## CIVIL SOCIETY POLICY FORUM

**Friday, April 15**

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

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

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

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**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.
‘Review and Update of the World Bank’s Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies: Consultations Report-out and Accountability’

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

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

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

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<td>• Mr. Ilmi Granoff, Senior Research Fellow and Head of Business Unit, Green Growth, Overseas Development Institute</td>
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<td>• Ms. Julia Bucknal, Practice Manager, South Asia Division, World Bank (TBC)</td>
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<td>• Ms. Sumani Dash, Director and Country Head, USA and Canada, Confederation of Indian Industry (TBC)</td>
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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.
Remittances for Girls, Women Empowerment in Africa and the Caribbean: How Diaspora Can Alleviate Poverty, Promote Education

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

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**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.
‘Open Government and Civil Society Towards Poverty Alleviation’

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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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