

Civil Society Policy Forum

October 4-7, 2016

IMF / World Bank 2016 Annual Meetings



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Sierra Club & Practical Action

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Civil Society Policy Forum

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Day 1 – Tuesday, October 4, 2016

You're invited to lunch with CAO!

12:15 -1:15pm
Room: I-12-420

Sponsor: Office of the Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO)

CAO is looking forward to meeting you! Bring your questions and join us for lunch. The Office of the Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO) gives a voice to communities impacted by private sector—IFC & MIGA—projects supported by the World Bank Group.

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Unlocking the potential of green bonds through effective, credible, widely-accepted and fully developed standards

1:30 – 3:00 pm
Room: I2-210

Sponsors: WWF & Climate Bonds

Panellists:

- Helen Mountford, Director, New Climate Economy
- Sean Kidney, CEO, Climate Bonds Initiative
- Mark Kim, CFO, DC Water
- Doug Sims, Director of Strategy and Finance, Centre for Market Innovation, Natural Resources Defence Council

The purpose of this session is to raise awareness about the opportunities and risks in the green bond market. It will explore the potential of green bonds market to deliver measurable environmental benefits, provided that effective, credible, widely-accepted and fully developed standards for green bonds are available. It will also highlight nature of opportunity with green bonds, governance regimes in place, and steps needed to take advantage of the market.

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The Trillion Dollar Challenge: A New Business Model to Finance the SDGs

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Room: I2-220

Sponsor: New America

Panellists:

- Anne-Marie Slaughter, CEO, New America
- Tomicah Tillemann, Director of Bretton Woods II
- Daniella Ballou-Aares, US Department of State, Senior Advisor for Development
- Helene Gayle, CEO of McKinsey Social Initiative
- Elizabeth Littlefield, CEO of OPIC

The session would entail both a conversation on reshaping policy and regulatory environments to channel additional investment toward development and social impact, and a moderated discussion on how government funds can leverage their investment strategies to support global stability and sustainability.

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Innovative Financing Mechanisms for Nutrition: How Civil Society Can Take Action and Keep Governments Accountable

1:30 – 3:00 pm

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Sponsors: ACF & Action

Panellists:

- Hannah Bowen, ACTION (Moderator)
- Michelle Brown, Associate Director of Advocacy, Action Against Hunger (Moderator)
- Excellence, Dr. Mame Mbamye Gueye Dione, Vice President of the Health Commission, National Assembly of Senegal
- Mary D'Alimonte, Program Officer, Results for Development
- Gayle Martin, Senior Economist (Health), World Bank
- Aurore Gary, Advocacy Officer, Action Against Hunger
- Nandini Pillai, Advocacy and Impact Manager, ACTION
- Global Financing Facility (GFF) Secretariat, World Bank

This session will provide a space for CSOs to better understand the role they play in supporting governments to meet the call to action that World Bank President Jim Kim articulated as part of the “Investing in the Early Years” Ministerial Meeting. The discussion will present the costing analysis, frame the nutrition funding gap and make the case for CSOs to work with governments and other stakeholders to develop SMART nutrition plans. The session will also encourage scale-up of funding for nutrition through innovative mechanisms by strengthening civil society’s understanding and engagement in those tools. Participants will emerge from this session with examples of successful advocacy and best practices in working with governments and a compelling case for increased accountability and monitoring of these commitments.

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Delivering on the Paris Agreement and the SDGs: What Kind of Energy Investment Would It Take?

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Room: I2-210

Sponsors: Christian Aid; Oil Change International; & Vasudha Foundation

Panellists:

- Alison Doig, Christian Aid (Moderator)
- Reverend Suzanne Matala, partner of Christian Aid from Zambia (speaker)
- Srinivas Krishnaswamy, Vasudha Foundation (speaker)
- Alex Doukas, Oil Change International (speaker)
- Maura Cowley, Sierra Club
- David Kinder, UK Alternate Director (respondent)
- Julia Bucknall, Director for Environment and Natural Resources (respondent) (TBC)

This session will explore how to accelerate the shift to clean energy, including in fast-developing economies such as India and for energy access in Africa, and the role of multilateral development banks in facilitating this shift. In-depth research into MDB energy investments in fossil fuels and renewables, including support for clean energy access, alongside new research on the carbon limits established by the Paris Agreement, will inform discussion on (a) whether MDB investment trends are in line with the Paris Agreement, (b) whether MDBs are on track to helping deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals, and (c) challenges to renewable energy deployment.

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Innovation and Livelihood Opportunities for Refugees

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Development, CoP on legal and development aspects of forced displacement (World Bank)

Panellists:

- Nazanin Ash, International Rescue Committee (Moderator)
- Michael Clemens, Center for Global Development
- Alix Zwane, Global Innovation Fund
- Paolo Verme, World Bank

This session will explore views on the appetite for innovation and new delivery models in humanitarian crises and fragile states, and discuss existing models for identifying, testing and scaling innovative humanitarian livelihood interventions. This session will highlight alternatives to outdated legal regulations and policies in the field of labor rights and access for the forcibly displaced. Panelists will discuss how institutions can better respond to the needs of the forcibly displaced and maximize global gains from this often ignored population, calling for more integrated approaches to protection and durable solutions through legal work access. A wide-ranging conversation will include perspectives on third country work opportunities, refugee welfare in host countries, and the role of innovation in improving livelihoods for the displaced.

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Behind the Profiles: What Can We Do To Prevent Radicalization?

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Room: I2-250

Sponsors: Boy with a Ball Global, Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers, Coast Interfaith Council of Clerics Trust, Finn Church Aid & International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID)

Panellists:

- Professor Mohamed Abu-Nimer, KAICIID Senior Advisor, Professor at the School of International Service, American University (Moderator)
- Dr. Anneli Botha, Independent Consultant (speaking on behalf of the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers)
- Reverend Stephen Anyenda, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Coast Interfaith Council of Clerics Trust
- Jamie Johnson, Executive Director and Founder, Boy With a Ball Global

The issues of radicalization, religious fundamentalism, and violent extremism have hampered development in many countries. Evidence suggests financial and social reasons, that have particularly affected the youth, have played a significant role in the recruitment of violent extremist groups. This session focuses on two elements that have not yet been fully utilized as solutions to radicalization: (1) the role of youth as positive community development agents, and (2) the role of religious peacemaking in addressing the problem of radicalization. The session demonstrates also the impact that can be achieved through networks that consist of and work with youth and religious actors.

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(MIC) Trap: Challenges that the Middle Income Country Definition Brings to International Assistance for Public Health

9:00 – 10:30 am

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Sponsor: AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF)

Panellists:

- Denys Nazarov, Associate Director of Global Policy, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Los Angeles (Moderator)
- Ana Filipovsky, General Secretary, Global Fund Country Coordinating Mechanism, Macedonia
- Kevin Harvey, Caribbean Regional Director, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Jamaica
- John Hassell, Washington Regional Director, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Washington
- Sharonann Lynch, HIV & TB Advisor, MSF, New York
- Bruno Rivalan, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Global Health Advocates, Paris (*invited*)
- David Wilson, Global AIDS Program Director, World Bank, Washington

A panel of experts and CSO representatives will discuss whether transition to Middle-Income Status (MIC), in the context of public health, is a sign of progress or a trap for countries that were recently defined as low-income. The panel will offer diverse perspectives and ground-level examples on what MIC status means for access to international assistance and essential medicines in countries heavily impacted with HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria.

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Citizen Engagement with the World Bank: A Panel at the World Bank Annual Meetings

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Room: I2-250

Sponsors: Bank Information Center (BIC) & Cordaid

Panellists:

- Lindsay Coates, President, Interaction
- Alexia Latortue, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Development Policy and IDA Deputy, US Treasury
- Debbie Wetzel, Senior Director, Governance Global Practice, World Bank
- Jonathan Fox, Professor, American University
- Maninder Gill, Senior Director, Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice
- CSO representative with experience using Citizen Engagement to improve Bank project performance

In this session, participants will examine the variety of instruments and mechanisms that encourage citizen engagement in Bank investments, and explore how these might contribute to a broader vision for the future of citizen engagement at the Bank.

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Financing & Delivering Education for the World's Refugees

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

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Sponsor: Save the Children UK

Panellists:

- Joseph Nhan-O'Reilly, Head of Education Policy & Advocacy, Save the Children (Moderator)
- Priya Basu, Manager, Development Finance at The World Bank
- Lisa Bender, Education in Emergencies Lead, UNICEF
- Margarita Focus Licht, Head of Country Support, Global Partnership for Education
- Julia McPherson, Policy Director, Jesuit Refugee Service
- Joel Charny, Director, Norwegian Refugee Council, USA
- Lauren Post, Advocacy Officer, International Rescue Committee

This event will look at the challenge of providing education to refugees including persistent funding gaps, set out existing and new financing initiatives designed to support educational service provision for refugees in humanitarian crises and explore the relationships between these modalities and how they can work together to close financing and support gaps, including with civil society's support.

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Safeguarding Climate Finance: GCF, MDBs, Rights, and Social/Environmental Risk

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Room: I2-220

Sponsors: Bretton Woods Project & Friends of the Earth

Panellists:

- Yator Kiptum, Sengwer Indigenous Peoples Programme, Kenya
- James Close, World Bank Group
- Stephanie Fried, Ulu Foundation
- Karen Orenstein, Friends of the Earth U.S.
- Leonardo Paat, Green Climate Fund
- Siti Aminah Tardi, Indonesia Legal Resource Center

The session will discuss the lessons learned from the World Bank Group's and other multilateral development banks' experiences with high risk projects, safeguards, gender equality, and Indigenous Peoples' policies, and environmental and social management systems. The panel will examine how these lessons should be applied to the Green Climate Fund as it considers its first high risk projects at its upcoming board meeting (in mid-October) and embarks on the development of its own safeguards and environmental and social management system.

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Managing Global Financial Risks in Uncertain Times

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

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Sponsors: Overseas Development Institute (ODI) & Standard Chartered Bank

Panellists:

- Sam Fleming, US Economics Editor, Financial Times (Chair)
- Dr. Sarah Alade, Deputy Governor of Economic Policy, The Central Bank of Nigeria
- Dong He, Deputy Director, Monetary and Capital Markets Department, IMF
- Daniel Hanna, Global Head, Public Sector and Development Organizations, Standard Chartered Bank
- Phyllis Papadavid, Team Leader, International Macroeconomics, ODI
- Perry Warjiyo, Deputy Governor, Bank Indonesia

While financial globalization brings many benefits, it also allows crises to spread far more quickly and widely than ever before. The result is increased market volatility and, in turn, financial shocks that consistently throw economic development off track. Lively and interactive session assessing how economies can anticipate and counter financial shocks at country level, and what it will take to catalyse change globally.

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Putting Politics to Work for Accountability

1:30 – 3:00 pm

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Sponsor: National Democratic Institute (NDI)

Panellists:

- Aaron Azelton, National Democratic Institute
- Brendan Halloran, International Budget Partnership
- Kristy Kade, PATH
- Carolyn Reynolds, VP of Policy and Advocacy, PATH

There is growing consensus that politics matters for development, as both a contextual factor and as a means to shape agendas and influence outcomes. Practically speaking, this involves contesting interests, ideas and values within complex systems, where actors might not act “rationally” and where the threat of violence might exist. This panel will explore how citizens can organize and take political actions that advance the public good and transform state/society relationships. Panellists will provide an overview of the current thinking related to politics and development, explain key elements of effective, non-violent political activism, and offer examples of what it looks like on the ground.

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Examining the IFC’s Climate and Forest Footprint in its Financial Sector Investments

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Sponsor: Inclusive Development International (IDI)

Panellists:

- Jason Allford, Alternate Executive Director from Australia (Chair)
- David Pred, Inclusive Development International
- Ian Rivera, Philippines Movement for Climate Justice
- Priya Pillai, Greenpeace India
- Vikram Widge, Head of Climate and Carbon Finance, IFC (TBC)

This session will ask how the World Bank Group can ensure that its financial intermediary (FI) investments are consistent with its forest and climate commitments. New research by Inclusive Development International on the impacts of IFC FI investments on forests, land rights, and climate will be presented. A range of speakers and experts from communities, CSOs and the World Bank Group will examine case studies of FI sub-investments and discuss solutions to promote a climate-sensitive approach to the Bank’s financial intermediary lending in the context of the WBG’s Climate and Forest Action Plans.

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The Role of the Private Sector in Addressing the Challenge of Corruption in the Developing World

3:30 – 5:00 pm

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Sponsor: Christian Partners Development Agency

Panellists:

- Alice Muhonja Kirambi, CPDA
- Sammy Bunyali Adieno, CPDA
- Geoffrey Vukaya Lugalia
- Salome Wanjiru
- Harun Otwoma

Press:

- Mariga Okemwa
- Robert Mwaniki Githiri

This session is aimed at discussing the challenge of corruption in the developing world (case study of Kenya), with a specific objective of identifying the role the private sector plays in perpetrating this vice, thus coming up with action points that will enable the sector to contribute to the fight against it.

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The SDG16 Data Initiative

3:30 – 5:00 pm

Room: I2-220

Sponsor: Saferworld

Panellists:

- Nathaniel Heller, R4D
- Sarah Long, World Justice Project
- Peter Chapman, Open Society Foundation

The SDG16 Data Initiative collects, curates and communicates existing global data for SDG16 indicators in order to help track progress towards achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 16. The SDG16 Data Initiative is a collaboration between 14 organizations working on a broad array of SDG16 relevant issues. This session will introduce the Initiative to a board set of stakeholders, seek to generate ideas on how it can be improved, and facilitate an interactive discussion on opportunities and challenges in measuring peace, justice and governance.

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Applying Fundamental Labor Rights in Global Cotton Supply Chains

3:30 – 5:00 pm

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Sponsor: Cotton Campaign

Panellists:

- Judy Gearhart, Executive Director, International Labor Rights Forum (Moderator)
- Kirill Boychenko, Coordinator, Cotton Campaign (Moderator)
- Andy Shen, Senior Legal & Policy Analyst, International Labor Rights Forum
- Allison Gill, Uzbek-German Forum for Human Rights
- Jessica Evans, Human Rights Watch
- Mike Hogan, Applied DNA Sciences

Cotton is a commodity at the center of the global economy, yet cotton production is plagued by egregious human rights violations. Under the United Nations Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights, states, companies, civil society, and development finance institutions all have key roles to play to ensure respect for fundamental human rights in the global economy. This panel will discuss the sustainability challenges facing the modern global cotton trade and its implications for companies, governments, development finance institutions, and civil society.

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Day 3 – Thursday, October 6, 2016

Women's Leadership in Development in Africa

9:00 – 10:30 am

Room: I2-210

Sponsor: Africa Leadership Development Initiative

Panellists:

- Hon. Mrs Malado Kaba, Minister of Finance, Republic of Guinea
- Mrs. Ndimyake Mwakalyelye, Journalist, Voice of America, USA
- Professor Nemata Blyden, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, USA
- Mrs. Rahama Wright, CEO, Shea Yeleen, USA
- Mrs. Yasmin Belo-Osagie, Co-Founder, She Leads Africa, Nigeria

This session will bring together decision-makers, entrepreneurs, development experts, academics, members of the civil society from Africa and elsewhere to reflect on the roles women play in Africa and how their dreams, passions, energies and leadership skills should be best harnessed to foster inclusive growth and power Africa into a brighter, more prosperous, peaceful future in a more decisive manner, beneficial for all and inclusive of all – the women, the youth, the institutions, etc. As Africa embarks on a fundamental socio-economic transformation, this session is the right opportunity to bring together world leaders and members of the civil society and help them exchange ideas and strategies on the best ways to enhance the critical roles women play in development.

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Poverty Simulation

9:00 – 10:30 am

Room: I2-220

Sponsor: Junior Chamber International (JCI)

No Panellists – this is an interactive simulation experience

The poverty simulation is a unique experience that can educate everyone from policy makers to business owners to everyday citizens and provide an eye-opening experience about the day-to-day realities of life in poverty and how this challenge directly correlates to peace in society. During the simulation, participants role-play the lives of low-income families, from single parents caring for their children to senior citizens trying to maintain self-sufficiency on social security. The task of each family is to meet their basic needs while interacting with community resources that can help them get out of poverty or leave families living in poverty. The session concludes with a debrief that focuses on how participants can utilize this experience to craft grassroots and policy solutions that help achieve the eradication of poverty.

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Entrepreneurship Revolution in Africa and Latin America: Lessons and Similarities

9:00 – 10:30 am

Room: I2-250

Sponsors: Young Americas Business Trust (YABT) & African Immigrant Organization

Panellists:

- Hermine Zossoungbo, Founder, African Immigrant Organization (Moderator)
- Antonio Laredo, Co-founder, Eminlaga
- Mariana Garcia, Co-founder, MIINGO
- Rahama Wright, CEO of Shea Yeleen
- Erastus Mong'are, Executive Director, Start Up Africa
- Dr. Robin Sanders, FEEEDS

Africa and Latin America are usually treated as different regions, yet we see that there are many similarities. Their economic environments are mired with significant uncertainties, their economies are exposed to a number of shocks and risks. At stake is the furthering of economic gains especially for African and Latin American youth. The session will consist of a round of interventions from our speakers and an open seat style dialogue to build the ideal entrepreneurship ecosystem. We will also explore similarities between both regions such as the importance of remittances as a source of financing a sustainable career path.

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The Reform of the IMF-WB Debt Sustainability Framework: Fit for the 2030 Development Agenda

9:00 – 10:30 am

Sponsor: European Network on Debt and Development (Eurodad)

Room: IMF HQ2 03B-838

Panellists:

- Bodo Ellmers, Eurodad (Moderator)
- Jürgen Kaiser, Erlassjahr
- Patricia Miranda, Jubileo Bolivia
- Tirivangani Mutazu, Afrodad
- IMF speaker (to be determined)

While recent years have seen a number of advances in both institutional and market-oriented elements of sovereign-debt restructuring process, ongoing and emerging debt-related financial vulnerabilities and crises in a range of countries highlight the continued need for urgent, additional efforts to make our rescheduling and restructuring processes more effective and efficient. This session aims to identify possible next steps in continued reform of sovereign debt and financial crisis response mechanisms and enhance momentum on this critical policy issue.

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Development Policy Financing: Opportunities for Low-Carbon, Pro-Poor Outcomes

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Sponsor: 11.11.11

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Panellists:

- Korinna Horta, Urgewald (Moderator)
- Harlem Mariño, Derecho Ambiente y Recursos Naturales-Peru
- Heike Mainhardt, Bank Information Center (BIC)
- Hassan Zaman, Director of Policy and Quality department of OPCS, World Bank

This session will examine development policy financing (DPF) as a tool for scaling-up positive environmental and social impact amidst the global climate crisis. It will feature case study findings from recent operations that represent challenges to the achievement of World Bank climate and forest commitments and to the current model of assessing DPF for social and environmental risk. The session will also provide space for discussion of policy recommendations based on lessons learned from the recent safeguards review to ensure that DPF supports low-carbon, pro-poor outcomes.

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Empowering Youth: Work Readiness and Skills Training for the 21st Century

11:00 – 12:30 pm

Sponsors: Junior Achievement Americas; OISCA Japan; Somos El Presente; & International Youth Foundation

Room: I2-220

Panellists:

- Leo Martellotto, President, Junior Achievement Americas
- Lara Henneman, Manager, Corporate Programs, International Youth Foundation
- Watanabe Tadashi, Director-General, OISCA

This session will discuss practical experiences of on-the-job training in order to highlight the importance of capacity building to advance sustainable development goals. Attendees will be given the opportunity to understand the need to incorporate soft skills training into workforce development programs and to measure these skills in appropriate ways. It is the session's intention to highlight the importance of including youth as partners for sustainable development while showcasing good practices that are currently being employed by our speakers. The session will also collaboratively explore and define challenges and how we can best move forward together to ensure today's vulnerable youth are prepared for the Fourth Industrial Revolution and can bridge the skills gap.

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Combatting Corruption in Closing Spaces: Implications for Governance

11:00 – 12:30 pm

Sponsor: Freedom House & Committee to Protect Journalists

Room: I2-250

Panellists:

- Dr. Robert Herman, Vice President for Emergency Assistance Programs and Multilateral Initiatives, Freedom House (Moderator)
- Dr. Courtney C. Radsch, Advocacy Director, Committee to Protect Journalists
- Ray Choto, Former Chief Investigative Reporter for The Standard, A Sunday weekly-based in Harare, Zimbabwe
- Yoseph Badwaza, Former Secretary General of Ethiopian Human Rights Council
- Jessica Evans, Senior Researcher/Advocate for International Financial Institutions – Human Rights Watch

In November 2015, 65 thought leaders and policymakers from around the world confronted simulated crises, flash points and trade-offs that disrupted global food security between 2020 and 2030 in an exercise called Food Chain Reaction. This session features insights from event organizers, players and game designers on the development of the exercise, its key findings, and policy recommendations drawn from the event.

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Infrastructure and Public-Private Partnerships: The IMF's Role

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Panellists:

- Aldo Caliarì, Center of Concern (Moderator)
- Isabel Rial, International Monetary Fund
- Mathieu Vervynckt, Eurodad
- Laurence Carter, World Bank
- Patricia Miranda, Latin American Network on Debt, Development and Rights (LATINDADD)

Civil society organizations have repeatedly expressed concern at the lack of evidence substantiating the growing support for PPPs. A number of such concerns refer to issues that fall under the IMF's purview, such as their impacts on fiscal resources and tax policy, financial volatility, budget transparency and debt sustainability. This session will provide an opportunity for an exchange of views on positions regarding aspects of PPPs that belong in the IMF's mandate.

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Roundtable Discussion on the New GBV Task Force

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Sponsor: Joy for Children Uganda

Room: I2-210

Panellists:

- Moses Ntenga, Joy for Children (Moderator)
- Maninder S. Gill, Director Social Development, World Bank

- Lyric Thompson, Sr. Policy Manager, International Center Research on Women (ICRW)
- Mary Ellsberg, Director, Global Women's Institute, George Washington University
- Anne-Marie Urban, Lead Specialist in Social Development, Inter-American Development bank
- Jennifer McCleary - Sills, ICRW
- Ellen Chigwanda, Country Office Gender Focal Point, CARE Zimbabwe

Global civil society has eagerly welcomed the creation of a new GBV Task Force under the auspices of the World Bank Group; the Task Force is seen as a powerful forum to bring about profound development outcomes and deliver promises to the most vulnerable populations, including young women and girls. This session will be used to generate ever-wider global support to this newly established Task Force. It will serve as an open forum for ideas, thoughts, opinions and recommendations on WB policies and procedures that might effectively focus a GBV lens within the design, implementation and management of WB-financed projects.

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Religion and Sustainable Development: Evidence for the Capacities, Activities, and Contributions of Faith Groups Towards Achieving the SDGs

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Sponsor: Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities

Room: I2-220

Panellists:

- Adam Taylor, Lead, World Bank Faith Initiative (Moderator)
- Jean Duff Coordinator Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities
- Jill Olivier, University of Cape Town
- Sally Smith, UNAIDS
- Vinya Aryatne. Sarvodaya Movement, Sri Lanka
- Archbishop Bernard Nhatori, Burundi

This interactive session will review current evidence of the capacities, activities, and contributions of faith-based and religious organizations in combating extreme poverty. Emphasis will be placed on surfacing mechanisms for building effective cross-sector partnerships towards ending extreme poverty and achieving the SDGs.

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Equity, Inclusion and Education: Examining Evidence on Low-Fee Private Schools

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Sponsor: Global Campaign for Education

Room: I2-250

Panellists:

- Jennifer Rigg, Executive Director, Global Campaign for Education (Moderator)
- Tanvir Muntasim, International Policy Manager-Education, ActionAid
- Senior Director, Education Global Practice, World Bank Group (TBD)
- Senior Director, Education, International Finance Corporation (TBD)
- Salima Namusoby, Executive Director, Initiative for Social and Economic Rights (*joining remotely*)
- Wilson Sossion, General Secretary, Kenya National Union of Teachers (*joining remotely*)

The UN Human Rights Council has urged states to “regulate education providers and invest in public education”, yet donors, including the World Bank Group, are supporting low-fee, for-profit private schools. This session will launch a new report from the Global Campaign for Education examining the evidence around low-fee private schools and discuss research from Education International on the privatization of education. Please join the dialogue between civil society, the World Bank Group, and interested participants as to whether such schools are an effective means for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through education.

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Stopping Vulture Funds Through National Anti-Vulture Laws

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Room: IMF HQ2 03B-838

Sponsors: CNCD & 11.11.11

Panellists:

- Gwenaëlle Grovonijs, Member of Parliament for the Parti Socialiste (Belgium)
- Gerhard Schick, Member of Parliament for the Greens in the Bundestag (Germany)
- Eric LeCompte, Jubilee USA
- Antonio Gambini, CNCD-11.11.11 (Belgium)
- Jürgen Kaiser, Erlassjahr (Germany)
- Tiago Stichelmans, EURODAD
- Yan Liu, IMF (TBC)

This session will explore the issue of vulture funds from various angles and, in so doing, raise awareness on the issue amongst the CSO community, and also incite IFIs, including the WB and IMF, to take on their own responsibilities on this issue. With the collapse in oil and other commodities prices, and general worldwide economic weakness and instability, many countries, including from the global South, are faced again by the risk of unsustainable levels of public debt. VF will therefore be a problem in the future, if they are not already. The panel will also possible solutions, including national legislations, such as the recent Belgian law, currently challenged by vulture funds before the Belgian Constitutional Court.

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Three Steps to Closing the Gender Digital Divide

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Room: I2-210

Sponsors: IREX, Alliance for Affordable Internet, & World Bank Jobs Group

Panellists:

- Samhir Vasdez, Digital Development Advisor, IREX (Moderator)
- Sonia Jorge, Executive Director, Alliance for Affordable Internet
- Sheila Scott, Gender Advisor, IREX

In this interactive discussion session, participants will learn to deconstruct the oft-cited development challenge of a numeric digital divide in which fewer females are online and develop a nuanced understanding of the three key barriers that underpin that growing divide: access, skills and perceived benefit.

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Adaptive Learning and Management in Practice – What Are We Learning?

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Room: I2-220

Sponsor: Global Integrity

Panellists:

- Alan Hudson, Executive Director, Global Integrity (Moderator)
- Gertrude Mugizi, Head of Regional Learning, Public Service Accountability Monitor
- Dennis Whittle - Director and Co-Founder Feedback Labs
- Maria Gonzalez de Aziz - Co-Chairman and Founder, Global Delivery Initiative
- Dante de los Angeles, Director, Partnership for Transparency Fund

Participants will gain insights about why adaptive learning and its close cousin, adaptive management, are thought to better address persistent governance and implementation challenges and how they can be tangibly put into practice. Specifically, participants will learn about four different initiatives and will discuss and reflect on their own experiences.

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Evaluating Citizen Engagement in World Bank Operations

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Room: I2-250

Sponsor: Independent Evaluation Group (IEG), World Bank

Panellists:

- Marie Gaarder, Manager, Independent Evaluation Group (Moderator)
- Elena Bardasi, Senior Economist, Independent Evaluation Group
- Jeff Hall, Executive Director, Bank Information Center
- Rasmus Heltberg, Lead Evaluation Officer, Independent Evaluation Group
- Jeffrey M. Thindwa, Program Manager, Global Partnership for Social Accountability
- Cissy Nabazinga Kagaba, Executive Director, Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda (ACCU)

The session will open with introductory remarks by the Independent Evaluation Group and an overview of the World Bank Group's strategy for citizen engagement. Two CSOs will then share their experiences, challenges and expectations, in engaging governments and development institutions like the World Bank Group. The session will conclude with an open discussion and Q&A session, featuring senior leaders from civil society and the World Bank Group.

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The Role of IFIs in Assessing the Impact of Tax Incentives and Tax Competition on Inequality

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Room: IMF HQ2 03B-838

Sponsor: Christian Aid

Panellists:

- Matti Kohonen, Christian Aid (Moderator)
- Sara Jespersen, OXFAM IBIS

The link between tax incentives and tax competition and growing inequality in developing countries has been recognized by the IMF in its research work, while greater revenue mobilization is important for implementing SDGs and Addis Ababa Action Agenda. Gaps still exist in following-up these commitments in practical country advice work. This panel discussion will present specific case-study evidence from civil society, exploring the link between tax incentives, reduced revenue mobilization and inequality as (civil society research and case-study work). Tax capacity building efforts will be addressed, as will the topic of whether tax incentives are effective in attracting investment.

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Leadership Development: The Missing Piece in Improving Global Education

9:00 – 10:30 am

Room: I2-210

Sponsor: Teach for All

Panellists:

- Wendy Kopp, CEO and Co-founder of Teach For All (moderator)
- Rebecca Winthrop, Senior Fellow and Director of the Center for Universal Education at the Brookings Institution
- Luis Benveniste, Practice Manager, Global Engagement and Knowledge at the World Bank
- Emiliana Vegas, Chief of the Education Division at the Inter-American Development Bank
- Sishir Khanal, CEO of Teach For Nepal

This session will further an understanding of how to meet our shared goal of achieving inclusive and equitable education for all as part of the UN's 2030 Development Agenda. Achieving this goal by 2030 requires developing local leadership capacity to build lasting and sustainable change.

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The Role of the World Bank in Advancing Citizens' Access to Information in the Context of the Bank's Reforms

9:00 – 10:30 am

Room: I2-220

Sponsor: Centre for Law and Democracy

Panellists:

- Janmejey Singh, Senior Strategy and Operations Officer, World Bank (Moderator)
- Toby McIntosh, Editor, Freedom Info (US)
- Edetao Ojo, Director, Media Rights Agenda (Nigeria)
- Deborah L. Wetzel, Senior Director, Governance, World Bank

This session will examine the role of the World Bank in advancing citizens' access to information globally, including at the national level in countries around the world – for example, through supporting the development and implementation of access to information laws – and through multilateral initiatives such as the Sustainable Development Goals – for example, by helping to develop indicators for relevant goals.

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From Accountability to Action: The Role of Management

9:00 – 10:30 am

Room: I2-250

Sponsor: Office of the Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO)

Panellists:

- Jason Allford, Alternate Executive Director, Australia, World Bank Group (Moderator)
- Osvaldo Gratacós, Vice President and CAO, Office of the Compliance Advisor Ombudsman, World Bank Group
- Daniel Peters, Director, Development Results and Accountability, United States Department of Treasury
- Kate Geary, Forest Campaign Manager, Bank Information Center
- Lalanath de Silva, Incoming Head of the Independent Redress Mechanism of the Green Climate Fund
- IFC Management—TBC

How could development banks effectively respond to community complaints? What guidance should management give to staff when communities raise concerns about project impacts? How can management in development banks support dispute resolution? What would be an appropriate response to compliance findings? The panel will discuss these questions citing examples of good practice from cases handled by CAO and other accountability mechanisms.

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Government Bonds and Responsible Finance

9:00 – 10:30 am

Sponsor: Debt Justice Norway

Room: IMF HQ2 03B-838

Panellists:

- Mark Flanagan, Assistant Director, Division Chief, Debt Policy Division, Strategy Policy and Review Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- Tirivangani Mutazu, Senior Policy Analyst, The African Forum and Network on Debt and Development (AFRODAD) Jose Oyola: Ph.D, CPA
- Ingrid Harvold Kvangraven, Report author, PhD Student in Economics at The New School

Many African states that received debt cancellation through the HIPC Initiative have accumulated debt at a rapid pace over the past decade, particularly through the issuance of government bonds on the international capital markets. While responsible lending and borrowing has been pushed for bilateral and multilateral borrowing, the responsible lending aspect pertaining to investments in governmental bonds has not been appropriately addressed. This session starts with the launch of the report "Bond to happen?" that looks at bonds issuance in Nigeria, Zambia and Ghana and continues with a panel discussion on government bonds as a debt issue.

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Next Steps on Sovereign Debt Restructuring

10:45 – 12:15 pm

Sponsors: Jubilee USA & Massey College

Room: IMF HQ2 03B-838

Panellists:

- Brett House, Massey College (Moderator)
- Eric LeCompte, Jubilee USA

While recent years have seen a number of advances in both institutional and market-oriented elements of sovereign-debt restructuring process, ongoing and emerging debt-related financial vulnerabilities and crises in a range of countries highlight the continued need for urgent, additional efforts to make our rescheduling and restructuring processes more effective and efficient. This session aims to identify possible next steps in continued reform of sovereign debt and financial crisis response mechanisms and enhance momentum on this critical policy issue.

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Mapping a Sustainable Future: Open GeoSpatial Data and Tools for Sustainable Development

11:00 – 12:30 pm

Room: I2-210

Sponsors: ENR (Environment), World Bank

Panellists:

- Marianne Fay, Chief Economist, Sustainable Development Practice Group, World Bank
- Julia Bucknall, Acting Senior Director, Environment and Natural Resources Management Global Practice, World Bank
- Janet Ranganathan, VP for Science and Research, World Resources Institute (WRI)
- Lilian Pintea, VP Conservation Science, Jane Goodall Institute
- Charles Iceland, Aqueduct Director, WRI
- Jill Blockus, Director, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) - represented by Aparna Sridhar
- Karin Krchnak, Director, Freshwater Program, World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF)
- Nagaraja Rao Harshadeep, Global Lead – Watersheds, The World Bank

CSOs and the World Bank strongly advocate open public-domain data for transparency and evidence-based development decisions, and support innovations in using cutting-edge spatial data services and tools for sustainable development. This session showcases recent innovations with a particular focus on environment, climate, water and other natural resources management for tangible impact to stimulate dialogue, and spark new synergies and partnerships in this exciting and rapidly-evolving space. Short presentations will be made by representatives of WRI, TNC, WWF, and the World Bank to stimulate discussions facilitated by online audience polling.

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The New World Bank Environmental and Social Framework: Opportunities and Challenges for Implementation

11:00 – 12:30 pm

Room: I2-220

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

Opening remarks:

- Hartwig Schafer, Vice President, OPCS

Presentation:

- Mark Alan King, Chief Environmental and Social Standards Officer, OPCS

Panellists:

- Faith Nwadishi, Founder & Executive Director Koyenum Immalah Foundation (KIF) (Moderator)
- Michele de Nevers, Senior Associate, Center for Global Development (CGD)
- Bill Kennedy, Director, Office of Accountability, USA
- Yahia Abdalrahman Elmahadi, Managing Director, Sudanese Development Initiative (SDI)

Link to live stream:

https://www.youtube.com/embed/x2BDzuPus8I?feature=player_detailpage

On August 4, 2016, the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved a new Environmental and Social Framework (ESF), which expands protections for people and the environment in Bank-financed investment projects. The new safeguards 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 discuss the operational opportunities and challenges going forward with the implementation of the ESF.

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New Methods for a New Century: Planning for Energy Security and Energy Access in the Modern Era

11:00 – 12:30 pm

Room: I2-250

Sponsors: Sierra Club & Practical Action

Panellists:

- Allison Archambault, CEO, EarthSpark International (invited)
- Visar Azemi, Kosovo Civil Society Consortium for Sustainable Development
- Malcolm Cosgrove-Davies, Global Lead for Energy Access, World Bank Group
- Aaron Leopold, Global Representative, Practical Action
- Sasanka Thilakasiri, Oxfam America
- Alina Zagaytova, First Solar (invited)

The evidence is clear that current energy financing practices, and energy planning practices in poor countries, are inadequate to achieve global climate and universal energy access goals. Using challenging case studies from four countries (Bangladesh, Kenya, Kosovo, and Togo), this session will discuss both problems with current energy financing and planning practices, and also a new, inexpensive and immediately actionable approach to socially-inclusive, bottom-up energy planning can radically improve energy access economies, timelines, delivery, and effectiveness. The audience will then hear from civil society, private sector and MDB representatives discussing opportunities to improve energy financing and decision-making.

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Civil Society and Development: Six Global Trends and Lessons from Nigeria

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Room: I2-210

Sponsors: Africa Middle East Progressive Initiative (AMEPI) & Partnership for Transparency Fund (PTF)

Panellists:

- Amy Ekdawi, Regional Programs Director, Bank Information Center (BIC) (Chair and Moderator)
- Steven Shalita, Manager for Communications in the Africa External Communications and Partnership (AFREC) Unit, World Bank
- Vinay Bhargava, Chief Technical Officer, PTF
- Omotola Oshifeso, President, AMEPI
- Kemi Adeosun, Honorable Minister of Finance (Nigeria) (TBC)

This session will allow CSO's, policymakers and stakeholders to generate ideas and actions that can help to expedite the development and implementation of effective policies. It will give credibility to the policy development process and the policies that evolve. The panel will also generate awareness and discussion about roles local civil society is expected to play in Agenda 2030 implementation at national levels and the challenges facing them in effectively performing these roles. In particular the session will discuss ways and means for multi-lateral development banks to support local civil society to carry out its expected roles.

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Accelerating Action on Universal Health Coverage: How to Increase Public Financing and End Out-of-Pocket Spending

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Room: I2-220

Sponsors: ONE Campaign & Oxfam International

Panellists:

- Michael Myers, Managing Director, Rockefeller Foundation (Moderator) (TBC)
- Ernesto Zedillo, former President of Mexico, member of the Elders (TBC)
- Tim Evans, Senior Director, Global Practice on Health, Nutrition and Population, World Bank (TBC)
- Minister for Budget Planning, Government of Nigeria (TBC)
- Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director, Oxfam International

- Claire Leigh, Director of Policy and Research, Save the Children UK
- Mwambu Wanendeya, Executive Director - Africa, ONE Campaign
- Representative from Thai, South African, or other champion government (TBC)

100 million people are pushed into poverty every year because they have to pay out-of-pocket for healthcare; meanwhile, government spending on health is insufficient to make Universal Health Coverage (UHC) a reality in many countries. This session will look at how national governments and global institutions can move “from words to action” to increase public financing for health and remove out-of-pocket payments, in order to meet the SDG targets on health, especially UHC. It will look at what more the World Bank can do to support countries to remove user fees including in public health facilities, and examine how governments can increase domestic resources for health – looking at current plans and efforts in Nigeria, Malawi and beyond.

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Dialogue for Sustainable Livelihood for Women and Girls Through Agriculture

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Room: I2-250

Sponsor: Koyenum Immalah Foundation

Panellists:

- MacDonald Ekemezie, Koyenum Immalah Foundation (Moderator)
- Faith Nwadishi, Koyenum Immalah Foundation

This session aims to strengthen the Global approach to enhance inclusivity and voice of women and girls in sustainable livelihood through agriculture in extractive impact communities that ensures poverty reduction and is linked to World Bank policies on sustainable livelihood. This will be a moderated roundtable discussion that will exchange ideas and practices from across the globe. The shared experiences will be galvanized into a working tool by CSOs and communities to focus on strategies for improved yield in agriculture and quality of life for women and girls in extractive-impacted communities.

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Global Finance and Domestic Resource Mobilization in Africa: Meeting the Challenge of Financing the Sustainable Development Goals

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Room: I2-220

Sponsor: Third World Network – Africa (TWN-Africa)

- Tetteh Hormeku-Ajei, TWN-Africa (Moderator)

This session will explore a range of ideas, options and initiatives on the interface between global/international financial frameworks and architecture on the one hand, and national policies and mechanisms on finance in Africa, as well as the opportunities for devising appropriate national approaches with related possible reforms of the global system to meeting the challenge of the substantial resources needed to realize the sustainable development goals.

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Tackling Inequality: Previewing an Index on How Governments are Doing

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Room: I2-250

Sponsor: Oxfam International

Introductory remarks:

- Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director, Oxfam International

Presenter:

- Matthew Martin, Director, Development Finance International, who has led the technical work behind the index, and will introduce the methodology and initial findings

Panellists:

- Max Lawson, Head of Inequality Policy, Oxfam International (Moderator)
- Fanwell Bokosi, Executive Director, African Network on Debt and Development
- Blanca Moreno-Dodson, Lead Economist, Public Sector Governance Group, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management (PREM), World Bank
- David Coady, Division Chief, Expenditure Policy Division, Fiscal Affairs Department (FAD), IMF

This session will discuss the importance of tackling the inequality crisis, and its impact on poverty reduction and sustainable development efforts. The panel will also showcase and discuss initial results of Oxfam's new Commitment to Reducing Inequality index, which ranks 150 governments on their efforts to fight inequality, looking at spending, taxation and labor rights.

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