Sweden's Minister of Finance

Guest Speaker:

- Phumzile Lambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director, UN Women

Panellists:

- Babak Abbaszadeh, President and CEO, Toronto Centre (Moderator)
- Ceyla Pazarbasioglu, Senior Director, Finance & Markets Global Practice, World Bank Group
- Martin Cihak, Advisor and Unit Chief, Monetary and Capital Markets Department, International Monetary Fund
- Mary Ellen Iskenderian, President and CEO, Women's World Banking
- Michael Wiegand, Director, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Yannick Glemarec, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women

Closing Remarks:

- The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Canada's Minister of International Development and La Francophonie

Gender equality and women's economic participation are central to financial inclusion, and key drivers of economic development and achieving the UN 2030 SDGs and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. A key milestone in this regard is eliminating the gaps in women's access to and use of financial services that exist in many countries. The panel will discuss what role financial regulators/supervisors, governments, international agencies, private sector participants and civil society organizations can play in promoting gender equality.

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Financial Inclusion For All: Uplifting the Invisible Class

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Room: I2-210

Sponsor: Operation HOPE Inc.

Panellists:

- Jena Roscoe, Senior Vice President & Chief Of Government Relations- Public Policy, Operation HOPE, Inc. (Moderator)
- Dr. Margaret Miller, Lead Financial Sector Economist, Finance and Markets Global Practice, World Bank Group (invited)
- Marilyn Hoosen, Financial Advisor, Global Wealth Management, Merrill Lynch
- Reverend Dr. Samuel Nixon Jr., Founder, Humble 1
- La'Nita Johnson, Humanitarian, Pepperdine University Alumnus & West Africa Terrorist Attack Survivor

The World Bank and IMF Universal Financial Access by 2020 (UFA2020) Campaign has brokered 30 partners with pledged commitments to enable 1 billion people to gain access to a transaction account through targeted interventions. This session will explore the role civil society institutions have played and best practices in assisting citizens globally to gain access to a transaction account.

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Pneumonia and Diarrhoea: How Horizontal UHC Reforms can Address Key Childhood Killers

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Room: I2-220

Sponsors: Save the Children UK, and World Vision International

Panellists:

- Simon Wright, Head of Health – Policy & Advocacy, Save the Children UK (Moderator)
- Peter Hynes, BabyWASH Coalition Coordinator, World Vision International (Moderator)
- Kevin Watkins, Chief Executive Officer, Save the Children UK
- Claire Chase, Economist, Water Global Practice- World Bank Group (WBG)
- Dr. Mariam Claeson, Director, Global Financing Facility- WBG
- Dr. Mickey Chopra, Lead Health Specialist, Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice- WBG
- Dr. Kim Mulholland, Professor, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine: Social Determinants and their Impact on Pneumonia

The focus on vertical disease programming has often undermined progression towards UHC. Using pneumonia and diarrhoea as examples, the need for multi-sectoral action to strengthen national health systems to improve child health will be discussed. We will explore how Universal Health Coverage reforms will benefit pneumonia and diarrhoea, including how the Global Financing Facility can increase investment in essential primary health care health services.



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On Track to 1.5C: Mainstreaming Climate and Forest Actions in MDB Lending and Country Strategies

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Room: I2-250

Sponsors: Climate Action Network International, Christian Aid, Bretton Woods
Project and Bank Information Center

Panellists:

- Srinivas K, CEO, Vasudha Foundation India (Moderator)
- Hon Minister Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, President, Fiji COP23 (invited)
- Nilesh Prakash, Director Climate Change, Government of Fiji (invited)
- Christiana Figueres, Former Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC) & Mission 2020
- Julia Bucknall, Director, Environment and Natural Resources Global Practice- World Bank Group
- Juliana Salles Almeida, Senior Operations Specialist- Climate Change & Sustainability, Inter-American Development Bank
- Daniel de Lemos Ribeiro, Friends of the Earth- Mozambique

After more than a year of World Bank committing to mainstreaming 5 climate principles, this event aims to set the context for enabling conditions required to enhance ambition and the role of each stakeholder in mainstreaming climate and forest action in MDB lending and country strategies.

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