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<p>10:30 am – 11:00 am</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>			
<p>11:00 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p>I 2-210 Conflicts and Poverty</p> <p>Humanitarian and Charitable ONE Trust with DanChurchAid</p>	<p>I 2-220 The World Bank Inspection Panel and International Human Rights Law</p> <p>Center for International Environmental Law with NYU School of Law International Organizations Clinic and World Bank Group Inspection Panel</p>	<p>I 2-250 The Challenges of Financing Infrastructure in Developing Countries through PPPs – A Focus on Contracts and Laws</p> <p>Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales with Asociación Ambiente y Sociedad, GREFI (Regional group on financing and infrastructure), Eurodad, Latindad, Heinrich Boell Foundation, Bread for the World and Urgewald</p>	<p>IMF HQ2 03B-838B International Technical Assistance as Key Driver for Effective Fight Against Corruption</p> <p>Anticorruption Action Center</p>

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm	<p>I 2-220 Lunch Session: Preparation session with Moderator of the CSO Town Hall</p>				
1:45 pm – 3:15 pm	<p>I 2-210 The Impact of Accountable Government on Access to Justice: What Role for CSOs PartnersGlobal with Rule of Law and Empowerment Initiative (also known as Partners West Africa Nigeria), Foro de Estudios Sobre la Administración de Justicia, New-Rule, LLC and OGP Nigeria</p>	<p>I 2-220 Enhancing Mitigation Ambition Vasudha Foundation</p>	<p>I 2-250 Financing Universal Social Protection in Developing Countries NGO Committee on Financing for Development with Social Justice in Global Development, Bread for the World and Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund</p>	<p>IMF HQ2 03B-838B The Role of the IMF in Domestic and International Taxation Fiscal Affairs IMF</p>	<p>IFC HQ L-101 A Dialogue with IFC CEO Philippe Le Houerou International Finance Corporation <i>Note: This session will occur from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm</i></p>
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3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<p>I 2-210 Inclusive Reconstruction for the Arab War-Afflicted Economies Syrian Center for Policy Research with Arab NGO Network for Development</p>	<p>I 2-220 Labor Standards at the World Bank Group: Moving from Paper to Practice Accountability Counsel </p>	<p>I 2-250 The Role of Infrastructure in Financing a Sustainable Transformation in Africa Third World Network with Heinrich Boell Foundation and International Trade Union Confederation-Africa</p>	<p>IMF HQ2 03B-838B The IMF and Gender Equality: A Discussion about Current Policy Approaches Bretton Woods Project with Women in Informal Employment Globalizing and Organizing and Center for Economic and Social Rights</p>	
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	<p>MC Preston Auditorium CSO Town Hall with Jim Yong Kim (President, World Bank Group) and Christine Lagarde (Managing Director, International Monetary Fund) Followed by a Networking Reception at the MC Atrium</p>				

Session Descriptions

Day 2 - Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Funding Energy Access for the Poor: Can the World Bank Meet the Challenge?

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Room I 2-210

Sponsor: The Swedish Society for Nature Conservation with Oxfam, Sierra Club and Bank Information Center

Panellists:

- Susan Ulbaek Nordic (Executive Director, World Bank) (Moderator)
- Anna Östergren (Senior Policy Adviser, Climate, Swedish Society for Nature Conservation)
- Kiri Hanks (Food & Climate Justice Campaigner, Oxfam America)
- Neha Mathew (Campaign Representative, Sierra Club)
- Muhammad Tanzimuddin Khan (Dhaka University)
- Malcolm Cosgrove-Davies (Lead Energy Specialist, World Bank)

The World Bank's reporting shows that if the current rate of progress persists, the SEforAll and WBG Energy 2030 objectives will not be met. This session will take a closer look at the WBG's approach to determine if more could be done by the WBG to improve progress towards these goals.

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Closing the Transparency Gap: Disclosure of Project Information

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Room I 2-220

Sponsor: Bank Information Center with Transparency International and Open Contracting Partnership

Panellists:

- Zoe Reiter (Interim Representative to US, Transparency International) (Moderator)
- Laurel Ostfield (Head of Communication and Development, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank)
- Georg Neumann (Senior Manager, Communications and Engagement, Open Contracting Partnership)
- Sukhgerel Dugersuren (Executive Director, OT Watch Mongolia)
- Sumir Lal (Director, External and Corporate Relations and Member, Access to Information Committee, World Bank)

The session will explore the relationship between proactive disclosure, transparency and accountability especially in project-related information of international finance institutions. It will assess current practices and their consistency with global initiatives and practices incountry. What are best practices and what are remaining transparency gaps? What, if any, measures can be taken to harmonize practices across institutions and global standards? How is the next generation of IFI policies addressing proactive disclosure?

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Civil Society Roles in Engaging Citizens in the World Bank Funded Projects

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Room I 2-250

Sponsor: Partnership for Transparency

Panellists:

- Barbara Kafka (Senior Adviser, Partnership for Transparency) (Moderator)
- Vinay Bhargava (Chief Technical Adviser, Partnership for Transparency)
- Virginia Ifeadiro (Team Leader, Initiative for Food Environment and Health Society)
- Pansy Tun Thein (Executive Director, Local Resource Centre)
- Amy Ekdawi (MENA Regional Programs Director, Bank Information Center)
- Elena Bardasi (Senior Economist and Task-Team Leader for the World Bank's ongoing evaluation of WBG Citizen Engagement, World Bank Group)
- Nicolas Perrin (Senior Social Development Specialist, Africa region and Coordinator, Citizen Engagement Secretariat, World Bank)

The WBG citizen engagement strategy defined citizens to include all forms of CSOs and committed to 100% citizen engagement by June 2018. Management is planning to update the strategy. In this context, this session will provide a platform to review what was intended, provide a reality check and suggest way forward.

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Contradicting Commitments: Why Fiscal Space Matters for Women and Work

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Room IMF HQ2 03B-838B

Sponsor: Fight Inequality Alliance with ActionAid, International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) and Asian People's Movement on Debt & Development

Panellists:

- Jenny Ricks (Global Convenor, Fight Inequality Alliance) (Moderator)
- Lovisa Möller (International Policy Advisor, ActionAid UK)
- Lidy Nacpil (Co-ordinator, Asian People's Movement on Debt & Development)
- Sarah Gammage (Director of Gender, Economic Empowerment & Livelihoods, ICRW)

The session will explore keys aspects of how women's equality in work can be achieved, with a focus on the importance of fiscal space. It will explore critical perspectives and evidence on how the IMF's advice and policies is impacting the struggle for gender and economic equality.

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Conflicts and Poverty

11:00 am – 12:30 pm
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Sponsor: Humanitarian and Charitable ONE Trust with DanChurchAid

Panellists:

- Dr Amir Lakha (Chairman, Humanitarian and Charitable ONE Trust)
- Lisa Henry Humanitarian (Director, DanChurchAid)
- Shazmin Hirji (Project Manager, US Ignite)
- Mina Patel (Independent Consultant, Institute for Cultural Diplomacy)
- Claire Kfourri (Country Program Coordinator for Jordan, Lebanon, Iran, Iraq and Syria, World Bank)

Conflicts cause Poverty and Poverty can cause Conflicts. The causes of conflicts and poverty and their adverse effects on the global population in the contemporary era will be discussed. Pragmatic strategies, using innovative methods, to address the serious and critical challenges of conflicts and poverty will be proposed.

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The World Bank Inspection Panel and International Human Rights Law

11:00 am – 12:30 pm
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Sponsor: Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) with NYU School of Law
International Organizations Clinic and World Bank Group Inspection Panel

Panellists:

- Angelina Fisher (Adjunct Professor of Law; Program Director, Institute for International Law and Justice, NYU School of Law) (Moderator)
- Gráinne de Búrca (Florence Ellinwood Allen Professor of Law; Faculty Director, Hauser Global Law School; Director, Jean Monnet Center for International and Regional Economic Law & Justice, NYU School of Law)
- Dilek Barlas (Executive Secretary, Inspection Panel, World Bank Group)
- Mac Darrow (Representative, Washington, DC Liaison Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)
- Carla García Zendejas (Director, People, Land & Resources Program, CIEL)

This session will look at how the Environmental and Social Framework presents opportunities for the Inspection Panel to further develop its practice of referring to international law and human rights standards in its casework to ensure individuals' rights are protected and the development objectives of World Bank-funded projects are achieved.

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The Challenges of Financing Infrastructure in Developing Countries through PPPs – A Focus on Contracts and Laws

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

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Sponsor: Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (FARN) with Asociación Ambiente y Sociedad, GREFI (Regional group on financing and infrastructure), Eurodad, Latindad, Heinrich Boell Foundation, Bread for the World and Urgewald

Panellists:

- Pía Marchegiani (Environmental Policy Director, FARN) (Moderator)
- Nancy Alexander (Program Director, Economic Governance, Heinrich Boell Foundation)
- Eva Hanfstängl (Consultant for Development Financing, Bread for the World)
- Vanessa Torres (Coordinator, Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy, Ambiente y Sociedad)
- Rui Monteiro (Senior PPP Specialist, Infrastructure, PPPs, and Guarantees, World Bank)

PPPs are promoted as a financing mechanism for infrastructure projects with mixed results for the environment/climate change, human rights and participatory processes. The WBG is a lead player in this field by providing advice and finance to PPP projects. This session aims to discuss the main challenges pose by the widespread promotion of PPPs and its impacts in particular Latin American cases.

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International Technical Assistance as Key Driver for Effective Fight Against Corruption

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Room IMF HQ2 03B-838B

Sponsor: Anticorruption Action Center (AntAC)

Panellists:

- David Bernstein (Lead Public Sector Specialist, Europe and Central Asia, World Bank) (Moderator)
- Daria Kaleniuk (Executive Director, AntAC)
- Satu Kahkonen (Country Director, ECCEE, World Bank)
- Hannah Thoburn (Research Fellow, Hudson Institute)
- Emmanuel Mathias (Deputy Head, Financial Integrity Group, IMF)

Linking international technical assistance to specific anticorruption & good governance reforms deliverables can make miracles in the country-recipient. The IMF, the WB and the EU, working in a synergy with the civil society in Ukraine are effectively driving for building and securing an institutional framework for fight against high profile corruption. What lessons can be learnt from the Ukrainian example?

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The Impact of Accountable Government on Access to Justice: What Role for CSOs?

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm
Room I 2-210

Sponsor: PartnersGlobal with Rule of Law and Empowerment Initiative (also known as Partners West Africa Nigeria), Foro de Estudios Sobre la Administración de Justicia, New-Rule, LLC and OGP Nigeria

Panellists:

- Kamissa Camara (Director, Sub Saharan Africa, PartnersGlobal) (Moderator)
- Marcelo de Jesús (Principal, Foro de Estudios Sobre la Administración de Justicia)
- Scott Carlson (Principal, New Rule, LLC)
- Oluwakemi Okenyodo (Executive Director, Rule of Law and Empowerment Initiative / Partners West Africa Nigeria)
- Stanley Achonu (Coordinator, Open Alliance, Open Government Partnership Nigeria)

This session will focus on effective, more transparent and solutions-oriented approaches to improving access to justice through enhanced government and judicial accountability. Panellists will present case studies of CSOs that have applied these approaches in different regions (Africa, Latin America, Central Asia, Southeastern Europe) each with distinct contexts.

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Enhancing Mitigation Ambition

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm
Room I 2-220

Sponsor: Vasudha Foundation

Presenter:

- Samiksha Dhingra (Manager, Policy & Programmes, Vasudha Foundation)

Panellists:

- Srinivas Krishnaswamy (CEO, Vasudha Foundation) (Moderator)
- Waliwulya Martins (Women Initiatives for Rural Development) (TBC)
- Alex Doukas (Senior Campaigner, Public Finance, Oil Change International)
- Jessica McDonald (Manager, International Programs, Edison Electric Institute)
- James Close (Director, Climate Change, World Bank)

The session aims to discuss and develop potential pathways for countries for an enhanced mitigation ambition and also facilitate the building of a multi-stakeholder network of experts in the climate change mitigation space across the developing world.

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Financing Universal Social Protection in Developing Countries

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm
Room I 2-250

Sponsor: NGO Committee on Financing for Development with Social Justice in Global Development, Bread for the World and Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund

Welcome Remarks:

- Anita Thomas (Chair, NGO Committee on Financing for Development)

Panellists:

- Barry Herman (Social Justice in Global Development) (Moderator)
- Vinicius Carvalho Pinheiro (Special Representative to the United Nations and Director, International Labor Organization)
- Representative from the Permanent Mission of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the UN (TBC)
- Rachel Moussié (WIEGO and Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors)
- Representative from Germany (TBC)
- Steen Lau Jorgensen (Practice Director, Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice, World Bank)
- Serpil Bouza, Strategy, Policy and Review Department, International Monetary Fund (TBC)
- Shari Spiegel (Chief, Policy Analysis and Development Branch, Financing for Development Office, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

In April 2018, governments at the UN will debate strengthening social protection financing. Experience is accumulating with different domestic and international funding mechanisms. The April stocktaking can lead to further domestic and international policy initiatives and needs to be well prepared at official and civil-society levels.

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The Role of the IMF in Domestic and International Taxation

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm
Room IMF HQ2 03B-838B

Sponsor: Fiscal Affairs IMF

Panellists:

- Nicolas Mombrial (Senior Communications Officer, IMF) (Moderator)
- Victoria Perry (Assistant Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF)
- Nicholas Lusiani (Director, Human Rights in Economic Policy, Center for Economic and Social Rights)

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

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Inclusive Reconstruction for the Arab War-Afflicted Economies

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
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Sponsor: Syrian Center for Policy Research with Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND)

Panellists:

- Rabie Nasser (Co-founder and Researcher, Syrian Center for Policy Research) (Moderator)
- Abdallah Al Dardari (Senior Adviser, MNAV, World Bank)
- Harun Onder (Senior Economist, World Bank)
- Michal Samaha (Senior Economist, ANND)
- Bassam Haddad (Director, Middle East Studies Program, George Mason University)

Some Arab countries have suffered unprecedented economic, social and institutional destruction due to armed conflicts. This session discusses the features of the potential inclusive reconstruction processes to help overcoming the conflicts and achieve peace and stability. The session assesses the potential role that the World Bank could play for this purpose.

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Labor Standards at the World Bank Group: Moving from Paper to Practice

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Room I 2-220

Sponsor: Accountability Counsel

Panellists:

- Anirudha Nagar (South Asia Director, Accountability Counsel) (Moderator)
- Cathy Feingold (Director, International Department, The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations)
- Peter Bakvis (Director, Washington Office, International Trade Union Confederation)
- Daniel Adler (Senior Specialist, Compliance, Compliance Advisor Ombudsman, World Bank)
- Diana Baird (Principal Social Specialist, International Finance Corporation)

The World Bank's new labor safeguard presents an important moment to evaluate the experience of its private sector arm in implementing its labor standard since 2006. This panel will explore progress made, challenges that remain, and lessons learned to ensure the bank's labor standards are protecting workers on the ground.



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The Role of Infrastructure in Financing a Sustainable Transformation in Africa

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
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Sponsor: Third World Network with Heinrich Boell Foundation and International Trade Union Confederation-Africa

Panellists:

- Nancy Alexander (Director, Economic Governance Program, Heinrich Boell Foundation) (Moderator)
- Gyekye Tanoh (Head, Political Economy, Third World Network)
- Tafadzwa Pasipanodya (Partner, Foley Hoag Law Firm)
- Howard Mann (Senior International Law Advisor, International Institute for Sustainable Development)

This session presents official programs for financing transformational infrastructure in Africa and key priorities of African civil society for improving these proposals and offering alternatives. Priorities will help ensure participation in decision-making; sustainable development; human rights; including access to infrastructure services; financial and economic stability; and prudent debt policies.

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The IMF and Gender Equality: A Discussion about Current Policy Approaches

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Room IMF HQ2 03B-838B

Sponsor: Bretton Woods Project with Women in Informal Employment Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) and Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR)

Panellists:

- Emma Burgisser (Gender Equality and Macroeconomics Project Manager, The Bretton Woods Project) (Moderator)
- Kate Donald (Director of the Human Rights in Development Program, CESR)
- Rachel Moussié (Deputy Director of the Social Protection Programme, WIEGO)
- Grazielle David (Public Finance Policy Specialist, Instituto de Estudos Socioeconomicos)
- Kalpana Kochhar (Director, Human Resources Department, IMF)
- Samir Aita (President, Cercles des Economistes Arabes)

This session will explore gendered impacts of some of the most commonly-prescribed macroeconomic policies of the IMF and examine its new approach to gender. It will focus on austerity's impacts on women's rights, especially Brazil, as well as labor policies through an informal economy lens, especially in the MENA region.

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A Dialogue with IFC CEO Philippe Le Houerou

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
IFC HQ L-101

Sponsor: International Finance Corporation (IFC)

IFC's CEO Philippe LeHouerou will outline his vision for IFC and discuss the growing role of the private sector in meeting the 2030 Development Agenda. Philippe will give a short presentation followed by a Q&A session. Other members of IFC's Senior Management will also be on hand.

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