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**FINAL SCHEDULE OF CSPF SESSIONS*

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Monday, April 11

CSO ORIENTATION
10:30 am – 4:30 pm
Room: I2-220

Time	Program Part 1
10:30 am	**Welcome Remarks and Overview** - *Edith Jibunoh* (Head of the Civil Society Team, World Bank)
10:35	**International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and International Development Association (IDA) –** *Angelica Silvero* (Communications Officer, World Bank)
11:15	**International Finance Corporation (IFC) –** *Brenna Clerkin Lundstrom* (Communications Officer, International Finance Corporation)
11:30	**Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) –** *Cara Santos Pianesi* (Communications Officer, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency)
11:45	**WBG Compliance Mechanisms –** *Dina El Naggar* (Senior Communications Officer, Institutional Integrity Department)
12:00	**Q & A and Wrap Up**
12:30	**Lunch**
Time	**Program Part 2**
2:00 pm	**Grievance Redress Service –** *Qays Hamad* (Senior Operations Officer, Operations Policy and Country Services)
2:30 pm	**Experience Engaging the World Bank Group –** *Nadia Daar* (Policy Advisor, Oxfam)
3:00	**Reflection and Q&A**
3:45pm	**Closing Session**

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CSO Meeting to Prepare for the World Bank Group Executive Director Roundtable with Alex Sardar, CIVICUS
9:30 – 10:30 pm; Room: I2-220

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Global Women Africa Network, Save the Children UK
THE HUMAN RIGHTS STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFRICA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD
2:00 – 3:30 pm; Room: I2-210

ACT Alliance, World Bank Group Faith Based Initiative
LEAPS OF FAITH: Leveraging the Role of Communities of Faith To End Extreme Poverty
2:00 – 3:30 pm; Room: I2-220

African Business Roundtable,
SMART APPROACHES TO AGRICULTURE AS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO DWINDLING OIL PRICES
2:00 – 3:30 pm; Room: I2-250

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Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
GLASS HALF FULL – THE STATE OF ACCOUTABILITY IN DEVT FINANCE
4:00 – 5:30 pm; Room: I2-210

Conservation International
FORESTS AT THE WORLD BANK GROUP IN A POST-PARIS AGREEMENT WORLD
4:00 – 5:30 pm; Room: I2-220

Bretton Woods Project
MISSING THE BIGGER PICTURE FOR WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT?
Wage, Labor and Tax Policies in Focus
4:00 – 5:30 pm; Room: I2-250

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World Bank Group Executive Director Round Table 5:45 – 6:45pm

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1		**Office of the Compliance Advisor/Ombudsman (CAO) Lunch for CSOs 12:30 – 1:30, Room 14 - 020**	
2 3	The Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) **FINANCING TOOLS FOR REDUCING SOCIAL INEQUALITIES** **2:00 – 3:30 pm; Room: I2-210**	Office of the Compliance Advisor/Ombudsman (CAO) **HOW DO WE WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT COMPLAINANTS?** **2:00 – 3:30 pm; Room: I2-220**	Bank Information Center (BIC) **BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO ACCESSING DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION** **2:00 – 3:30 pm; Room: I2-250**
4 5	ARTES **AFRICAN SCIENTISTS & ENTREPRENEURS TOWARDS THE BIOECONOMY ERA** **4:00 – 5:30 pm; Room: I2-210** **Inspection Panel Open House 4:30 – 6:30pm**	Inclusive Development International **FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY LENDING: Challenges of Following the World Bank Group's Money and its Impacts** **4:00 – 5:30 pm; Room: I2-220**	The International City/County Management Association **LOCAL GOVTS & PUBLIC HEALTH: Coordinating to Improve Quality of Life and Achieve Sustainable Community and Economic Growth** **4:00 – 5:30 pm; Room: I2-250**

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9 10	Junior Achievement, Young America's Business Trust **YOUTH EMPLOYMENT, KEY TO ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS** **9:00 – 10:30 am; Room: I2-210**	Bread for the World, Concern Worldwide, Results UK, Action **NUTRITION OPPORTUNITY 2016: Building the Foundations for Sustainable Development** **9:00 – 10:30 am; Room: I2-220**	Development Gateway, Global Development Network, Locus Analytics **THE FUTURE OF DEVELOPMENT DATA** **9:00 – 10:30 am; Room: I2-250**
11 12		Center of Concern **WHAT STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (PPPs)? Analyzing the Role of the World Bank Group** **11:00 am – 12:30 pm; Room: I2-220**	World Wildlife Fund (WWF) **USING MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GAMES TO BETTER UNDERSTAND GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY SOLUTIONS** **11:00 am – 12:30 pm; Room: I2-250**
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2 3	Joy for Children **SOCIAL IMPACT OF AN INFLUX OF WORKERS IN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS** **2:00 – 3:30 pm; Room: I2-210**	Education International **TALKING ABOUT TEACHERS: Challenges to Institutional Coherence** **2:00 – 3:30 pm; Room: I2-220**	EURODAD **IMF AND WORLD BANK'S INFLUENCE ON ECONOMIC POLICY MAKING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES** **2:00 – 3:30 pm; Room: I2-250**
4 5	Fisheries Transparency Initiative **FROM TRANSPARENCY TO ACCOUNTABILITY: Credible Information Supports Responsible Fisheries** **4:00 – 5:30 pm; Room: I2-210**	Bank Information Center **WHAT DOES THE SHRINKING SPACE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY MEAN FOR THE WORLD BANK'S TWIN GOALS?** **4:00 – 5:30 pm; Room: I2-220**	The Arab NGO Network for Development/WB MENA Team **THE SYRIAN MIGRATION CRISIS: Shaping a Developmental Post Conflict Model** **4:00 – 5:30 pm; Room: I2-250**

CSO RECEPTION 5:45 – 7:45pm

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Friday, April 15

9 10	Rights Monitoring Group **ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES AND POVERTY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: Manifestations and Solutions** **9:00 – 10:30 am; Room: I2-210**	Sierra Club **HOW MUCH ARE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IMPROVING ENERGY ACCESS WORLDWIDE?** **9:00 – 10:30 am; Room: I2-220**	Jubilee USA **PROTECTING VULNERABLE ECONOMIES – Debt and Tax policies to Protect Countries in Economic Distress** **9:00 – 10:30 am; Room: I2-250**
11 12	Jubilee Germany, Jubilee USA, Massey College, University of Toronto **GDP-LINKED AND STATE-CONTINGENT DEBT: The Next Step in Crisis-Proofing Sovereign Finance** **11:00 am – 12:30 pm; Room: I2-210**	**MIGA OPEN HOUSE** **10:00 – 11:00am; U Building (1800 G St NW); 12th Floor, Room 581** **WORLD BANK SAFEGUARDS SESSION** **10:30 am – 12:30 pm; Room: I2-220**	Christian Aid/ Oxfam **THE ROLE OF THE WORLD BANK AND IMF IN RESPONSIBLE AND PROGRESSIVE TAXATION** **11:00 am – 12:30 pm; Room: I2-250**
1	**FUTURE OF THE CSPF SESSION** **12:30 – 2:00 pm** **Room: I2-250**		
2 3	Africa Health Budget Network **DELIVERING ON HEALTH SPENDING COMMITMENTS IN AFRICA FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN** **2:00 – 3:30 pm; Room: I2-210**	Fundacion Multitudes **OPEN GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY TOWARDS POVERTY ALLEVIATION** **2:00 – 3:30 pm; Room: I2-220**	World Development Report, Governance **WORLD DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2017, GOVERNANCE AND THE LAW** **2:00 – 3:30 pm; Room: I2-250**
4 5	Vasudha Foundation **FULFILLING THE PARIS AGREEMENT: Pathways to Accelerate Clean Energy Deployment in Developing Countries** **4:00 – 5:30 pm; Room: I2-210**	Operation HOPE **REMITTANCES FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN AFRICA** **4:00 – 5:30 pm; Room: I2-220**	The Foundation for Democracy in Africa **TRADE AND PRIVATE SECTOR EXPANSION: Vehicle for Economic Growth and Improved Standard of Living In Africa** **4:00 – 5:30 pm; Room: I2-250**

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'The Human Rights Status of Women and Girls in Africa and the Rest of the World'

Tuesday, April 12 2:00 – 3:30 pm **Room: I2-210**	***Sponsor: Global Women Africa Network/Naija Worldwide Charities*** ***Co-sponsors: Global Connection for Women Foundation and Save the Children*** **Panelists:** • Lilian O. Ajayi, Founder & Executive Director of Global Connections for Women Foundation (GC4W) (Moderator) • Amanda Lenhardt, Acting Head, Inequality and Sustainable Development, Save the Children • Thelma L. Horton, Strategic Development Consultant, Founding Member (GLOW) • Emmanuel Ogebe, Special Counsel Justice for Jos Project • Manbo Dowoti Desir, Human Rights Activist, Scholar and Photographer • Leslie E. Vélez, Senior Protection Officer THE UN Refugee Agency (TBC) • Dr. Vincenzo Bollettino, Executive Director, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (TBC) • Jacqualine Bhabha, Director, University Committee on Human Rights Studies & Director of Research, FXB Center for Health and Human Rights (TBC) This panel is a discussion on post 2015 Sustainable Development Agenda and its impact on the human rights of Women and Girls in order to achieve Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls.

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‘Leaps of Faith: Leveraging the Role of Communities of Faith to End Extreme Poverty’

Tuesday, April 12 2:00 – 3:30 pm **Room: I2-220**	***Sponsors: ACT Alliance, World Vision & The World Bank Group Faith Based Initiative*** **Panelists:** • Colin Bruce, World Bank Group Senior Advisor to President Kim • Jonathan Papoulidis, Executive Advisor, Fragile States, World Vision • Mark Ohanian, Director of Programs, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) • Paul Miller, Senior Policy Advisor, Lutheran World Relief Organized by World Vision and ACT Alliance, a global coalition of over 140 churches and affiliated organizations, this session will explore how to identify, mobilize, adapt and leverage the strengths, networks and assets of faith-based organizations to build resilience and realize the Sustainable Development Goals. Additionally, the session will highlight lessons learned from the global operations of ACT Alliance members and World Vision, as well as facilitate a constructive exchange with senior World Bank leadership on its strategies for engaging with faith leaders and communities in partnerships for development.

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‘Glass Half Full - The State of Accountability in Development Finance’

Tuesday, April 12 4:00 – 5:30pm **Room: I2-210**	***Sponsor: Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)*** **Panelists:** • Zeinab Bashir Elbakri, Member World Bank Inspection Panel • Osvaldo Gratacós, Vice President and Compliance Advisor Ombusdman, International Finance Corporation • Victoria Marquez Mees, Director Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism at Inter-American Development Bank • Kindra Mohr, Policy Director at Accountability Counsel • Jackson Shaa, Executive Secretary, Narasha Community Development Group • Bimbo Oshobe, Paralegal and Community Advocate, Nigeria Through open dialogue in a roundtable discussion we will present the findings of our report with case analysis and experiences from complainants. We will emphasize comparisons at the Inspection Panel (IPN) and the Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO) engaging directly with representatives from the IPN and CAO on the recommendations identified to strengthen these accountability mechanisms.

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‘Forests at the World Bank Group in a Post-Paris Agreement World’

Tuesday, April 12 4:00 – 5:30 pm **Room: I2-220**	***Sponsor: Conservation International*** **Panelists:** • Shyla Raghav, Director, Climate Policy, Conservation International • Steve Panfil, Technical Advisor, REDD+ Initiatives, Conservation International • John Roome, Sr. Director, Climate Change Cross-cutting Solutions, The World Bank Group • Carole Megevand, Forests Lead (ENR), The World Bank Group • Patrick Kipalu, Project Coordinator, Forest Peoples’ Program • Chip Barber, Director of Forest Legality Alliance and Government Relations, Forests, World Resources Institute • Deborah Sanchez, Miskitu Asla Takanka (MASTA) • Morten Nordskag, Deputy Director, Norway's International Climate and Forest Initiative (NICFI) • Satu Santala, Executive Director, EDS20, The World Bank Group (moderator) The session will first address positive outcomes for forests at COP21, and recent evidence on the relationship between forests and climate change. WBG representatives will speak on forests at the WBG, including in its climate change work, in the Forest Action Plan, and in IDA replenishment. A southern CSO representative will address how the WBG could advance a progressive forest and climate agenda in borrower countries. Lastly, a panel of CSO, government, and Indigenous Peoples discussants, and question and answers, will follow to address —what does the WBG need to do more of, and less of, to support Paris outcomes?

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‘Missing the bigger picture for women's economic empowerment? Wages, labor and taxation policies in focus’

Tuesday, April 12 4:00 – 5:30 pm **Room: I2-250**	***Sponsor: Bretton Woods Project*** **Panelists:** • Magdalena Sepulveda Carmona, former UN rapporteur on extreme poverty and Human Rights • Grazielle David, Policy Advisor, INESC Instituto de Estudos Socioeconômicos • Kalpana Kochhar, Deputy Director, Asia & Pacific department, IMF • Nicholas Lusiani, Director of Human Rights in Economic Policy, Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR) • Francesca Rhodes, Gender Policy Advisor, Oxfam GB • Sargon Nissan, Finance Programme Manager, Bretton Woods Project (BWP) and International Monetary Fund (IMF) The session will provide analysis and context from global leaders in human rights, social policy and gender equality, examining the IMF’s pilot surveillance work on inequality and gender and the World Bank’s new gender strategy. The session will explore the inter-relationship of certain macro-economic policies and women’s economic inequality. It will explore the inter-relationship between areas such as taxation, wage policies, female labour force participation and inequality, and how to achieve women’s economic empowerment. The session will include provide real-world analysis of how human rights are essential to effective design, implementation and monitoring of economic policy.

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'The BNDES Barometer measuring governance procedures and impacts of the projects in Latin America'

Wednesday, April 13 9:00 – 10:30 am **Room: I2-210**	***Sponsor: Regional Coalition for Transparency and Participation*** **Panelists:** • María Carolina Capistrano, Ombudsman, Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES) • Iderley Colombini, Researcher, IBASE • Martha Torres Marcos-Ibáñez, Coordinator, Amazon Basin Program • Vanessa Torres, Coordinator, Sustainable Area of Infrastructure and Energy Present the methodological design BNDES Barometer as a tool for measuring progress during the past years in the implementation of access to information and transparency. As Coalition we looking for design and implement a monitoring system that count with indicators based in the operational policies of the BNDES, analysis their instruments of decision – making, accessibility and the access to information that promote that institution. Our purpose will be make recommendations to the Bank for strengthen the project cycle instruments.

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‘For Profit, Fee Charing Private Schools: Meeting the World Bank's Goals?’

Wednesday, April 13 9:00 – 10:30 am **Room: I2-220**	***Sponsor: RESULTS Education Fund*** ***Co-sponsors: ActionAid International, The Cradle - The Children’s Foundation, East African Centre for Human Rights (EACHRights), Global Campaign for Education – US, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Hakijamii, Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT), Oxfam International*** **Panelists:** • IFC Representative, Education, International Finance Corporation (TBC) • Sylvia Mbataru, Policy & Legislative Advocacy Program Manager, The Cradle - The Children’s Foundation • Katie Malouf Bous, Education and Health Policy Advisor, Oxfam International • Tony Baker, Education for All Campaign Manager, RESULTS Educational Fund • Jonah Nyenpan, Executive Director, Liberia Education Monitor • Lincoln Ajoku, Education Advisor, Concern Worldwide US Donor support to for-profit, fee-charging school companies has instigated a global debate. Are these schools reaching the poor, or are they reinforcing school fees, a known barrier for the poor that the international community has worked decades to abolish. The World Bank, and in particular the IFC, has been criticized for recent investments in this area by both local communities and global civil society, raising a fundamental question: Why is the World Bank supporting the expansion of for-profit, fee-charging private schools?

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‘Cracking the Code: Enhancing Emergency Response & Resilience in Fragile States’

Wednesday, April 13 9:00 – 10:30 am **Room: I2-250**	***Sponsor: Mercy Corps*** **Panelists:** • Dina Espisoto, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) • Maurizia Tovo, Lead Specialist, Social Protection & Labour, The World Bank • Mort Anoushiravani, Director of Infrastructure, Mercy Corps • Jonathan Papoulidis, Executive Advisor on Fragile States, World Vision-US Through an interactive format, this session will begin with short presentations from panelists representing practitioner, donor, IMF and World Bank perspectives explaining their efforts to adopt more systemic approaches to meeting chronic emergency needs in fragile states. One focus will be a successful program implemented to meet the needs of IDPs and host communities in the water sector in the Kivus, DRC. Following robust Q and A, the audience will discuss, among themselves, where they see the biggest challenges to achieving sustainable impact. Panelists will also be available to respond to clarifying questions.

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‘Open Governance, Fiscal Transparency and Poverty Reduction: Global Framework for Exploring the Challenges and Sustainable Development Best Practices’

Wednesday, April 13 11:00 – 12:30 pm **Room: I2-210**	***Sponsors: International Centre for Development Initiatives (ICDI) & Centre for Leadership, Governance and Qualitative Studies (CLGQS)*** **Panelists:** • Ibrahim Magu, Chairman Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Nigeria. • Noam Unger, Director of USAID Bureau of Policy, Planning and Learning (PPL) US Agency for International Development (USAID). • Abraham Nwankwo, Director General, Debt Management Office Nigeria. • Dotun Ajayi, Executive Director, African Business Roundtable (ABR) Some regions of the world are facing situations of corruption, lack of transparency and limited citizen participation which reinforces a low equitable distribution of benefits and engender inequality. This pre-supposes that a well-functioning society fostered by local, national and regional cooperation, which delivers quality public services consistent with citizen preferences and that fosters private market-led growth while managing fiscal resources prudently is considered critical to poverty alleviation and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This session will explore the challenges and share best practices from different geographical areas, which help to translate to development.

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‘IFI Development Policy Operations: How Environmental and Social Standards Apply’

Wednesday, April 13 11:00 – 12:30 pm **Room: I2-220**	***Sponsor: Bank Information Center (BIC)*** **Panelists:** • World Bank Executive Director (moderator) TBC • Jason Allford, Executive Director, Alternative (moderator) • Hassan Zaman, Director for Policy and Quality, World Bank Operations Policy and Country Services • Nick York, Director of Human Development and Economic Management, Independent Evaluation Group • Arif Fiyanto, Head of Climate and Energy Campaign, Greenpeace Indonesia • Korinna Horta, Senior Policy Advisor, Urgewald International finance in stitutions are increasingly funding development through policy-based lending instruments. While policy loans often carry similar environmental and social risks as project -based loans, they are not covered by the World Bank’s safeguard policies. This sessio n will explore possibilities for strengthening the management of social and environmental risk in policy lending, drawing from the World Bank’s 2015 review of development policy operations, recent learning products from the Independent Evaluation Group, and voices from civil society.

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'Energy Access: From Talk, to Walk... to Run'

Wednesday, April 13 11:00 – 12:30 pm **Room: I2-250**	***Sponsor: Power for All*** **Panelists:** • Christine Eibs Singer, Director, Global Advocacy, Power for All • Vivien Foster, Global Lead for Energy Economics, Markets and institutions, The World Bank Group • David McCauley, Senior Vice President, World Wildlife Fund • Richenda Van Leeuwen, Executive Director, Energy and Climate, Energy Access Initiative Power for All, a global campaign to accelerate the deployment of decentralized renewable energy, will release a white paper and launch its first Call to Action directed at donors and lenders to accelerate the pace of financing for energy access. Organized in collaboration with the United Nations Foundation and ACCESS, the Alliance of Civil Society Organisations for Clean Energy Access, this session will include a range of perspectives and initiatives, including the World Bank's Access Investment Model (AIM) - that have the potential to radically alter the energy access timeline.

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‘Financing Tools for Reducing Social Inequalities’

Wednesday, April 13 2:00 – 3:30 am **Room: I2-210**	***Sponsor: The Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD)*** **Panelists:** • Marc Jourdan, NGO Committee on Financing for Development, The Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) (moderator) • Veronica Brand, NGO Committee for Social Development, Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary (moderator) • H.E. Ambassador Jean-Francis Regis Zinsou, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Benin to the United Nations, Co-facilitator of the 2016 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development • H.E. Ambassador Feturi Elisaia, Permanent Mission of the Independent State of Samoa to the United Nations, Member of the Board of the Green Climate Fund • Dr. Muthukumara Mani, Lead Environmental Economist, The World Bank Group • Catherine Anna Maria Pattillo, Assistant Director, Strategy Policy and Review department (SPR), International Monetary Fund (IMF) • Barry Herman, Visiting Senior Fellow, Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School in New York Join the organizers for an interactive debate with Member State delegates from the United Nations and representatives from the World Bank, the IMF and civil society, as they look to address the following question: how can the Addis Ababa Action Agenda serve as an instrument to reduce inequalities and encourage a people-centered approach to strengthening social development and care for the future of our planet? The attendees of this session will seek to understand how each stakeholder in the development arena can use the tools of financing for development to overcome the challenges ahead, and make the ambition of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Climate Agreement a reality.

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‘How do We Work Together to Protect Complainants?’

Wednesday, April 13 2:00 – 3:30 pm **Room: I2-220**	***Sponsor: Office of the Compliance Advisor/Ombudsman*** **Panelists:** • Osvaldo Gratacós, Vice President, Office of the Compliance Advisor Ombudsman for IFC and MIGA, World Bank Group • Jessica Evans, Senior Advocate/ Researcher on International Financial Institutions, Human Rights Watch • Julia Gallu, Ombudsman Specialist, Dispute Resolution, CAO • Gretchen Gordon, Coordinator for the Coalition for Human Rights in Development • Fiorella Melzi, Specialist on Human Rights, Inter-American Commision on Human Rights (OAS) • Jörg G. Frieden, Executive Director, World Bank Group (moderator) Complainants to accountability mechanisms have been threatened, injured and even murdered. The participants will explore how to work together to safeguard individuals and communities that seek to utilize accountability mechanisms. The event will allow CAO to start a consultation phase to seek feedback on a draft approach to guide its work with regards to protecting complainants from threats.

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‘Breaking Down the Barriers to Accessing Development Information’

Wednesday, April 13 2:00 – 3:30 pm **Room: I2-250**	***Sponsor: Bank Information Center (BIC)*** ***Co-sponsors: Fundar & Yemeni Observatory for Human Rights*** **Panelists:** • Mariana González Armijo, Researcher, Transparency and Accountability Fundar, Center for Analysis and Research • Amy Ekdawi, Regional Programs Director, Bank Information Center • Sumir Lal, Director, External and Corporate Relations Global Practice, The World Bank Group • Abdelmawla Ismail, Chairman, Egyptian Association for Collective Rights • José Rojas, World Bank Executive Director, Venezuela, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Spain) (moderator) Without accessible, understandable information, stakeholders cannot meaningfully engage in development. This session will look at the reality of civil society and affected communities’ access to information about World Bank Group-financed development programs though examples from Mexico and Yemen, and will discuss recommendations and steps that can be taken to ensure that stakeholders can more easily access this key information.

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‘African Scientists & Entrepreneurs Towards the Bio Economy Era’

Wednesday, April 13 4:00 – 5:30 pm **Room: I2-210**	***Sponsor: ARTES*** **Panelists:** • Lilia Infelise, President, ARTES • Paola Agostini, Lead Environmental Economist in the World Bank’s Environment and Natural Resources Global Practice • Cara E. Jones, PhD / Assistant Professor in Political Science at Mary Baldwin College • John Manirakiza, Assistant project manager on the University of the District of Columbia (UDC), NESARE Program on Ethnic Crops • Déo Gratias Nkinahamira, President, Africa Renaissance Time • Tomaso Trombetti, Associate Professor, Department of Civil, Chemical, Environmental, and Materials Engineering Young African researchers, fully involved in advanced research in the environmental and white biotechnology, as well as successful leaders of green start-ups and other forms of green entrepreneurialism will be convened by the Europe-Africa Alliance for KBBE (http://www.artes-research.com/en/portfolio-articoli/kbbe-partnership-agreement/). This Partnership brings together prominent public and private research bodies as well as business representatives to promote BioEconomy. The aim of the session is to present best practices, share innovative ideas, and propose strategies for an effective cooperation in green growth among research and business worlds in Africa. The session will be an inclusive and participatory exchange among all the persons involved.

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‘Financial Intermediary Lending: Challenges of Following the World Bank Group's Money and its Impacts’

Wednesday, April 13 4:00 – 5:30 pm **Room: I2-220**	***Sponsor: Inclusive Development International*** **Panelists:** • Nadia Daar, IFI Economic Justice Policy Advisor, Oxfam International (moderator) • David Pred, Managing Director, Inclusive Development International • Lani Inverarity, Strategic Support Associate, Accountability Counsel • Morgan Landy, Director, Environment, Social and Governance Department, International Finance Corporation (IFC) • Osvaldo Gratacos, Vice President, Compliance Advisor Ombudsman This session will discuss transparency and accountability of the World Bank Group's financial intermediary (FI) investments and the challenges of this model with respect to due diligence and protecting human rights and the environment. Panelists will focus on opportunities for overcoming these challenges, and whether IFC’s recent FI lending reform efforts need to go further. New research on IFC FI sub-projects conducted by Inclusive Development International will be presented, along with a case study on a proposed coal plant in Kenya. The session will also aim to draw lessons for the proposed safeguard governing the Bank's public sector FI lending.

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'Local Governments and Public Health: Coordinating to Improve Quality of Life and Achieve Sustainable Community and Economic Growth'

Wednesday, April 13 4:00 – 5:30 pm **Room: I2-250**	***Sponsor: The International City/County Management Association*** **Panelists:** • Joshua Franzel, PhD, Director of Policy Research, International City/County Management Association & Vice President, Research, Center for State and Local Government Excellence • Paula Sanford, PhD, Public Service Associate, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia • Andrea Fox, MPP, Director, The Center for Sustainable Communities, International City/County Management Association There is increased attention to the link between public health and economic growth, especially by those managing cities around the world. Given existing local public health and economic goals, this session will outline challenges and opportunities general local governments have in: managing transport, water, and sanitation infrastructure; ensuing land use and planning reflects community health priorities; incentivizing multi-sector program collaboration; facilitating active living; and promoting health education - all with a focus on supporting local public health priorities and improving quality of life - contributing to more productive local economies. Relevant and informative policy and program examples will be highlighted.

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‘Youth employment, key to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals’

Thursday, April 14 9:00 – 10:30 am **Room: I2-210**	***Sponsors: Junior Achievement Americas & Young Americas Business Trust (YABT)*** **Panelists:** • Trina Talukdar, Cofounder, Kranthi- Venture and Fellowship Manager, Ashoka (moderator) • Luis Viguria, CEO, Young Americas Business Trust • Asheesh Advani, President and CEO, JA Worldwide • Ana Maria Torres, Co-founder, Hilo Sagrado LLC • Dorothy J Stuehmke, Program Officer, Citi Foundation This session will be a deep dive into the ways that various partners are collaborating to tackle global issues related to the Sustainable Development Goals, specifically those addressing poverty, inequalities, decent work and economic growth. The dialogue will focus on partnerships that promote youth employment as a key element towards sustainable development. The speakers coming from private sector, international NGOs and the entrepreneurship sphere will be engaged in a diverse dialogue and debate with the objective of showing the interconnectedness of worldwide efforts, ownership and innovative youth solutions. The floor will be open for comments and questions from the audience.

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‘Nutrition Opportunity 2016: Building the Foundations for Sustainable Development’

Thursday, April 14 9:00 – 10:30 **Room: I2-220**	***Sponsors: Bread for the World, Concern Worldwide, Results UK & Action*** **Panelists:** • Augustin Flory, Executive Director, Nutrition, Children’s Investment Fund Foundation (moderator) • Victoria Quinn, Senior Vice President, Programs, Helen Keller International • Meera Shekar, Global Lead, Nutrition, The World Bank Group • Shan Soe-Lin, Program Director, Results for Development • Tisungeni Zimpita, National Coordinator, Malawi Scaling Up Nutrition Civil Society Alliance Despite political commitment in high-burden countries and globally agreed nutrition targets, investments in nutrition are still a fraction of ODA and budgets. This session delves into emerging evidence on benefits of good nutrition for health and productivity, including the Lancet Breastfeeding Series. It focuses on cost-effective, scalable interventions and new costing and financing analysis for achieving the World Health Assembly (WHA) 2025 nutrition targets. Participants will discuss opportunities this year to translate evidence into better policies, increased funding and accountability. The 2016 Nutrition for Growth Summit is a key moment to make investments needed to achieve the global nutrition targets.

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‘The Future of Development Data?’

Thursday, April 14 9:00 – 10:30 am **Room: I2-250**	***Sponsors: Development Gateway, Global Development Network & Locus Analytics*** **Panelists:** • Jean-Louis Sarbib, CEO, Development Gateway (moderator) • Susannah Robinson, Consultant, World Health Organization (GDN Next Horizons Essay Contest on the Future of Foreign Aid Winner) • Francesco Obino, Program Manager, Global Development Network • Joe Reisinger, Co-Founder and CTO, Premise • Daniel Goldman, Adviser, Locus Analytics • Divyanka Sharma, Systems Economist, Locus Analytics • Dr. Susan Stout, Senior Adviser, Development Gateway Results Data Initiative • Dr. Sanjeev Khagram, Coordinator, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD) Our community envisions a powerful role for data and technology in the post-2015 development agenda. But what specific needs will we address first? Which data and tools are most important? And how do we use data to achieve results for real people? This panel will articulate perspectives on these issues from each element of the development data “ecosystem” -- local-level data collection, analysis and visualizations, dissemination, and use for decision-making. The session will begin with a series of fast-paced, visual lightning talks by practitioners and researchers working toward data-driven development, followed by a lively debate and questions from the audience.

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‘What standards for Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)? Analyzing the role of The World Bank Group’

Thursday, April 14 11:00 – 12:30 pm **Room: I2-220**	***Sponsor: Center of Concern*** **Panelists:** • Mr. Aldo Caliari, Director, Rethinking Bretton Woods Project, Center of Concern • Ms. Nancy Alexander, Director, Economic Governance Program, Heinrich Boell Foundation • Ms. Motoko Aizawa, Managing Director for USA, Institute for Human Rights and Business • Mr. Laurence Carter, Senior Director, Public-Private Partnerships Group, The World Bank Group • Ms. Vanessa Torres, Coordinator, Sustainability in Infrastructure and Energy, Ambiente y Sociedad, Colombia The WBG has been an active player in the area of PPPs for many years, by providing finance and advice to projects. Its leadership is often followed by regional and other development banks. The WBG has also been the G20’s go-to agency on PPPs by producing reports on the issue to inform the G20’s plan to scale up PPPs. This session will follow up on a discussion held in October 2015 and provide an opportunity to present CSOs’ inputs submitted to the consultation on the Framework for Disclosure in PPPs. It will also address the Report on Recommended PPP Contractual Provisions and other documents developed by the WBG.

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‘Using Multi-Stakeholder Games to Better Understand Global Food Security Solutions’

Thursday, April 14 11:00 – 12:30 pm **Room: I2-250**	***Sponsor: World Wide Fund- USA (WWF)*** **Panelists:** • Dr. Kate Fisher, Research Scientist, CNA Inc. • Tim Bodin, Economist, Cargill, Inc. • Franklin Holley, Sustainable Food Manager, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) • Joel Velasco, Senior Vice President, Albright Stonebridge Group • Moderated by Marc Sadler, Adviser on Risk and Markets, Agriculture Global Practice, The World Bank Group 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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‘Social Impacts of an Influx of Workers in Infrastructure Investments’

Thursday, April 14 2:00 – 3:30 pm **Room: I2-210**	***Sponsor: Joy for Children*** ***Co-sponsors: Bank Information Center and Gender Action*** **Panelists:** • Elana Berger, Child Rights Program manager, Bank Information Center (moderator) • Elaine Zuckerman, Executive Director, Gender Action • Moses Ntenga, Executive Director, Joy for Children The session will include a panel of experts that can discuss specific projects and their impacts on different groups, including children, women and indigenous peoples. It would also include representatives from the Bank that can discuss examples of how the Bank, or the IFC, is managing the influx of workers successfully and/or how new tools at the Bank can be used to prevent negative impacts associated with large infrastructure and influx of workers.

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‘Talking About Teachers- Challenges to Institutional Coherence’

Thursday, April 14 2:00 – 3:30 pm **Room: I2-220**	***Sponsor: Education International*** **Panelists:** • Dr Toni Verger, Professor of Sociology, University of Barcelona • Mr. Amit Dar, Director, The Education Global Practice • Karen Mundy, Chief Technical Officer, Global Partnership for Education (GPE) • David Edwards, Deputy General Secretary, Education International (moderator) The starting point for this session will be Education International (EI)’s recent comparative study on how the World Bank portrays teachers and related policies in knowledge products and lending projects. EI will facilitate a discussion between the author of the study, the World Bank’s Director of Education Global Practice and the Global Partnership for Education’s Chief Technical Officer, looking at the discrepancies between recommended teacher policies and the new professional imperatives for deeper learning and whole system approaches. The session will also discuss progressive examples of teacher policy and the potential for improving education quality through teachers’ professional capital. Following this, CSO representatives and others present in the audience will have the chance to ask questions of the experts to further the discussion about teacher policy.

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‘IMF and World Bank’s Influence on Economic Policymaking in Developing Countries’

2:00 – 3:30 pm **Room: I2-`250**	***Sponsor: European Network on Debt and Development (Eurodad)*** **Panelists:** • Sargon Nissan, Programme Manager, International Monetary Fund (IMF) • Tiago Stichelmans, Policy and Networking Analyst, European Network on Debt and Development (Eurodad) • Patricia Miranda, Finance for Development Officer, Latindadd-Fundacion Jubileo • Peter Bakvis, Director of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)/Global Unions Washington Office • Chris Lane, Chief of Developing Countries Division, Strategy, Policy and Review Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF) The respect of local and democratic ownership by the donors' community will be at the centre of this discussion. Three CSOs activists/research will present their views on the donors' influence, and the IMF and World Bank in particular, on the economic policymaking in developing countries. Chris Lane (IMF) will talk about the IMF's role in low income countries. The session will start by the presentation of the preliminary findings of an upcoming briefing produced by Eurodad on the topic and will end with a Q&A with the audience.

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‘From Transparency to Accountability: Credible Information Supports Responsible Fisheries’

Thursday, April 14 4:00 – 5:30 pm **Room: I2-210**	***Sponsor: Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)*** **Panelists:** • Prof. Dr. Peter Eigen, Founder of Transparency International (moderator) • Mr. Mohamed Salem Nany, Director of Resource Mobilization and External Aid Coordination, Minister of Economy and Finance, Islamic Republic of Mauritania • H.E. Jean-Paul Adam, Minister of Finance, Trade and the Blue Economy of the Republic of Seychelles • Mr. Peter Kristensen, Lead Environmental Specialist / Environment & Natural Resources, The World Bank Group • Ms. Nedwa Nech, Director, Mauritanie 2000 • Mr. Sven Biermann, Director, Fisheries Transparency Initiative This session will bring together government representatives from countries which have committed to the new Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI) as well as representatives from business, civil society and intergovernmental organizations. This session will be a unique opportunity to share insights into evolution, experience, success factors and challenges of establishing a new global transparency initiative. The session will also discuss how global transparency initiatives can help shaping an enabling environment to increase accountability. Outcomes of this session will benefit those supporting transparency endeavors. It will also highlight opportunities and challenges of establishing transparency in fisheries through a multi-stakeholder approach.

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‘What Does the Shrinking Space for Civil Society Mean for the World Bank’s Twin Goals?’

Thursday, April 14 4:00 – 5:30 pm **Room: I2-220**	***Sponsor: Bank Information Center (BIC)*** ***Co-sponsors: Coalition for Human Rights and Development, Human Rights Watch, International Accountability Project, Oxfam International & World Movement for Democracy*** **Panelists:** • Hend Badawy, National Endowment for Democracy • Arzu Geybullayeva, Azeri Journalist • Jackson Shaa, Narasha Community Development Group • Jessica Evans, Human Rights Watch • World Bank Group representative and moderator TBC The World Bank has committed to 100% beneficiary feedback in its projects and aims through its corporate strategy to empower citizens to participate in the development process. At the same time, since 2012 over 60 countries have passed legislation restricting civil society’s ability to freely operate and many communities face intimidation or criminalization when raising concerns around development activities. This session will draw on examples of restrictions on citizen voice from Egypt, Azerbaijan, and Kenya; discuss implications of restricted civil society space for the World Bank’s development goals; and raise recommendations for ways in which the Bank can ensure participatory development.

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‘The Syrian Migration Crisis: Shaping a Developmental Post Conflict Model’

Thursday, April 14 4:00 – 5:30 pm **Room: I2-250**	***Sponsors: The Arab NGO Network for Development & The World Bank MENA Team*** **Panelists:** • Björn Rother, Advisor, Middle East & Central Asia Department, International Monetary Fund • Samir Aita-President of the Cercle des Economistes Arabes • Rabie Nasser-Researcher at the Syrian Center for Policy Research • Ahmad Awad-Director of the Phenix Center, Jordan • Shanta Devarajan, the MENA chief Economist of the World Bank • Mr. Michel Samaha, Affiliated Researcher at the Arab NGO Network for Development (moderator) The session will discuss the socio-economic impact of the Syrian Crisis and emerging cross borders violence economy and the humanitarian aid processes inside Syria, and their influence on outgoing flow of migration as well as on the perspectives for the return of displaced and refugees. In addition, it will showcase the implemented humanitarian aid model in Lebanon and Jordan and the alterations proposed by the recent World Bank report. Finally, the speakers will present policy recommendations for humanitarian aid, reconstruction and development for Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

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‘Environmental Challenges and Poverty in Developing Countries: Manifestations and Solutions’

Friday, April 15 9:00 – 10:30 am **Room: I2-210**	***Sponsor: Rights Monitoring Group*** **Panelists:** • Dr. Gbeminiyi Onabanjo, Director of Health Programmes, Rights Monitoring Group • Olufemi Aduwo, Executive Director, Centre for Convention on Democratic Integrity • Jimoh Ibrahim, Chief Executive Officer, Nicon Group of Companies • Daniel Moen Makoua, Director, Bwamanga Sustainable Investment Advisors This session will be used to look carefully at realities of environmental degradation across global levels, with emphasis on Sub-Saharan Africa. It will be an attempt to present new research projecting forward progress, highlighting how countries within the Sub-Saharan Africa region are likely to fare and where greater efforts will be required. Further discussion will focus on addressing manifestations, data and measurement of the progress of possible solutions towards further strengthening their impacts.

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'How Much Are Public Institutions Improving Energy Access Worldwide?'

Friday, April 15 9:00 – 10:30 am **Room: I2-220**	***Sponsor: Sierra Club*** **Panelists:** • Alex Doukas, Senior Campaigner, Oil Change International • Isabella Lovin, Minister for International Development Cooperation, Sweden • Malcolm Cosgrove-Davies, Manager for Energy, Sustainable Development Department, Latin America and the Caribbean Region, World Bank • Andrew Herscowitz, Coordinator, Power Africa, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) • Sasanka Thilakasiri, Senior Policy Advisor, Climate Change and Energy, Oxfam America (moderator) The host organizations will present a new, updated scorecard evaluating the energy access portfolios of major multilateral development banks (World Bank, African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank) over the past four years. More broadly, we will discuss trends in spending and support for energy access by various multilateral development banks and public institutions and identify challenges faced by these entities in their efforts to address energy poverty. We will draw out cross-cutting lessons learned from multilateral and bilateral government energy access initiatives, such as Power Africa.

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‘Protecting Vulnerable Economies – Debt and Tax Policies to Protect Countries in Economic Distress’

Friday, April 15 9:00 – 10:30 am **Room: I2-250**	***Sponsor: Jubilee USA*** **Panelists:** • Eric LeCompte, Executive Director, Jubilee USA • Stefanie Ostfeld, Deputy Head, Global Witness USA • Marie Brill, Executive Director, Action Aid USA • Jean Paul-Adam, Minister of Finance, Trade and the Blue Economy, Government of the Seychelles • Peter Allum, Assistant Director Strategy, Policy, and Review Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF) This session will discuss how we can design the international financial architecture to protect vulnerable economies from external shock and financial crisis. The session will address specific examples, including countries impacted by natural disasters or health crises and countries struggling to recover from the international financial crisis.

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‘GDP-Linked and State-Contingent Debt: The Next Step in Crisis-Proofing Sovereign Finance’

Friday, April 15 11:00 – 12:30 pm **Room: I2-210**	***Sponsors: Jubilee USA, Massey College, Jubilee Germany & University of Toronto*** **Panelists:** • Eric LeCompte, Executive Director, Jubilee USA Network • Anna Gelpern, Professor, Georgetown Law School • Christian Kopf, Partner, Spinnaker Capital • Paolo Mauro, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute of International Economics • Brad Setser, Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations • Brett House, Senior Fellow, Massey College, University of Toronto (moderator) This session will critically review key theoretical and practical design questions in GDP-linked and state-contingent debt, and consider core execution concerns for sovereigns, market-makers, asset owners, and asset managers regarding the primary issuance, placement, and secondary-market trading of such debt. GDP-linked and state-contingent debt has heretofore been limited largely to the provision of sweeteners in the context of emerging-market restructurings, such as the Brady deals in the 1990s and the more recent Argentina and Greece restructurings. This session’s discussion will outline why and how GDP-linked and state-contingent debt should become an effective component of every sovereign’s liability management strategy.

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'Review and Update of the World Bank's Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies: Consultations Report-out and Accountability'

Friday, April 15 10:30 am – 12:30 pm **Room: I2-220**	***Sponsor: Operational Policy and Country Services [OPCS], World Bank*** **Panelists:** • Hartwig Schafer, Vice President, OPCS • Mark Alan King, Chief Environmental and Social Standards Officer, OPCS • Charles di Leva, Chief Counsel, World Bank • Dilek Barlas, Executive Secretary, The Inspection Panel • Gonzalo Castro de la Mata, Chairperson, The Inspection Panel • Alex Sardar, Chief Innovation Officer – Civicus (moderator) The most recent series of consultations on the World Bank's proposed draft Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) spanned 33 countries - including 30 borrowing countries – and focused on the implementability of the proposed framework. This session will provide a summary of the feedback received and lessons learned. The second half of the session will discuss the role of the Inspection Panel using the draft framework to better understand the implications. *Lunch will be served.*

Session will be streamed live here.

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‘The Role of The World Bank and IMF in Responsible and Progressive Taxation’

Friday, April 15 11:00 – 12:30 pm **Room: I2-250**	***Sponsors: Christian Aid & Oxfam*** **Panelists:** • Sara Jespersen, Project Manager, Tax and Development, IBIS Denmark • Matthew Martin, Director, Development Finance International • Ewan Livingston, Advocacy Adviser, ActionAid UK • Ruud de Mooij, Tax Policy Deputy Division Chief, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF • Ismaïla Diallo.Tax official, Finance Ministry Senegal • Cephas Makunike, Research and Policy Advisor, Tax Justice Network – Africa • Susana Ruiz, Head of Fiscal Justice Campaign, Oxfam (moderator) Aid or private sector financing won’t be enough to finance the SDG. Raising more domestic resources should be done in a progressive way to reduce inequality. Harmful tax practices jeopardize this, and also harm good governance of the developing country tax system. What should their role be beyond their recently announced initiative to help developing countries strengthen their tax system? How can they give more progressive advice? How can the IFC and other DFIs better align their own lending practices to ensure that companies they invest pay the right amount of taxes in the right place at the right time?

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‘Delivering on Health Spending Commitments in Africa for Women and Children’

Friday, April 15 2:00 – 3:30 pm **Room: I2-210**	***Sponsors: Africa Health Budget Network*** **Panelists:** • Aminu Magashi Garba, Coordinator, Africa Health Budget Network (moderator) • Julius Mukunda, Coordinator, Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group • Kenneth W. Simbaya, Consultant, Media, Campaigns and Community Engagement • Matthew Dingie, Director of Budget, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Sierra Leone This session brings together the perspectives of a range of stakeholders, from government to civil society and the media, all of whom have an important role to play in ensuring public spending on health is in line with national priorities. The session will have a specific emphasis on the importance of transparency and participation as key drivers of accountability and improved decision making. Panellists will each bring practical examples from their experience of how increased access to budget information as well as public participation in design and implementation of health budgets have led to better health spending.

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‘Fulfilling the Paris Agreement: Pathways to Accelerate Clean Energy Deployment in Developing Countries’

Friday, April 15 4:00 – 5:30 pm **Room: I2-210**	***Sponsor: Vasudha Foundation*** **Panelists:** • Srinivas Krishnaswamy, Chief Executive Officer, Vasudha Foundation (moderator) • Ms. Karen Orenstein, Karen Orenstein, senior international policy analyst, Friends of the Earth US • Mr. Ilmi Granoff, Senior Research Fellow and Head of Business Unit, Green Growth, Overseas Development Institute • Ms. Julia Bucknal, Practice Manager, South Asia Division, World Bank (TBC) • Mr. Scot Sklar, President, the Stellar Group • Ms. Sumani Dash, Director and Country Head, USA and Canada, Confederation of Indian Industry (TBC) An interactive session to understand some of the actions already initiated by various stakeholders in accelerating clean energy deployment in fast developing economies such as India and seek stakeholder’s views and perceptions on possible actions to further accelerate the deployment process in conformity with the long term goal of the Paris Agreement.

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Remittances for Girls, Women Empowerment in Africa and the Caribbean: How Diaspora Can Alleviate Poverty, Promote Education

Friday, April 15 4:00 – 5:30 pm **Room: I2-220**	***Sponsor: Operation HOPE*** **Panelists:** • Ms. Hermine Zossoungbo, Founder, African Immigrant (moderator) • Dr. Claire Nelson, Founder, Institute For Caribbean Studies • Marilyn Hoosen, Global Wealth Management Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch • Jena Roscoe, Senior Vice President, Chief of Government Relations, Public Policy, Operation HOPE, Inc. • Yvonne Carr, Founder, The Yen Group The USA is the largest remittance resource country with $56 Billion outflows in 2014. Immigrants, migrants sending money to family, friends is a reality. Remittance to Sub - Saharan Africa amounted to $35 Billion and Caribbean amounted to $67 Billion in 2015. This session will explore remittances used to promote education, capital, and entrepreneurship for Girls And Women in Sub - Saharan Africa and the Caribbean.

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'Trade and Private Sector Expansion: Vehicle for Economic Growth and Improved Standard of Living in Africa'

Friday, April 15 4:00 – 5:30 pm **Room: I2-250**	***Sponsor: The Foundation for Democracy in Africa & the AGOA CSO Network Secretariat*** **Panelists:** • Patricia Baine, President, The Africa Society (moderator) • Robert Kirk, Senior Vice President, International Development Group (IDG) (moderator) • H.E. Professor Hosanna Alidou, Ambassador, Embassy of the • Republic of Niger • Eric R. Biel, Associate Deputy Undersecretary, U.S. Department • of Labor • Nancy A. Donaldson, Director, Washington Office, International • Labor Office (ILO) • Florizelle Liser, Assistant Trade Representative for Africa, • Office of the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President of the United States of America • H.E. Mninwa Mahlangu, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of • South Africa to the US • H.E. Fatima Haram Acyl , Commissioner, African Union • Temitope Iluyemi, Associate Director , Proctor & Gamble • Henry Yamba Karama, Managing Director, Sierra Leone Produce Marketing • Company (SLMPC) • Emanuel Tamen, Counsel, Miller & Chevalier Chartered A panel of experts will provide participants with policy details and institutional objectives for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), the African Union (AU) Vision 2063, and the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA); additionally they will discuss how their respective organizations work with civil society organizations across Africa and the United States in ensuring citizens' engagement and participation during the implementation process.

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‘Open Government and Civil Society Towards Poverty Alleviation’

Friday, April 15 2:00 – 3:30 pm **Room: I2-220**	***Sponsors: Fundacion Multitudes*** ***Panelists:*** • Paulina Ibarra – Executive Director, Fundacion Multitudes Chile • Juan Manuel Casanueva, Knight International Journalism Fellow and Founder of SocialTIC, Mexico • Fabrizio Scrollini, Chairman of DATA.uy, Uruguay Some regions of the world are facing situations of corruption, lack of transparency and limited citizen participation which reinforce a low equitable distribution of benefits and inequality. The session will focus on how Open Governance and Fiscal Transparency can support poverty alleviation and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It will explore the challenges and share best practices from different geographical areas, from the role of civil society and governments, and the tools available to work and advocacy and fulfilled their role on social development.

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‘World Development Report 2017, Governance and the Law’

Friday, April 15 2:00 – 3:30 pm **Room: I2-250**	***Sponsors: World Development Report, Governance*** *Pending Session Description*

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