

# Civil Society Policy Forum


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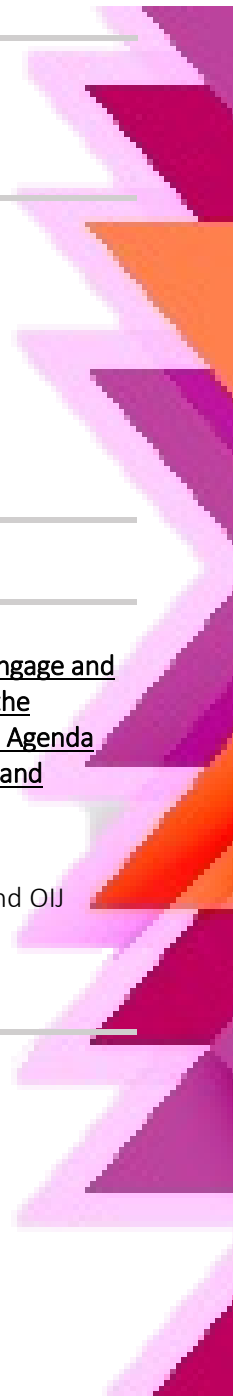


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## Day 3 – Wednesday, April 19, 2017

9:00 am – 10:30 am	<p><b>I 2-210</b> <u>The Role of Faith Inspired Actors in Ending Extreme Poverty and Advancing the SDGs</u></p> <p>American Jewish World, World Vision, and WBG Stakeholder Engagement</p>	<p><b>I 2-220</b> <u>Going Forward or Backward: An Assessment of Access to Information at the IFIs Against Better Practice</u></p> <p>Centre for Law and Democracy</p>	<p><b>I 2-250</b> <u>Advocating and Investing for Nutrition and Agriculture by Empowering Women and Girls</u></p> <p> Women Advancing Nutrition Dietetics and Agriculture</p>	<p><b>IMF HQ2 3B 838B</b> <u>The Role of the IMF in Domestic and International Taxation</u></p> <p>IMF</p>
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Coffee Break			
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	<p><b>I 2-210</b> <u>Counting the “Missing Millions”: Data Innovations to Reach Vulnerable Populations</u></p> <p>AidData, College of William &amp; Mary and others</p>	<p><b>I 2-220</b> <u>Building Community Resilience to Natural Resource Conflict</u></p> <p>Search for Common Ground</p>	<p><b>I 2-250</b> <u>People Power: Engaging Citizens for Better Development Results</u></p> <p>Independent Evaluation Group (IEG)</p>	<p><b>IMF HQ2 3B 838B</b> <u>Making Tax Work for Women's Rights</u></p> <p>Bretton Woods Project, ActionAid, and The Fight Inequality Alliance</p>

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>I 2-220</b> <b>Lunch Session (12:30 – 1:30 pm):</b> CSO INTERIM WORKING GROUP - Progress Update			
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm		<b>I 2-220</b> <u>Engaging Civil Society to Make a Difference in Situations of Fragility, Conflict and Violence</u>  InterAction, Search for Common Ground, and WBG Governance GP, GP SURR and GPSA	<b>I 2-250</b> <u>Land Grabbing and Financial Intermediary Lending: Examining the Ties and How to Cut Them</u>  Inclusive Development International, Bank Information Center, Oxfam International and Urgewald	
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Coffee Break			
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<b>I 2-210</b> <u>Innovative Approaches from Civil Society to Tackle Corruption and Make Governments More Transparent</u>  FORES and Partners Global	<b>I 2-220</b> <u>Moving towards Universal Health Coverage: Role of Citizen-Led Accountability to Improve Financial Access and Rights-Respect</u>  CMMB Peru, Oxfam International and others	<b>I 2-250</b> <u>Telework: Opportunities to Use ICT to Provide Access to Employment for Vulnerable Groups and People with Disabilities</u>  Peruvian Association for Rare, Orphan and High-cost Diseases, International Telework Academy and others	<b>IMF HQ2 3B 838B</b> <u>How Civil Society can Engage and Activate Youth Role in the Accomplishment of the Agenda 2030, by Taking Action and Keeping Governments Accountable</u>  AIESEC International and OIJ



# Session Descriptions

## Day 3 – Wednesday, April 19, 2017

### The Role of Faith Inspired Actors in Ending Extreme Poverty and Advancing the SDGs

9:00 – 10:30 am

Room: I2-210

Sponsors: American Jewish World Service, World Vision & World Bank Group  
Stakeholder Engagement

#### Panellists:

- Adam Taylor, Lead, Faith Initiative, World Bank Group (Moderator)
- Ruth Messinger, Global Ambassador and former President, American Jewish World Service
- Charles Badenoch, Partnership Leader for External Partnerships, World Vision International
- Rev. Nicta Lubaale, General Secretary, Organization of African Instituted Churches
- Anwar Khan, CEO, Islamic Relief USA
- Bill Vendley, President, Religions for Peace (invited)

This session will explore the ways in which faith inspired actors can serve as potential game changers in galvanizing political will and contribute to ending extreme poverty and advancing the SDGs.

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### Going Forward or Backward: An Assessment of Access to Information at the IFIs Against Better Practice

9:00 – 10:30 am

Room: I2-220

Sponsor: Centre for Law and Democracy

#### Panellists:

- Sally Paxton, U.S. Representative, Publish What You Fund (Moderator)
- Sinfah Tunsarawuth, Lawyers Council of Thailand
- Sumir Lal, Director, Executive and Corporate Relations Global Practice- World Bank Group
- Toby Mendel, Executive Director, Centre for Law and Democracy (Canada), Member, External Panel on Access to Information, Inter- American Development Bank

Response to Intervention (RTI) practice has undergone major changes over the last ten years, which has also been reflected in the policies of leading International Financial Institutions (IFIs). It is unclear, however, whether progress will be maintained, as new IFIs adopt openness policies and existing IFIs review theirs. The Spring Meetings offer a unique opportunity to convene a diverse set of stakeholders—including IFI, government and civil society representatives—to reflect on these trends and to assess steps needed to ensure progress toward SDG 16.

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## Advocating and Investing for Nutrition and Agriculture by Empowering Women and Girls

9:00 – 10:30 am

Room: I2-250

Sponsor: Women Advancing Nutrition Dietetics and Agriculture (WANDA)

### Panellists:

- Tambra Stevenson, Founder & CEO, WANDA (Moderator)
- Ambassador Dr. Robin Sanders, Founder & CEO, FEEEDS and Former US Ambassador to Nigeria and Democratic Republic of Congo
- Dominic Schofield, President, GAIN Canada
- Melissa Kathleen Williams, Senior Rural Development Specialist, Agriculture Global Practice- World Bank Group
- Dr. Kavita Sethuraman, FANTA Sr. Technical Advisor, FHI 360
- Peg Willingham, Head of Advocacy and Policy, Harvest Plus/IFPRI
- Rev. Dr. Angeline Walker Smith, Sr Associate of Pan African and Orthodox Church Engagement, Bread for the World

This interactive session brings together a wide range of key stakeholders from civil society to government to media experts to provide participants with best practices in advocating for and improving nutrition and agriculture related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and the African Union (AU) Vision 2063. Furthermore, the panelists will discuss how their respective organizations work across Africa and the United States in ensuring public engagement and participation during the implementation process.



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## The Role of the IMF in Domestic and International Taxation

9:00 – 10:30 am

Room: IMF HQ2 3B-838B

Sponsor: International Monetary Fund

### Panellists:

- Glenn Gottselig, Communications Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- Michael Keen, Deputy Director, Fiscal Affairs Department- IMF
- Victoria Perry, Assistant Director, Fiscal Affairs Department- IMF
- Susana Ruiz Rodriguez, Tax Policy Adviser, Oxfam International

Taxation is the main source of revenues for governments to fund programs such as health, education or other development projects that can benefit society as a whole. Taxation also helps build up institutions through making government accountable to its taxpayers.

This session will provide an opportunity for CSOs to discuss with the IMF Fiscal Affairs Department on the role of the Fund in providing policy advice and technical assistance to countries on tax policy and revenue administration. Cooperation between the IMF and other multilateral agencies such as OECD, World Bank and United Nations on domestic and international taxation will also be discussed.

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## Counting the “Missing Millions”: Data Innovations to Reach Vulnerable Populations

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Room: I2-210

Sponsor: AidData, College of William and Mary & others

### Panellists:

- Samantha Custer, Director of Policy Analysis, AidData/College of William & Mary (Moderator)
- Soumya Chattopadhyay, Senior Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute
- Johannes G. Hoogeveen, Lead Economist, Poverty and Equity Global Practice- World Bank Group
- Valerie Karr, Assistant Professor, International Development, School for Global Inclusion and Social Development
- Tyler Radford, Executive Director, Humanitarian Open Street Map Team
- Jacob Sims, Senior Program Manager for Sustainable Development Solutions, AidData/College of William & Mary

If vulnerable people are underrepresented in data collection efforts, how do we ensure no one is left behind? This session discusses data innovations that help policymakers and practitioners pinpoint the location and characteristics of vulnerable populations, ensure equitable access to public services, and help coordinate efforts to improve their livelihoods.

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## Building Community Resilience to Natural Resource Conflict

11:00 – 12:30 pm

Room: I2-220

Sponsor: Search for Common Ground

### Panellists:

- Janet Edmonds Senior Director, Peace and Development Partnerships, Conservation International (Moderator)
- Mike Jobbins, Director, Global Affairs and Partnerships, Search for Common Ground
- Dr. Ken Conca, Professor, School of International Service, American University
- Anita Van Breda Senior Director, Environment and Disaster Management, World Wildlife Fund

Natural resources have the power to greatly improve the lives of citizens in fragile and conflict-affected countries, through revenue, investment, jobs, security, international attention, and more. Instead they often prove to be flashpoints for corruption and violence. How can donors and government work together with community-based organizations, civil society, and NGOs to manage natural resource competition and address conflict and fragility?

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## People Power: Engaging Citizens for Better Development Results

11:00 – 12:30 pm

Room: I2-250

Sponsor: Independent Evaluation Group- World Bank Group & the Partnership for Transparency Fund

### Opening & Welcoming Remarks:

- Auguste Tano Kouame, Director, Human Development and Economic Management, Independent Evaluation Group (IEG) – World Bank Group (WBG)
- Vinay Bhargava, Chief Technical Officer, Partnership for Transparency Fund

### Presenters:

- Rasmus Heltberg, Lead Evaluation Officer and co-team leader for the citizen engagement evaluation, IEG
- Jonathan Fox, Professor, School of International Service, American University

### Breakout Group Leaders:

- Vinay Bhargava, Project Manager, Partnership for Transparency Fund
- Eduardo Fernandez Maldonado, Evaluation Officer Human Development and Corporate Programming, IEG - WBG
- Jonathan Fox, Professor, School of International Service, American University
- Rasmus Heltberg, Lead Evaluation Officer Human Development and Corporate Programming, IEG- WBG
- Lauren Kelly, Senior Evaluation Officer Sustainable Development, IEG- WBG
- Christopher Nelson, Senior Evaluation Officer Sustainable Development, IEG- WBG

This session will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn about the progress of IEG's ongoing evaluation of the World Bank Group's support for citizen engagement and to provide feedback on the evaluation's main questions, approaches, and methods, in time to inform IEG's planned reviews and case studies. This is a follow-up to a session held at the 2016 Annual Meetings.

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## Making Tax Work for Women's Rights

11:00 – 12:30 pm

Room: IMF HQ2 3B-838B

Sponsor: Bretton Woods Project, ActionAid, and The Fight Inequality Alliance

### Panellists:

- Emma Burgisser, Project and Research Officer, Gender, Bretton Woods Project (Moderator)
- Mae Buenaventura, Deputy Coordinator, Asian Peoples Movement on Debt and Development
- Savior Mwambwa, International Tax Campaign Manager, ActionAid
- Kate Donald, Director, Human Rights in Development Program, Center for Economic and Social Rights
- Victoria J. Perry, Assistant Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund

The IMF recognizes its obligation to gender equality and reducing inequality, not as fundamental rights but inherent to growth, alongside 'traditional' issues such as tax. The workshop will present BWP's research on the gender impact of IMF fiscal policy advice and ActionAid's research on inequality, tax justice and women's rights.

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### Engaging Civil Society to Make a Difference in Situations of Fragility, Conflict and Violence

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Room: I2-220

Sponsors: InterAction, Global Partnership for Social Accountability- Governance Global Practice - World Bank Group (WBG) Search for Common Ground, and Social Urban Rural and Resilience Global Practice- WBG

#### Opening Remarks:

- Debbie Wetzel, Senior Director, Governance Global Practice – World Bank Group (WBG)

#### Panellists:

- Sam Worthington, CEO, InterAction (Moderator)
- Colin Bruce, Senior Advisor, Fragility, Conflict & Violence Global Practice- WBG
- Izabella Toth, Senior Policy Strategist, Cordaid
- Emma Arcodia, West Africa Program Development Coordinator, Search for Common Ground
- Markus Kostner, Lead Social Development Specialist, Social Development, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice- WBG

This panel discussion will consider mechanisms for productively engaging with civil society in situations of fragility, conflict and violence. Using case examples and theories of change, the session will discuss how social accountability and citizen engagement can address some of the drivers of fragility and contribute to long term stability; how these approaches can strengthen institutional capacities, build citizen trust in government and state legitimacy, and improve delivery of basic services, and more.

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### Land Grabbing and Financial Intermediary Lending: Examining the Ties and How to Cut Them

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Room: I2-250

Sponsors: Inclusive Development International, Bank Information Center, Oxfam International and Urgewald

#### Panellists:

- Franciscus Godts, World Bank Group Executive Director for Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary, Kosovo, Luxembourg, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, and Turkey (Moderator)
- David Pred, Managing Director, Inclusive Development International
- Marc Ona Essangui, Executive Secretary of Brainforest (Gabon) and Goldman Prize Winner (2009)
- Pe The Law, Tarkapaw Youth Group, Myanmar

This session will reveal the role IFC intermediaries play in financing large-scale land deals that cause displacement. Panelists representing communities, CSOs and the World Bank Group will discuss how IFC and its FI clients can improve due diligence to avoid contributing to land grabbing and tenure rights violations.

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### Innovative Approaches from Civil Society to Tackle Corruption and Make Governments More Transparent

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Room: I2-210

Sponsors: FORES & Partners Global

#### Panellists:

- Kyra Buchko, Senior Technical Director, New-Rule (Moderator)
- Joel Turkewitz, Lead Public Sector Specialist, Governance Global Practice- World Bank Group
- Luis Gomez Chow, Senior Manager & Technical Advisor, Civil Society and LAC Partners Global
- Michael Jarvis, Executive Director, Transparency & Accountability Initiative
- Marcelo Octavio de Jesús, Consultant, Rule of Law and Justice Administration, FORES

This session will discuss innovative, participatory, and solutions-oriented approaches to prevent and treat corruption and improve good governance and accountability in local and judicial institutions. The rationale is that traditional “naming and shaming” anti-corruption efforts must be complemented with approaches that seek to change the structures that incentivize corrupt practices.

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### Moving towards Universal Health Coverage: Role of Citizen-Led Accountability to Improve Financial Access and Rights-Respect

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Room: I2-220

Sponsors: CMMB Peru & Oxfam International and others

#### Panellists:

- Jeannie Samuel, Assistant Professor, Western University- Canada (Moderator)
- Walter Flores, Executive Director, CEGSS-Guatemala
- Ariel Frisancho, Country Director, CMMB Peru & National Directorate Member, ForoSalud
- Tekabe Belay, Senior Economist, Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice- World Bank Group
- Max Lawson, Head of Global Policy and Campaigns- Even It Up Campaign, Oxfam UK

This roundtable will highlight how lessons from citizen-led accountability models can inform the creation of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) accountability mechanisms that place marginalized actors in a central role. The session will share lessons from accountability strategies set by indigenous communities in Peru and Guatemala, and citizen mobilization against user fees in Malawi.

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## Telework: Opportunities to Use ICT to Provide Access to Employment for Vulnerable Groups and People with Disabilities

4:00 – 5:30 pm  
Room: I2-250

Sponsor: Peruvian Association for Rare, Orphan and High-cost Diseases, International Telework Academy and others

### Panellists:

- Jorge Llubere- National Telework Coordinator of the Costa Rica Government
- Giancarlo Contreras Salazar, President, Peruvian Association for Rare, Orphan and High-cost Diseases & Regional Coordinator the Social Inclusion of Telework of ITALAC
- Yolanda Erazo, Director of Promotion of Employment, Government of Peru
- Andrew Gaudes, Vice President, International Telework Academy PhD, ICD.D University of REGINA- Canada

The increase in the use and access of digital technologies in the world is increasing, offering opportunities for closing gaps and promoting social-work development. For this reason, global authorities should be sensitized to this reality and generate integrated proposals for access to dignify work, through the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), within the framework of sustainable and inclusive cities such as Smart cities. Finally, the transformation of work is increasingly based on the use of digital technologies, it is necessary to foster digital work skills, such as telework, that contribute to citizen empowerment to participate and benefit from Development processes, generating wealth, increasing GDP, increasing the EAP and being able to meet the ODS target for 2030.

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## How Civil Society can Engage and Activate Youth Role in the Accomplishment of the Agenda 2030, by Taking Action and Keeping Government Accountable

4:00 – 5:30 pm  
Room: IMF HQ2 3B-838B

Sponsors: AIESEC International & OIJ

### Panellists:

- Mariel Rivera, Partnership Development Manager, AIESEC International (Moderator)
- Juan Pablo López, Housing and Urban Development Division- Urban Youth Chief Project, Inter-American Development Bank
- Wilson Frota Dias de Carvalho, Senior Knowledge Management Officer, Latin America and Caribbean Region – The World Bank Group
- Franklin Morales, Founder, Indigo Youth Leadership Community
- Anna Molero, Senior Director of Government and Multilateral Partnerships, Teach for All

There are more young people today than at any other time in human history— presenting an enormous opportunity for investing in development through youth. Participants will emerge from this session with a simple framework that allows organizations from different sectors to identify entry-points in working with youth around the SDGs.

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