

CIVIL SOCIETY POLICY FORUM

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An introduction to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for civil society

Monday, September 27, 2021

8:00–9:30 am Washington, D.C. time (12:00-1:30 pm GMT)

Join Christoph Rosenberg, Deputy Director of the IMF Communications Department and former mission chief for a number of countries in Eastern Europe and Africa as he runs you through an introduction for civil society organizations on the IMF, its mandate, how it works and how it is helping your countries in a context of crisis like the current pandemic. You will have the opportunity to ask questions during a 60-minute q/a session.

N.B: This session is not aimed for experts on the IMF, but for those who are starting to work on the Fund and are interested in developing their knowledge for their thematic or country work.

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An introduction to the World Bank Group (WBG) for civil society

Monday, September 27, 2021

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Join experts from World Bank and IFC as they run you through an introduction for civil society organizations on the World Bank Group, its structure, mandate, how it works and how it is helping countries in the context of the current pandemic. You will have the opportunity to ask questions during a 30-minute question and answer session.

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**Session
postponed to
October 8,
7–8:30 am**

World Bank fossil fuel finance in the context of Covid-19 recovery, CCAP and COP26

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

8:00–9:30 am Washington, D.C. time (12:00-1:30 pm GMT)

Big Shift Global, Access Coalition, Oil Change International, E3G, Friends of the Earth US, Bank Information Centre, Urgewald, Bretton Woods Project, Recourse

Session abstract: This roundtable will discuss WBG financing of fossil fuels and present recommendations for ending all fossil fuel finance and accelerating the shift to sustainable, renewable energy in the context of COVID recovery, SDG7, the new WBG Climate Change Action Plan and expectations for public finance at COP26.

- **Moderator:** Luisa Abbott Galvao, Friends of the Earth US, International Policy Campaigner
- **Panelist 1:** Melinda Janki, Justice Institute Guyana
- **Panelist 2:** Jacqueline Kimeu, International Coordinator, Access Coalition
- **Panelist 3:** Katrina Lehmann-Grube, Research Fellow, Economic Justice Institute
- **Panelist 4:** Demetrios Papathanasiou, Global Director Energy and Extractives, World Bank

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Getting all children back into better schools: The essential role of public education in the COVID-19 era

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

10:00–11:30 am Washington, D.C. time (2:00-3:30 pm GMT)

Oxfam International; ASPBAE, ActionAid, and many other regionally specific CSOs

Session abstract: With 24 million children expected to drop out of school and two-thirds of countries cutting budgets for education, public education systems are facing intense pressure in many countries. Concurrently, the inability of many low-fee private schools to support children during COVID-19 points to deep flaws in this model. This event will profile the new report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education, discuss the World Bank's COVID-era education approach, and present new research that examines success stories in public education, with lessons for countries and the Bank as they seek to build better and more equitable education systems.

- **Moderator:** Dr. Frank Adamson, Assistant Professor of Education Policy and Leadership Studies, California State University Sacramento
- **Panelist 1:** Dr. Koumbou Boly Barry, UN Special Rapporteur for the Right to Education
- **Panelist 2:** Dr. Marina Avelar, Research Consultant, NORRAG
- **Panelist 3:** Anjela Taneja, Oxfam India, Lead Specialist, Essential Services
- **Panelist 4:** Jaime Saavedra, Senior Director, Education Global Practice, World Bank Group, TBC

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COVID-19 Recovery: From Government Response to Private Sector-Led Sustainable Growth

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

8:00–9:30 am Washington, D.C. time (12:00-1:30 pm GMT)

International Tax and Investment Center (ITIC) Arab Monetary Fund (AMF)

Session abstract: Governments and IFIs provided critical lifelines to households and businesses during the recession, as COVID-19 caused widespread unemployment, rising poverty, and global economic disruption. With government interventions now receding, this session will focus on fiscal measures to promote sustainable growth during the longer-term recovery phase. As subsidies expire, the tension between raising revenue for debt service and stimulating growth raises the question: What sorts of tax policies should be considered, and which risk stifling growth during its delicate re-emergence? Next-stage recovery strategies and fiscal choices will be analyzed by top economists from academia, the private sector, and regional/international institutions.

- **Moderator:** Daniel A Witt; International Tax and Investment Center (ITIC); President
- **Panelist 1:** Gabriel Sterne; Head of Global Strategy Services and Emerging Markets Macro Research; Oxford Economics
- **Panelist 2:** Sijbren Cnossen; Academic Partner and Professor of Economics; CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis and University of Pretoria
- **Panelist 3:** Nouran Youssef; Arab Monetary Fund; Head of Macro Economic Department
- **Panelist 4:** Mario Mansour; IMF; Deputy Chief of the Tax Policy Division

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The World Bank's Development Policy Financing: implications for a just, green and feminist recovery

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

10:00–11:30 am Washington, D.C. time (2:00-3:30 pm GMT)

Eurodad Recourse; Bretton Woods Project; Gender Action; Friends of the Earth US; Urgewald, Reality of Aid

Session abstract: Development Policy Finance (DPF) is being widely used for purposes of Covid-19 response and recovery. By conditioning general budget support on the implementation of prior actions, DPF aims to nudge countries towards policy reforms. The nature of the instrument and the opacity around how reforms are agreed risks undermining countries' democratic ownership in policy reforms. It also shows shortcomings in supporting a just recovery from Covid-19, by promoting reforms that can have adverse social and gender impacts. This panel will discuss these shortcomings, including drawing from country case studies, and suggest ways to deal with them.

- **Moderator:** Elaine Zuckerman, Gender Action, President.
- **Panelist 1:** Jon Sward, Bretton Woods Project, Environment Project Manager (TBC)
- **Panelist 2:** Chiara Mariotti, Eurodad, Senior Officer
- **Panelist 3:** Marc Pascual, Reality of Aid, Global Coordinator, Salma Hussein or Ragia Egersawy, Recourse / Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights
- **Panelist 4:** Stephane Guimbert, World Bank Group, Director of Operations Policy and Country Services

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The Cascade/MFD and a just and sustainable recovery: A first review in the pandemic context

Thursday, September 30, 2021

8:00–9:30 am Washington, D.C. time (12:00-1:30 pm GMT)

Eurodad, The Bretton Woods Project, IBON International, Society for International Development, African Forum and Network on Debt and Development (AFRODAD), Red Latinoamericana por Justicia Económica y Social (LATINDADD)

Session abstract: The Covid-19 health, economic and social crises have created an unprecedented global shock. In April 2021, the WBG released a framework for supporting green, resilient and inclusive development (GRID), which emphasises ‘private sector solutions’, given public debt burdens and constrained fiscal space. This session builds on the discussion opened last year on the WBG’s response to the pandemic between civil society and the institution. It aims at facilitating a dialogue on first lessons learned from the implementation of country-level private finance-driven interventions in the context of the pandemic, and discussing its potential implications and alternatives for just and sustainable recovery.

- **Moderator:** Farwa Sial, Eurodad
- **Panelist 1:** Caroline Muthuri, IBON Africa
- **Panelist 2:** Adrian Chikowore, Policy and Research Consultant - International Public Finance, AFRODAD
- **Panelist 3:** Livi Gerbase, INESC Brazil

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How can we foster open and inclusive budgets in times of crisis and beyond?

Thursday, September 30, 2021

10:00–11:30 am Washington, D.C. time (2:00-3:30 pm GMT)

International Budget Partnership, Gambia Participates

Session abstract: Governments around the world are mobilizing vast public resources to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic. With the urgency, there is great risk of mismanagement and growing inequality. The consequences may be severe and long-lasting. Inclusive and transparent budgets are crucial for efficiency and equity so resources reach those most in need. The participation of citizens in budget processes is particularly pressing given the magnitude of developments and implications beyond the emergency. In this session, diverse stakeholders will share powerful examples of transparency and participation in times of crisis and discuss how to collectively strengthen such practices for the long term.

- **Moderator:** Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership, Senior Program Officer
- **Panelist 1:** Marr Nyang, Executive Director, Gambia Participates
- **Panelist 2:** Jeannette Calder, Executive Director of Jamaica Accountability Meter Portal
- **Panelist 3:** Teresa Rose Currstine, Deputy Division Chief, Fiscal Affairs Department’s Public Financial Management (PFM), IMF
- **Panelist 4:** Ramu Dotel, Deputy Auditor General of Nepal

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Mapping Pandemic Vulnerabilities in Developing Countries: Implications for the Policy Response

Friday, October 1, 2021

8:00–9:30 am Washington, D.C. time (12:00-1:30 pm GMT)

Latindadd and Jubilee USA Network

Session abstract: The spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in developing countries exposed multiple vulnerabilities, laying bare the inadequacy of income-based country categorizations to tailor international financial policies and instruments to set a path towards sustainable recovery. The event will present a database and methodology that attempts to capture dimensions of vulnerability through the survey of more than 50 indicators in LAC countries.

- **Moderator:** Eric LeCompte, Jubilee USA Network, Executive Director
- **Panelist 1:** Martin Guzman, Argentina Minister of Finance
- **Panelist 2:** Patricia Miranda, LATINDADD, Global Advocacy Director
- **Panelist 3:** Gita Gopinath, Economic Counsellor and Director of Research Department, IMF
- **Panelist 4:** Navid Hanif, Financing for Sustainable Development

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Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) Implementation in Latin America: Main challenges and lessons to be learned

Friday, October 1, 2021

10:00–11:30 am Washington, D.C. time (2:00-3:30 pm GMT)

Asociación Ambiente y Sociedad Bank Information Center and Sociedad y Discapacidad

Session abstract: The ESF developed a new set of requirements to ensure that development projects financed by the World Bank do not harm people or the environment or discriminate against marginalized groups. Civil society has been tracking and monitoring World Bank projects in the region to look at ESF implementation, focusing on the assessment and management of environmental and social risks and impacts, indigenous peoples, and stakeholder engagement and information disclosure, with the main of strengthening ESF implementation on the ground and to identify, and address implementation gaps that could be addressed to improve project design and implementation.

Includes presentation of new report.

Moderator: Rachel Nadelman, Accountability Research Center, Policy Advisor

Panelist 1: Laura Montaña, Ambiente y Sociedad, Senior Researcher

Panelist 2: Carolina Juaneda, Bank Information Center, Latin America Regional Coordinator.

Panelist 3: Marivero del Mastro, Sociedad y Discapacidad, Legal Program Manager

Panelist 4: Sofia De Abreu Ferreira, Lead Social Development Specialist, World Bank

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WEEK 2 October 4 – October 8, 2021

Making the Most of Special Drawing Rights: Approaches to Maximize Impact and Create a Sustainable and Just Recovery

Monday, October 4, 2021

8:00–9:30 am Washington, D.C. time (12:00-1:30 pm GMT)

Jubilee USA, Action Aid International, AFRODAD, BWP, CAFOD-UK, CEPR, Christian Aid, Erlassjahr.de, EURODAD, FEMNET, FTC, GPF, GCAP, JDC-UK, LATINDADD, Oxfam International, SocDevJustice, SID, TWN

Session abstract: To maximize the impacts of the recent allocation of \$650 billion Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), the session will assess and propose: ways countries can use SDRs, mechanisms for rich countries to channel more SDRs to vulnerable ones, and the need and viability of a new allocation.

Video Presentation by IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva

- **Moderator:** Izabella Kaminska, Financial Times Alphaville Editor
- **Panelist 1:** Ceyla Pazarbasiglu, International Monetary Fund, Director of SPR Department
- **Panelist 2:** Nadia Daar, Oxfam International, Head of Washington DC Office
- **Panelist 3:** Andres Arauz, Former Director General of Banking, Central Bank of Ecuador
- **Panelist 4:** George Gray Molina, Director, Strategic Policy and Engagement and Chief Economist, UNDP
- **Respondent 1:** H.E. Dennis Vandj, Minister of Finance, Sierra Leone
- **Respondent 2:** Patricia Miranda, LATINDADD, Global Advocacy Director

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Strengthening Entrepreneurial Ecosystems in Developing Countries: Opportunities for Financing Social Innovation and Climate Change Resilience

Monday, October 4, 2021

10:00–11:30 am Washington, D.C. time (2:00-3:30 pm GMT)

Nkafu Policy Institute, Denis & Lenora Foretia Foundation and International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

Session abstract: Of the 2,000 technology incubators and 150 accelerators that exist worldwide, fewer than 70 are climate technology incubators and accelerators, and only 25 of these are located in developing countries. The expansion of these business support structures remains limited in developing countries due to a number of deeply entrenched constraints. This panel will examine strategies to strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem in developing countries with a focus on the stakes and opportunities for financing social innovation and climate change resilience. It will examine how to increase public and private sector funding towards creation of green jobs.

- **Moderator:** Dr. Denis Foretia, Nkafu Policy Institute Cameroon, Executive Chairman
- **Panelist 1:** Nelson Amo Chief Executive Officer Innohub Foundation, Ghana
- **Panelist 2:** June Arunga Kimani, Chief Executive Officer, Usafi Comfort, Kenya
- **Panelist 3:** Erin Tansey Director, Sustainable Inclusive Economies International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
- **Panelist 4:** Jean Pesme, World Bank Group, Global Director, Finance, Competitiveness & Innovation
- **Panelist 5:** Bijon Islam, LightCastle Partners Bangladesh, Chief Executive Officer

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IMF surcharges: A necessary tool or counter-productive obstacle to a just and green recovery?

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

10:00–11:30 am Washington, D.C. time (2:00–3:30 pm GMT)

Erlassjahr.de (Jubilee Germany) Bretton Woods Project, European Network on Debt and Development (EURODAD), CEPR

Session abstract: Since the Asian financial crisis, the IMF has sought to accumulate precautionary balances and disincentivise countries from an over-reliance on IMF financing by adding a surcharge to borrowing costs in certain circumstances. Surcharges have become the IMF's largest source of revenue and have added billions to the debt of states struggling to respond to Covid-19 pandemic. This session will explore their governance and resourcing implications and investigate whether they are necessary or, as some states claim, discriminatory and at odds with the IMF's stated objective of assisting member countries to protect the most vulnerable and pursue an inclusive and sustainable recovery.

- **Moderator:** Marilou Uy, Director of the G24
- **Panelist 1:** Jayati Ghosh, Professor of Economics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst
- **Panelist 2:** Mark Weisbrot, co-Director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research
- **Panelist 3:** Martín Abeles, Director of ECLAC/CEPAL Buenos Aires Office
- **Panelist 4:** Joseph Stiglitz, University Professor, Columbia University

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Digital ID for Inclusive Development? Emerging evidence on social exclusion and its broader implications

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

8:00–9:30 am Washington, D.C. time (12:00-1:30 pm GMT)

CHRGJ, NYU Law School; Haki na Sheria; Initiative for Social and Economic Rights; Unwanted Witness

Session abstract: National scale digital ID systems are increasingly relevant to the operation of public and private service delivery – from the delivery of COVID-19 emergency cash transfer to access to public health care and SIM-cards. While digital ID systems are introduced with the promise of better access to public and private services, panel members will present research in countries like Uganda, Kenya and India which shows emerging evidence of exclusion from such services that are tied to digital ID. This panel will present some of this research and how it may undermine the proposed benefits of digital ID systems for inclusive development. The discussion will focus on how to prevent and address such exclusion and the role of stakeholders, including the Bank, UN system, other development partners and CSOs.

- **Moderator:** Katelyn Cioffi; Center for Human Rights and Global Justice (CHRGJ), NYU School of Law, United States; Research Scholar
- **Panelist 1:** Salima Namusobya; Initiative for Social and Economic Rights (ISER), Uganda; Executive Director
- **Panelist 2:** Dorothy Mukasa; Unwanted Witness, Uganda; Team Leader
- **Panelist 3:** Yussuf Bashir; Executive Director; Haki na Sheria Initiative, Kenya
- **Panelist 4:** Usha Ramanathan; Human rights expert, India
- **Panelist 5:** Vyjayanti Desai, Practice Manager, ID4D and G2Px

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Building back better health systems: lessons from the WBG's Covid-19 response and recovery plans

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

10:00–11:30 am Washington, D.C. time (2:00-3:30 pm GMT)

Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Eurodad, Initiative for Social and Economic Rights (ISER), Oxfam, Society for International Development (SID), Wemos

Session abstract: The WB financed developing countries' response to the COVID-19 pandemic and is working to boost access to vaccines. In this context, recent WB publications highlight the centrality of public finance for healthcare systems. This panel aims to facilitate a dialogue on reimagining health care systems, central to a just and equitable recovery.

- **Moderator:** Marco Angelo, Wemos, Global Health Advocate
- **Panelist 1:** Rossella De Falco, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (GI-ESCR), Programme officer on the Right to Health
- **Panelist 2:** Allana Kembabazi, Initiative for Economic and Social Rights (ISER), Programme Manager on the Right to Health
- **Panelist 3:** Els Torreele, UCL Institute for Innovation & Public Purpose (IIPP), Policy Associate
- **Panelist 4:** Christoph Kurowski, World Bank Group, Global Lead for Health Financing

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Building Back Better through IDA-20: Public Investment as a tool for Socio-Economic Transformation in Africa

Thursday, October 7, 2021

8:00–9:30 am Washington, D.C. time (12:00-1:30 pm GMT)

Bretton Woods Project Eurodad, ITUC, Afrodad

Session abstract: The International Development Association (IDA) is part of the World Bank and one of the largest sources of assistance to poor countries. The three-year IDA-20 replenishment has been launched early to address the urgency of development needs under the on-going pandemic. The term ‘Economic Transformation’ has received central attention within the broader theme of Building Back Better from the Crisis: Towards a Green, Resilient, and Inclusive Future”. This panel seeks to expand and deepen the focus of economic transformation by combining the social and economic tools of transformation. Focusing on the term ‘socio-economic transformation’, we explore IDA-20’s role in strengthening the essential linkages between growth-enhancing strategies such as sustainable industrialisation and increased employment combined with the supporting and essential role of public services.

- **Moderator:** Luiz Vieira, Bretton Woods Project, Coordinator
- **Panelist 1:** Adrian Chikowore, Afrodad, Policy and Research Consultant
- **Panelist 2:** Farwa Sial, Eurodad, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer
- **Panelist 3:** Leo Baunach, ITUC, Director
- **Panelist 4:** IDA representative- African country (TBC)

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The role of the World Bank in combatting economic gender inequality in conflict-affected countries

Thursday, October 7, 2021

10:00–11:30 am Washington, D.C. time (2:00-3:30 pm GMT)

Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation

Session abstract: Gender equality has been hit hard by Covid-19. The pandemic deepened pre-existing gender inequalities as well as conflict and insecurity. Despite this, women in conflict-affected contexts continue to find innovative ways to advance economic gender equality. They need support. Covid-19 response must include a gender lens and consult with women.

- **Moderator:** Petra Tötterman Andorff, Secretary General, The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation
- **Panelist 1:** Rula Asad, Executive Director, Syrian Female Journalist Network
- **Panelist 2:** Sofija Vrbaski, Project Coordinator Western Balkans, The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation
- **Panelist 3:** Christopher Hope Policy Lead The Bretton Woods Project
- **Panelist 4:** Dr Hana Bixi, Global Gender Director, World Bank

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World Bank fossil fuel finance in the context of Covid-19 recovery, CCAP and COP26

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7:00–8:30 am Washington, D.C. time (11:00-12:30 pm GMT)

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Faith & Moral Agency in building resilience and human capital in the wake of COVID-19

Friday, October 8, 2021

9:00–10:30 am Washington, D.C. time (1:00-2:30 pm GMT)

Moral Imperative signatories

Session abstract: The pandemic has underscored the critical role played by faith communities in protecting both people and planet during a crisis. This panel will discuss the challenges, opportunities, and complex arrangements between faith and asset building. The impacts of COVID-19 have been compounded with increasing challenges from climate change; this dialogue will highlight faith as a critical part of the solution to building human capital and supporting green, resilient, and inclusive development.

- **Moderator:** Fred Nyabera & Dr Husna Ahmad OBE, Arigatou International / Global One 2015, Director, End Child Poverty/ CEO
- **Panelist 1:** Dr. Vinya Ariyaratne, President, Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement
- **Panelist 2:** Mercy Niwe , World Bank , Lead- Stakeholder Engagement
- **Panelist 3:** Rudelmar Bueno de Faria, General Secretary, ACT Alliance
- **Panelist 4:** Daniel O'Neill, Managing Editor, Christian Journal for Global Health and Co-moderator, Evidence Working Group, Moral Imperative

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Feminist Fiscal Justice and the IMF: Insights from Pakistan and Ecuador

Friday, October 8, 2021

10:00–11:30 am Washington, D.C. time (2:00–3:30 pm GMT)

Development Alternatives for Women in a New Era, Ecuadorian Center for Economic and Social Rights, International Women's Rights Action Watch-Asia Pacific, Shirakat - Partnership for Development, Third World Network

Session abstract: Feminist economics literature illustrates the positive spillovers that robust public services can have on unpaid care work through the provision of supportive social infrastructure. This session examines the IMF's fiscal policy advice in Pakistan and Ecuador and assesses how public services, particularly in health and education, are affected in both negative and positive ways. Engaging the IMF's senior gender advisor, a prominent feminist economist academic and feminist justice leaders from Pakistan and Ecuador, this session explores viable policy options that facilitate gender equality, as well as pandemic recovery, by supporting the care economy through boosting health and education sectors in Pakistan and Ecuador. These policy options would be considered in light of the Fund's gender impact assessment report published in March 2021.

- **Moderator:** Bhumika Muchhala, Third World Network (TWN), Senior Policy Researcher and Adviser on Global Economic Governance
- **Panelist 1:** Ratna Sahay, International Monetary Fund (IMF), IMF, Senior Gender Advisor
- **Panelist 2:** James Heintz, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Andrew Glyn Professor of Economics and Chair, Department of Economics
- **Panelist 3:** Bilquis Tahira, Executive Director, Shirakat - Partnership for Development
- **Panelist 4:** Andrea Guillem, Centro de Derechos Económicos y Sociales (Ecuadorian Center for Economic and Social Rights), Policy Coordinator

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