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Preliminary Schedule



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Day 4 - Friday, October 18, 2019

9:00 am – 10:30 am	<p>I2 - 210 Preventing Corruption: Tackling Integrity Risks across the 2030 Agenda and analyzing Effectiveness of Prevention Tools</p> <p>ANCE-Togo, FORES Argentina, Transparency International, CSAAEINC- Nigeria</p>	<p>I2 – 220 Development and Accountability Challenges in FCV countries</p> <p>World Bank Inspection Panel, Oxfam International</p>	<p>I2 - 250 Human Rights, Climate Change, Alleviating Poverty...Can WB country strategies rise to the challenge? Examples.</p> <p>BIC Europe, Open Society Institute Tajikistan, Soros Kazakhstan Foundation</p>	<p>IMF HQ2 – 03B-838B The IMF's Work on Social Spending: What's Next?</p> <p>International Monetary Fund</p>
10:30am	Coffee Break	I2-440 Regional Networking: African CSOs		
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	<p>I2 - 210 The Status (Quo) of Women’s Empowerment in the MENA Region: Perspectives from the Field</p> <p>Hands Along the Nile Development Services, Inc. (HANDS)</p>	<p>I2 – 220 Update on the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF)</p> <p>World Bank</p>	<p>I2 - 250 Right to Recovery: Children’s Wellbeing, Mental Health and Recovery from Conflict</p> <p>Save the Children</p>	<p>IMF HQ2 – 03B-838B A Compact for Assured and Sustainable Financing of Social Protection Floors in Developing Countries</p> <p>Bread for the World, World Council of Churches, and ACT Alliance</p>
12:30 pm	Lunch Break			

Session Descriptions

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Preventing Corruption: Tackling Integrity Risks across the 2030 Agenda and analyzing Effectiveness of Prevention Tools

ANCE Togo and FORES – Argentina

I2 – 210

This session discusses two key issues: How corruption jeopardizes progress towards the 2030 Agenda by (a) undermining the quantity and quality of essential services and (b) distorting the mobilization and distribution of development funds. Preventative strategies employed by governments, multilateral organizations and the private sector to curb corruption.

- Moderator: E.A. Kodjo Fabrice, Executive Director, ANCE Togo
- Panelist 1: Matthew Jenkins, Research Coordinator, Transparency International
- Panelist 2: Marcelo O. de Jesus, Representative in USA, FORES-Argentina,
- Panelist 3: Godswill Agbagwa, President, CSAAEINC-Nigeria,
- Panelist 4: Sebastiaan Pompe, Consultant Counsel, International Monetary Fund,
- Panelist 5: Joe Mauro, Integrity Compliance Specialist, World Bank Integrity Office

Development and Accountability Challenges in FCV countries

World Bank Inspection Panel and Oxfam International

I2 – 220

This session discusses how FCV countries present a critical development challenge. By 2030, nearly half of the world's poor will be living in FCV settings. This session will explore challenges facing development practitioners in FCV countries, the difficulty in implementing safeguard policies in those countries and what can be done to address the challenges.

- Moderator: Imrana Jalal, Chair, World Bank Inspection Panel,
- Panelist 1: Nadia Daar, Head of DC Office, Oxfam International
- Panelist 2: Dilek Barlas, Executive Secretary, World Bank Inspection Panel

Human Rights, Climate Change, Alleviating Poverty...Can WB country Strategies Rise to the Challenge? Examples

BIC Europe, Open Society Institute Tajikistan, Soros Kazakhstan Foundation

I2 - 250

This session will explore how the World Bank Group's country engagement instruments allow for stakeholders to partake in shaping the country strategies of the Bank to best address the pressing social and environmental issues within the development agenda of the Bank in borrowing countries.

- Moderator: Ismail Arslan, Senior Evaluation Officer, IEGEC
- Panelist 1: Petra Kjell, Campaign Manager, **Bank** Information Center Europe
- Panelist 2: Shahlo Abdunabizoda, Director, NGO Jahon (Tajikistan)
- Panelist 3: Danila Bekturganov, President, Civil Expertise NGO (Kazakhstan)
- Panelist 4: Theo David Thomas, Economic Adviser, OPCS, World Bank

The IMF's Work on Social Spending: What's Next?

International Monetary Fund

IMF HQ2 – 03B-838B

The IMF published in June 2019 a new strategy for engagement on social spending to reflect the role social spending can play in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals and increasing concerns among its members about rising inequality and the need to support vulnerable groups the strategy aims to make the IMF's engagement on this issue more systematic and consistent. This session will aim to explain to CSOs the main strand of the strategy, get CSOs feedback and answer their questions and explain what are the next steps on the IMF's work on social spending.

- Moderator: Nicolas Mombrial, Senior Communications Officer, IMF
- Panelist 1: David Coady, Division Chief, Expenditure Policy Division, IMF Fiscal Affairs Department.
- Panelist 2: Miriam Brett, Bretton Woods Project

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

The Status (Quo) of Women’s Empowerment in the MENA Region: Perspectives from the Field

Hands Along the Nile Development Services, Inc. (HANDS)

I2 – 210

This session discusses how, year after year, MENA countries remain at the bottom of various global women’s empowerment indexes. This is despite the growing attention and significant investment of resources being directed towards change. A panel of regional practitioners and researches will explore the reasons and factors affecting the rate and overall assessment of progress.

- Moderator: Ivana Smucker, Director of Programs, Hands Along the Nile Development Services
- Panelist 1: Samira Atallah, Ph.D, Independent Consultant, International Development Expert
- Panelist 2: Margrite Saroufim, Local Development Director, Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (Egypt)
- Panelist 3: Karima Rhanem, Public Policy Specialist, African Network of Youth Policy Experts
- Panelist 4: Amatalalim Ali Mohamed Al-Soswa, Consultant in Middle East and North Africa Regional Office, World Bank

Update on the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF)

World Bank, OPCS

I2 - 220

The Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) was launched on October 1, 2019. One year, later, we look at the progress made in implementing the new framework and we discuss opportunities and challenges.

- Moderator: Charlotte V. McClain-Nhlapo, Global Disability Advisor, World Bank
- Panelist 1: Manuela Ferro, OPCS Vice President, World Bank
- Panelist 2: Charles di Leva, Chief Environmental and Social Standards Officer, World Bank
- Panelist 3: John Kellenberg, Manager in Environmental and Social Framework, World Bank
- Panelist 4: Mr. Khasan Karimov, Manager in Community Projects Department (NSIFT), Tajikistan Government.
- Panelist 5: Ms. Rano Dzhumaeva, Director, Tomiris (Tajikistan)
- Panelist 6: Mr. Sahbi Arfaoui, Project Manager, Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations (CDC- Tunisia)

Right to Recovery: Children’s Wellbeing, Mental Health and Recovery from Conflict

Save The Children UK

I2 – 250

This session discusses how children and youth’s wellbeing and recovery from conflict is both an end and a global good. This session will explore how conflict affects children’s wellbeing, why those effects matter, and how the World Bank and its partners can act to enable children’s recovery and wellbeing after conflict.

- Moderator: Kevin Watkins, CEO, Save the Children
- Panelist 1: Anne Mitaru, Advocacy and Communications Manager (Iraq), Save the Children
- Panelist 2: Leslie Snider, Director, The MHPSS Collaborative for Children and Families in Adversity
- Panelist 3: Franck Bousquet, Senior Director of Fragility, Conflict, and Violence, World Bank
- Panelist 4: Kathryn Striffolino, Senior Manager, InterAction

A Compact for Assured and Sustainable Financing of Social Protection Floors in Developing Countries

Bread for the World, World Council of Churches, and ACT Alliance

IMF HQ2 – 03B-838B

This session proposes IMF and interested developing countries form compacts where the country sustainably finances adequate social protection floors (SPF) from tax revenues in normal times and IMF assures the SPF during crises with quick disbursing loans and/or validates trigger conditions to postpone sovereign debt servicing.

- Moderator: Douglas Leonard, WCC Representative to the UN, World Council of Churches (WCC)
- Panelist 1: Peter Prove, Director of International Affairs, World Council of Churches (WCC)
- Panelist 2: Chris Lane, Special Representative of the IMF to the United Nations, International Monetary Fund
- Panelist 3: Barry Herman, Board member, Social Justice in Global Development
- Panelist 4: Myriam Vander Stichele, Senior Researcher, SOMO

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Liberia and Somalia: Microcosms into Debt Relief, Climate Crises and Resilience Intersectionality

Somalia NGO Consortium, Jubilee USA, Oxfam in Somalia, Qatar Red Crescent, Save Somali Women, WASDA
I2 - 210

From applying lessons learned from Liberia’s debt relief process to Somalia, this session explores the intersectionality between the climate crisis, humanitarian impacts and debt relief. From Somalia to Mozambique to Liberia, this session seeks to be a microcosm for reinvigorated thinking on addressing debt and resilience in a changing Africa.

- Moderator: Nasra Ismail, Director, Somalia NGO Consortium
- Panelist 1: H.E Abdirahman Duale Beileh, Federal Government of Somalia, Minister of Finance
- Panelist 2: Antoinette Sayeh, (formerly) Government of Liberia, (formerly) Minister of Finance
- Panelist 3: H.E Cessouma Minata Samata, Commissioner for Political Affairs, African Union,
- Panelist 4: Eric LeCompte, Executive Director, Jubilee USA

Integrated Energy Plans and the Critical Role of IFI Support

World Resources Institute, Oxfam America, Sustainable Energy for All
I2 – 220

This session discusses how Integrated Energy Plans are crucial to overcoming the barriers to last-mile electrification and achieving universal sustainable electricity access by 2030. This panel will highlight the role of IFIs in supporting IEPs and the unique opportunity IFI efforts can provide civil society to engage in IEP development and ensuring proper implementation.

- Moderator: Olivia Coldrey, Lead Finance Specialist, Sustainable Energy for All
- Panelist 1: Sasanka Thilakasiri, Senior Policy Advisor for Climate Change and Energy, Oxfam America
- Panelist 2: Dana Rysankova, Global Lead for Energy Access, World Bank
- Panelist 3: Davida Wood, Lead of Energy Access and Governance, World Resources Institute
- Panelist 4: Hasan Mehedi, Chief Executive, CLEAN (Costal Livelihood and Environmental Action)

The World Bank's Advice on Best Practice in Education: A Critical Analysis

Global Campaign for Education-US, Education International, Focal Point Global, National Education Association, RESULTS
12 - 250

This session discusses how the World Bank's Systems Approach for Better Education Results (SABER) is a major effort that aims to benchmark developing country education systems against global best practices, yet it has received little public scrutiny from civil society or academics. This panel examines fundamental problems with SABER and considers implications and alternatives.

- Moderator: Jill Christianson, International Relations Analyst, National Education Association
- Panelist 1: Steven Klees, Professor, University of Maryland
- Panelist 2: Mark Ginsburg, Visiting Professor, University of Maryland
- Panelist 3: Katie Malouf Bous, Senior Policy Advisor, Oxfam International
- Panelist 4: Omar Arias, World Bank, Practice Manager in Education

The IMF & Climate Change: Can the Fund help Countries avoid a 'Climate Minsky Moment'?

SOAS Centre of Sustainable Finance, SOAS University of London, Bretton Woods Project
IMF HQ2 – 03B-838B

This session explores the IMF's work on climate change and discusses the Fund's role with respect to the looming climate crisis, focusing on the already-existing impact of climate change on climate vulnerable countries' debt profiles, as well as the threat to global macroeconomic stability presented by undisclosed climate risks.

- Moderator: Dr Ulrich Volz, Director of SOAS Centre for Sustainable Finance, SOAS University of London
- Panelist 1: Signe Krogstrup, Assistant Governor and Head of Economics and Monetary Policy, Danmarks Nationalbank
- Panelist 2: Heron Belfon, Director, Jubilee Caribbean
- Panelist 3: Irene Monasterolo, Assistant Professor of Climate Economics and Finance, Vienna University of Economics and Business/Boston University
- Panelist 4: Paolo Mauro, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

In-country Anti-corruption Reviews: Lessons Learned and Recommendations for Effective Civil Society Engagement

Anti-Corruption Action Center, Rasheed, Transparency International, TI Ukraine, IDLO

I2 – 210

Through this session, CSOs from different parts of the world will share their direct experience of engaging and cooperating with international institutions to advocate for reforms. International cases, and two cases from Ukraine and Jordan will highlight good practices, lessons learned and recommendations for more effective engagement.

- Moderator: Andrii Borovyk, Executive Director, TI-Ukraine
- Panelist 1: Sawsan Gharaibeh, Co-founder Chairperson, Rasheed (Ti-Jordan)
- Panelist 2: Christopher Jarvis, Advisor in the Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF
- Panelist 3: Sargon Nissan, Director, Financial Transparency Coalition
- Panelist 4: Levan Duchidze, Country Director, IDLO Ukraine

Leader or Laggard: Is the World Bank Responding Fast Enough to the Climate Crisis?

Swedish Society for Nature Conservation, OCI, BWP, ACSEA, CLEAN, BIC Europe, Tearfund, The Big Shift Global, Christian Aid

I2 – 220

This session discusses how the paradigm shift is required to respond to the climate crisis, while eradicating energy poverty – Is the World Bank doing enough? Join us to discuss progress by the World Bank and what more it can do to meet the Paris Agreement and ensure clean energy for all.

- Moderator: Mariana Paoli, International Advocacy Director, Christian Aid
- Panelist 1: Augustine Njamnshi, Coordinator, African Coalition for Sustainable Energy and Access
- Panelist 2: April Kyu Kyu, Director, Save the Natural Resource, Myanmar
- Panelist 3: TBD
- Panelist 4: Alessandra Cardoso, Senior Director for Climate, INESC

Leveraging Private Sector Engagement in Health: Maximizing or Obstructing Progress towards Universal Health Coverage?

Wemos, Oxfam, Eurodad, Latindadd, Initiative for Social and Economic Rights Uganda, UDN, SID, GI-ESCR

12 – 250

This session discusses the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development includes a clear commitment to achieve universal health coverage. The agenda has opened different interpretations of how to finance and deliver healthcare. This session discusses the growing trend of directing public finance to support business in healthcare, and its impact on access and equity.

- Moderator: Maria Jose Romero, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Eurodad
- Panelist 1: Jessica Hamer, Public Services Policy Advisor, Oxfam GB
- Panelist 2: Allana Kembabazi, Programs Manager, ISER
- Panelist 3: Barbara Fienieg, Senior Global Health Advocate, Wemos
- Panelist 4: Andreas Seiter, Lead Health Specialist, World Bank

Reshaping Public Finance Policy to Ensure Quality Public Services

ActionAid, Eurodad, International Trade Union Confederation, Jubilee Debt Campaign UK

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This session discusses how public services in developing countries are not expanding at the rate needed to achieve SDGs and privatization is exacerbating inequalities. The session will focus on debt, macroeconomic targets (on wages, inflation, and deficits), and tax policy to identify obstacles and alternative policies that could sustainably increase investment in public services.

- Moderator: Leo Baunach, ITUC/Global Unions Washington Office
- Panelist 1: David Archer, Head of Program Development, Action Aid International
- Panelist 2 Irene Ovonji-Odida, Commissioner, ICRICT
- Panelist 3: Mark Perera, Senior Networking & Advocacy Officer, Eurodad
- Panelist 4: Abdelhak Senhadji, Deputy Director of FAD, International Monetary Fund