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Beyond Size in IDA21 Replenishment - What About
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DAY I

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World Bank Board and Civil Society Roundtable Discussion

Location: WB [MC C2-350](#)

This is a conversation between civil society organizations and the Executive Directors of the World Bank on shared development priorities.

9:00-10:30 (DC Time)

Is a Feminist Vision on Public Debt Possible?

Organizers: ActionAid International, AfSDJN, APMDD, Budget Advocacy Network, Debt Justice Norway, ESCR-Net, Eurodad, FEMNET, Gender Action, Latindadd, MENAFem Movement, SAPSN, SEATINI, Third World Network, WEDO

Location: IMF HQ2-03B-768B

Interpretation: Arabic and Spanish

Session Abstract: This session will delve into the intricate relationship between debt, gender justice, and human rights, drawing insights from the upcoming book "Feminism in Public Debt: A Human Rights Approach" (Bristol University Press). We aim to uncover the gender biases embedded within current orthodox economic policies and explore strategies for transformative change. Through a discussion including experts from diverse fields and IMF staff, we will examine how responses to debt crises not only disproportionately affect women, exacerbating gender inequalities and undermining human rights, but are based on gender-biased assumptions about gender division of labor and women's unpaid and underpaid care work. Our discussion will focus on promoting solutions that shift the paradigm towards a feminist human rights-centered approach to debt sustainability, challenging the narrative that prioritizes debt repayment over the well-being of communities.

- **Moderator:** Patricia Miranda, Global Advocacy Director, Latindadd
- **Speaker 1:** Shereen Talaat, Founder, MENAFem Movement
- **Speaker 2:** Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky, Senior Researcher at the National Council for Scientific and Technical Research of Argentina, National University of Rio Negro
- **Speaker 3:** Penelope Hawkins, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD
- **Speaker 4:** Monique Newiak, Deputy Unit Chief, Inclusion and Gender Unit, IMF

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11:00-12:30 (DC Time)

Bridging the Digital Divide: How Open Procurement Practices Can Better Serve Public Sector Technology Projects

Organizers: Open Contracting Partnership, Amazon Web Services, Open Data Institute

Location: IMF HQ2-03B-768B

Interpretation: French and Spanish

Session Abstract: Based on practical country examples, the panel will analyze challenges in public sector digital transformation technology projects, especially in the times of machine learning and Artificial Intelligence. The session will bring together civil society, MDBs, governments, and businesses to propose best practice approaches to implementations and foster a shared understanding of “open procurement” and its benefits to improve public sector technology projects.

- **Moderator:** Georg Neumann, Head of Communications, Open Contracting Partnership
- **Panelist 1:** Liam Maxwell, Head of Government Transformation, Amazon Web Services
- **Panelist 2:** Tania Perich, Director CorreosChile and former Director of Chile Compra (TBC)
- **Panelist 3:** Hunt La Cascia, Senior Procurement Specialist, World Bank
- **Panelist 4:** Lorena Rivero del Paso, Public Financial Management Advisor, IMF

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14:00-15:30 (DC Time)

The Future of Special Drawing Rights as a Development Finance Tool: What's Next?

Organizers: Latindadd, Bretton Woods Project, ActionAid, Oxfam, MENAFem Movement, Recourse, CEPR, Jubilee USA, Partners In Health

Location: IMF HQ2-03B-768B

Interpretation: French and Spanish

Session Abstract: The last SDR issuance and its widespread use by Southern countries reinstated it as a powerful instrument to provide unconditional debt-free support amidst a In. This session will debate the merits and caveats of future SDR allocations, their use for development and climate, and reforms to the SDR system.

- **Moderator:** Patricia Miranda, Global Advocacy Director, Latindadd
- **Panelist 1:** Didier Jacobs, Debt Relief Advocacy Lead, Oxfam
- **Panelist 2:** Niranjali Amerasinghe, Executive Director, ActionAid USA
- **Panelist 3:** Andrés Arauz, Consultant and Former Minister and Central Bank Official, Quito
- **Panelist 4:** Carlo Sdravovich, Assistant Director and Division Chief, General Resources and SDR division in Finance Department, IMF

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Prioritizing Marginalized Groups in Social Protection Projects

Organizers: Bank Information Center, Outright International, ANPPCAN Nigeria

Location: WB [I 2-220](#)

Session Abstract: Our research has shown that World Bank-funded social protection projects are often not fully inclusive of LGBTQI+ people or persons with disabilities and that child protection elements are rarely incorporated into project design. The panel will highlight how the Bank can improve inclusion in its social protection projects.

- **Moderator:** World Bank Representative (TBC)
- **Panelist 1:** World Bank Representative (TBC)
- **Panelist 2:** Chimezie Elekwachi, Program Director, ANPPCAN Nigeria
- **Panelist 3:** Andrew Park, Senior Advisor, Outright International
- **Panelist 4:** Rachel Burton, Social Inclusion Director, Bank Information Center

Join here: <https://worldbankgroup.zoom.us/j/96924239419?pwd=em9tT0VMZHFzSGd6ZVM2aTRVbTFldz09>

Biden Pauses LNG; COP28 Fossil Fuel Phase-Out Decision - Is World Bank Lagging on Fossil Fuels?

Organizers: MENAFem Movement, Don't Gas Africa, FARN, ACCESS Coalition, Recourse, BWP, Christian Aid, Oil Change International

Location: WB [I 2-250](#)

Session Abstract: In the context of increasingly dire climate change impacts, debates on gas - Biden's LNG pause and the COP28 fossil fuel decision: where do the Bank's current policies and approach stand? A discussion on the impacts of Paris alignment decisions, gas, and demands by Global South civil society for a clean, just energy transition.

- **Moderator:** Majorie Pamintuan, Finance Campaigner, Recourse
- **Panelist 1:** Claire O'Manique, Public Finance Analyst, Oil Change International
- **Panelist 2:** Leandro Gomez, Coordinator Investment and Rights Program, FARN
- **Panelist 3:** Lorraine Chiponda, Facilitator, Don't Gas Africa

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16:00-17:30 (DC Time)

The Path for Taxing the Super-Rich – Towards a Progressive Global Taxation Agenda

Organizer: ICRICT, Oxfam, Tax Justice Network Africa, CESR, Iniciativa Y Principios Derechos Humanos Y Fiscalidad

Location: IMF HQ2-03B-768B

Interpretation: Portuguese and Spanish

Session Abstract: Extreme wealth concentration can no longer be dismissed. Each year, an increasing share of the wealth generated from global economic growth ends up in a few hands. There is consensus on a global minimum tax on multinationals' profits, now it's time for one on the income and wealth of the super-rich.

- **Moderator:** TBC
- **Panelist 1:** Guilherme Mello, Vice- Minister of Finance, Finance Ministry of Brazil
- **Panelist 2:** Joseph Stiglitz, Co-Chair, ICRICT
- **Panelist 3:** Chenai Mukumba, Executive Director, Tax Justice Network Africa
- **Panelist 4:** Gabriel Zucman, Associate Professor, Stone Center on Wealth and Income Inequality
- **Panelist 5:** Ministry of Finance of South Africa representative (TBC)
- **Panelist 6:** Katherine Baer, Deputy Director Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF
- **Panelist 7:** Esther Duflo, President, Paris School of Economics

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16:15-17:45 (DC Time)

Agriculture, Financialization, and Gender: Exploring the World Bank's Response to Interlinked Phenomena

Organizer: CAFOD, Bretton Woods Project

Location: WB [I 2-220](#)

Session Abstract: New CAFOD research adds to pre-existing evidence that current seed production and distribution systems supported by the World Bank and other international financial institutions continue to contribute to the financialization of agriculture with significant negative gendered human rights consequences. Within the context above, this session will use evidence resulting from CAFOD's research and the insights of area experts to explore ways in which the World Bank could work to address the often ignored linkages between financialization, seed systems, and women's disempowerment.

- **Moderator:** Luiz Vieira, Coordinator, Bretton Woods Project
- **Panelist 1:** Jane Nalunga, Executive Director, SEATINI Uganda
- **Panelist 2:** Grace Namugambe, Economics Justice & Rights Officer, FEMNET
- **Panelist 3:** Geeta Sethi, Advisor and Global Lead for Food Systems, World Bank
- **Panelist 4:** Cassio Beochat, Professor of Economic and Rural Geography, Federal University of Espírito Santo

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Examining the Progress of the World Bank's Commitment to Universal Social Protection

Organizers: Bretton Woods Project, Human Rights Watch, ACT Church of Sweden, Development Pathways

Location: WB [I 2-250](#)

Session Abstract: Despite its explicit commitment to supporting states to achieve universal social protection, the World Bank has consistently promoted poverty targeted programmes, as well as conditional cash transfer programmes and workfare. This panel will examine the implications of these policies and other approaches. Matthew Greenslade will present key messages from his book, *Taking on the Bank: A story from the fight for universal social protection*, which challenges the World Bank's approach to social protection over the last two decades.

- **Moderator:** TBC
- **Panelist 1:** Matthew Greenslade, Associate, Development Pathways
- **Panelist 2:** Isobel Frye, Executive Director, Social Policy Initiative
- **Panelist 3:** Jamele Rigolini, Senior Advisor, World Bank

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DAY 2

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

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Organizers: Transparency International Sri Lanka, Transparency International, National Democratic Institute, FEMNET

Location: IMF HQ1- 3-476

Interpretation: Arabic and Spanish

Session Abstract: Around 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on debt than health or education. Yet, information on loans is difficult to find, undermining trust in democracies and jeopardizing debt sustainability. A new Debt Transparency Checklist by NDI and TI assists CSOs in demanding transparency and oversight of public debt.

- **Moderator:** Corina Rebegea, National Democratic Institute, Senior Anti-Corruption Advisor
- **Panelist 1:** François Valerian, Transparency International, Board Chair, François Valerian, Transparency International, Board Chair
- **Panelist 2:** UK Representative (TBC)
- **Panelist 3:** Nicole Maloba, Economic Justice and Rights Lead, FEMNET
- **Panelist 4:** Nadishani Perera, Executive Director, Transparency International Sri Lanka
- **Panelist 5:** Rhoda Weeks-Brown, General Counsel and Director of the Legal Department, IMF

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Harnessing the Power of African Parliamentarians and CSOs: Leveraging IDA for Impact on Health and Nutrition

Organizers: Association De Soutien A L'Autopromotion Sanitaire Urbaine

Location: WB [I 2-220](#)

Session Abstract: Parliamentarians and CSOs have shown their strong will, legitimacy and capacities to engage meaningfully with the World Bank in-country and at key moments. At the Annual Meetings, ASAPSU and other CSO partners led a parliamentary delegation to engage World Bank and IDA officials on the importance of strengthening the focus of their evolution roadmap and the upcoming IDA21 replenishment through a country-led approach that centers community needs. Our discussion will explore the strengths and challenges of CSOs, YLOs and MPs in engaging with the World Bank and in the upcoming IDA21 replenishment to ensure greater impact on human capital in Africa.

- **Moderator:** Ange-Aldric Kenneth Prudencio, Advocacy Manager, ASAPSU
- **Panelist 1:** Sanogo Epse, Strategies and Advocacy Director, ASAPSU
- **Panelist 2:** Honorable Berni Seni Naman, Member of Parliament, National Assembly of Côte d'Ivoire
- **Panelist 3:** Xochitl Sanchez, Director, ACTION Partnership Secretariat
- **Panelist 4:** Tjedu Moyo, Advocacy and Project Officer, Lunia Center for Youths
- **Panelist 5:** Kofi Tsikata, Head, Global Parliamentary Engagement, World Bank Group

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9:00-10:30 (DC Time)

Making the New Loss and Damage Fund a Success – Recommendations by Climate Vulnerable Civil Society

Organizer: MCII, ICSC, FFC, SLYCAN Trust, CPDC

Location: WB | [2-250](#)

Session Abstract: The event will explore paths to success for the new Loss and Damage Fund. Speakers will reflect on strategies for mobilizing new and additional finance, including taxation, SDRs, and complementary risk transfer. Operational and access modalities that serve climate-vulnerable communities, and the role of civil society will be highlighted.

- **Moderator:** Sönke Kreft, Executive Director, Munich Climate Insurance Initiative
- **Panelist 1:** Kairos Dela Cruz, Executive Director, Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities
- **Panelist 2:** Sara Jane Ahmed, Founder, Financial Futures Center
- **Panelist 3:** Vositha Wijenayake, Executive Director, SLYCAN Trust
- **Panelist 4:** Jwala Rambarran, Senior Advisor, Caribbean Policy Development Center

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Governance Reform Through Transparency - The Role of Civil Society in Combating Corruption

Organizers: Africa Faith and Justice Network, Jubilee USA, Ghana Integrity Initiative, Center for Accountability and Rule of Law, American Friends Service Committee

Location: WB | [2-220](#)

Session Abstract: Many developing countries have established commissions to reduce corruption. However, this top-down approach has yielded little impact despite decades of reform efforts. Panelists will discuss how civil society organizations can be reliable partners in fighting corruption and enhancing national anti-corruption programs. Participants will also share collaborative strategies that foster community ownership.

- **Moderator:** Steven Nabieu Rogers, PhD, Executive Director, Africa Faith and Justice Network
- **Panelist 1:** Ibrahim Tommy, Executive Director, Center for Accountability and Rule of Law
- **Panelist 2:** Mary Awelana Addah, Executive Director, Ghana Integrity Initiative
- **Panelist 3:** Ntama Bahati, Policy Analyst, Africa Faith and Justice Network
- **Panelist 4:** Ntal Alimassi, Capacity Development & Governance and Anticorruption Specialist, The Africa House
- **Panelist 5:** Juan Pablo Guerrero, Senior Governance Specialist, World Bank

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11:15-12:45 (DC Time)

Inclusive and Sustainable Recovery During and After the War: Civic Society as a Driving Force of Social Cohesion

Organizers: Agency for Recovery and Development (ARD)

Location: WB | [2-250](#)

Session Abstract: Join the Agency for Recovery and Development at our session on leveraging civil society's role in sustainable recovery in Ukraine. We'll explore strategies to enhance social cohesion and inclusivity, drawing on insights from those on the front lines. Engage in meaningful dialogue to inspire action for resilient post-conflict communities.

- **Moderator:** Iryna Mykulych, International Relations Manager, Agency for Recovery and Development
- **Panelist 1:** Taras Byk, Expert on local development, member of the board, Agency for Recovery and Development
- **Panelist 2:** Nataliya Drozd, Head of Board, Dobrochyn Center
- **Panelist 3:** Ivan Slobodianyuk, Chief Executive Officer, The All-Ukrainian Association of Communities
- **Panelist 4:** Caryn Bredenkamp, Lead Economist and Program Leader for Human Development for Ukraine and Moldova, World Bank

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80 Years After Bretton Woods: Towards Rights-Based Decolonial, Green, and Gender Just Transformation of the IFA

Organizer: CESR, IEJ, WEDO, MENAFem, IEJ, Latindadd

Location: WB | [2-250](#)

Session Abstract: On the 80th anniversary of Bretton Woods, we'll evaluate the World Bank and IMF's roles and reforms. Discussing the need for a decolonial, feminist, green transformation of the International Financial Architecture, insights from global south advocates will inform our vision for a rights-based economy that works for the people and the planet.

- **Moderator:** Mahinour ElBadrawi, Co-Director of Program (Interim), CESR
- **Panelist 1:** Rodolfo Lahoy, Policy, Communications, and Training Team Head, IBON International
- **Panelist 2:** Imenne Cherif, MENAFem Movement, Tunisia
- **Panelist 3:** Patricia Miranda, Global Advocacy Director, Latindadd
- **Panelist 4:** Kamal Ramburuth, Researcher, Institute for Economic Justice (IEJ)

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Organizers: CIEL, Accountability Counsel, BIC, IDI, PMCJ, Recourse, Urgewald, AWC, CEE Bankwatch, Green Advocates International

Location: WB [I 2-220](#)

Session Abstract: IFC's development of responsible exit principles has largely ignored aftereffects of exiting projects subject to the Office of the Compliance Advisor (CAO)'s processes. We explore CAO's recently published study of exits and lessons related to WBG's core ambition: eradicate poverty on a livable planet, IFC's principles, and impacts from exits mid-accountability process on communities and environment.

- **Moderator:** Carla Garcia Zendejas, Director of People, Land, and Resources, CIEL
- **Panelist 1:** Sadaf Lakhani, Specialist, CAO
- **Panelist 2:** Aaron Pedrosa, Attorney, PMCJ
- **Panelist 3:** Eang Vuthy, Executive Director, Equitable Cambodia
- **Panelist 4:** Larissa Luy, Manager, Environmental & Social Risk Management, IFC

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Fit for Purpose? Reviewing Green Conditionality in the IMF RST and the World Bank DPF

Organizers: Recourse, Bretton Woods Project, Eurodad, Christian Aid, Boston University - Global Development Policy Center, Alternative Law Collective, Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, Power Shift Africa

Location: IMF HQ2-03B-768B

Interpretation: French and Spanish

Session Abstract: In light of the RST interim review, this event discusses how the IMF and the WBG are shaping the conversation around energy policy for decarbonization, including through the RST and World Bank development policy financing (DPF). Additionally, the session will discuss concrete recommendations and steps forward that stakeholders can consider in the RST interim review.

- **Moderator:** Iolanda Fresnillo, Debt Justice Policy and Advocacy Manager, Eurodad
- **Panelist 1:** Jon Sward, Environment Project Manager, Bretton Woods Project
- **Panelist 2:** Alexandros Kentikelenis, Advisor, Recourse
- **Panelist 3:** Fahmida Khatun, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue
- **Panelist 4:** Stéphane Hallegate, Senior Climate Change Advisor, World Bank
- **Panelist 5:** Andrea Gamba, Deputy Division Chief, IMF

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FRIDAY, APRIL 19

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Civil Society and Youth Engagement for the Global Financing Facility in 2024: Equity, Access, Accountability

Organizers: Civil Society Coordinating Group for the GFF, Global Youth Platform, GFF NGO Host at PAI

Location: WB [| 2-250](#)

Session Abstract: Panelists will explore civil society and youth roles in sustaining health and nutrition interventions, focusing on resource mobilization, community-led initiatives, and accountability. Recommendations from the Global Civil Society Coordinating Group for the Global Financing Facility will be shared, aiming to enhance civil society and youth impact for 2024.

- **Moderator:** Oyeyemi Pitan, Founder, Gem Hub Initiative, Nigeria
- **Panelist 1:** Tjedu Moyo, Executive Director, Lunia Center for Youths, Zimbabwe
- **Panelist 2:** Tasnia Ahmed, Program Officer, SERAC Bangladesh
- **Panelist 3:** Leonora Mbithi, Country Engagement Specialist, AMREF, Kenya
- **Panelist 4:** Xochitl Sanchez, Director, ACTION Secretariat
- **Panelist 5:** Christina Wegs, Vice President, Global Advocacy and Programs, PAI
- **Panelist 6:** Maty Dia, The Global Financing Facility, Senior CSO Partnership Manager, World Bank

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Financing a Just Transition: Feminist Perspectives on Innovative Climate Finance Instruments Amid Multiple Crises

Organizers: Akina Mama Wa Afrika

Location: WB [| 2-220](#)

Session Abstract: The WBG has been at the frontline in advancing innovative climate finance instruments and approaches in order to maximize the impact of climate finance through mobilizing and deploying concessional finance. However, the nature of some of these instruments presents challenges for countries with limited fiscal space coupled with climate vulnerability, poverty, and narrow fiscal space. This session presents evidence of the need to reform new and innovative climate finance instruments to ensure that they are contextual and applicable to countries facing multiple crises – ensuring that climate finance structure and mode of delivery are inclusive, just, and sustainable. It discusses what the WBG can do to bring its climate finance plan and the broader global finance architecture in line with gender justice, economic justice, and climate justice.

- **Moderator:** Anne Songole, Climate Finance Advisor, Christian Aid
- **Panelist 1:** Regina Navuga, Program Coordinator, SEATINI
- **Panelist 2:** Grace Namugambe, Economic Justice Officer, FEMNET
- **Panelist 3:** Dr. Basani Baloyi, Program Director, Institute for Economic Justice
- **Panelist 4:** Anne T Kuriakose, Senior Social Development Specialist, World Bank

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If Not Now, When? 2024 Actions for World Leaders to Safeguard Against Future Pandemics

Organizers: PAN, Global Health Council, AHF, CISDI, EANNASO, South Eastern Europe Regional TB and HIV Community Network

Location: WB | [2-250](#)

Session Abstract: PAN, Global Health Council, AHF, CISDI, EANNASO, South Eastern Europe Regional TB and HIV Community Network, and others

- **Moderator:** Carolyn Reynolds, Co-Founder, Pandemic Action Network
- **Panelist 1:** Elisha Dunn-Georgiou, President and CEO, Global Health Council
- **Panelist 2:** Aida Kurtovic, Executive Director, South Eastern Europe Regional TB and HIV Community Network
- **Panelist 3:** Precious Matsoso, Co-Chair, International Negotiating Body for WHO Pandemic Agreement
- **Panelist 4:** Priya Basu, Executive Head, The Pandemic Fund, World Bank

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Rebalancing Public Finance for Justice and Equity: African Perspectives on IDA21

Organizers: Power Shift Africa, Recourse, MENAFem

Location: WB | [2-220](#)

Session Abstract: In the context of the IDA21 replenishment cycle, speakers from African civil society will outline the need for a more just and equitable public finance system that fundamentally rebalances global power relations. We will demonstrate how the World Bank is still causing harm by promoting the privatization and financialization of public goods, followed by proposals for public finance to scale up people-centered renewable energy while keeping to the Paris Agreement goal of 1.5. Experiences from selected countries and recommendations from selected African countries including Senegal, Mozambique, and Tunisia will be shared.

- **Moderator:** Grace Ronoh, Africa Finance Campaign Manager, Recourse
- **Panelist 1:** Bhekumuzi Dean Bhebe, Gas Campaigner, Don't Gas Africa/PowerShift Africa
- **Panelist 2:** Lorraine Chiponda, Coordinator, Africa Climate Movement-of-Movement
- **Panelist 3:** Majda Elajmi, Advocacy Officer, MENAFem

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11:30-13:00 (DC Time)

Moving Beyond Current Debt and Development Crisis: Solution for Genuine Debt Sustainability

Organizers: AFRODAD, AfSDJN, ANND, ActionAid International, APMDD, Bretton Woods Project, CESR, Debt Justice Norway, Debt Relief for a Green and Inclusive Recovery (DRGR) Project, Development Finance International, erlassjahr.de, Eurodad, Global Policy Forum, Institute for Economic Justice, ISER, ITUC, Jubilee USA, Latindadd, SEATINI, Norwegian Church Aid

Location: IMF HQ2-03B-768B

Interpretation: French and Spanish

Session Abstract: The debt crisis is no longer a risk but a reality in many countries. It is therefore key to restore debt sustainability in a way that it ensures governments capacity to guarantee human rights, gender equality and climate action while also looking at the crisis from a structural perspective. The panel will explore how to effectively solve this debt crisis considering it is as well a development crisis.

- **Moderator:** Iolanda Fresnillo, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Eurodad
- **Panelist 1:** Samantha Kanoyangwa, Coordinator, AfSDJN
- **Panelist 2:** Jason Rosario Braganza, Executive Director, AFRODAD
- **Panelist 3:** Marina Zucker-Marques, Senior Academic Researcher, DRGR
- **Panelist 4:** Mark Flanagan, Deputy Director, Strategy Policy and Review Department, IMF

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14:00-15:30 (DC Time)

A Feminist Structural Approach to Women's Labor Market Participation in the Global South

Organizers: WEDO, Bretton Woods Project, CESR, Gender Action, MENAFem Movement, Public Services International

Location: IMF HQ2-03B-768B

Interpretation: French and Spanish

Session Abstract: This session will engage with the IMF gender strategy around women's labor force participation from a macroeconomic perspective and linked to climate action. Feminist economist Diksha Arora will present her work on gender norms, and speakers will link challenge orthodox perspectives in relation to care and a just transition.

- **Moderator:** Katie Tobin, Senior Program Manager, WEDO
- **Panelist 1:** Diksha Arora, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics - Health, Society & Policy Program, University of Utah
- **Panelist 2:** Mahinour ElBadrawi, Program Officer, Center for Economic and Social Rights
- **Panelist 3:** Emilia Reyes, Directora de Políticas y Presupuestos para la Igualdad y el Desarrollo Sustentable, Equidad de Género, Ciudadanía, Trabajo y Familia
- **Panelist 4:** Verónica Montufar, Equalities Officer, Public Services International
- **Panelist 5:** Monique Newiak, Deputy Chief of the Inclusion and Gender Unit, IMF

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14:15-15:45 (DC Time)

The Impact of IFC Investments in Education: The Accountability Gap and Lessons for Other DFIs

Organizers: East African Centre for Human Rights (EACHRight), Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (GI-ESCR), ActionAid, Oxfam

Location: WB | [2-220](#)

Session Abstract: The World Bank Group is intensifying efforts to mobilize and scale up private investment and involvement in the delivery of its mission. However, recent reports from the CAO underscore the importance of reassessing the Bank's reliance on private actors in providing essential social services. Other DFIs across the world have mirrored the IFC's approach, potentially replicating the same accountability gaps observed at the IFC. The panel aims to delve into the CAOs new findings, their implications for other DFIs and explore how DFIs should respond in order to ensure human rights and effective remedy are upheld.

- **Moderator:** Angella Nabwowe, Executive Director, ISER
- **Panelist 1:** PROPARCO, Chef de Division Private Equity
- **Panelist 2:** Juana Barragan, Programme Officer, GIESCR
- **Panelist 3:** Margaux Day, Executive Director, Accountability Counsel
- **Panelist 4:** Janine Ferretti, Director General, CAO, IFC

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Beyond Size in IDA21 Replenishment - What About SocioEconomic Transformation?

Organizers: Eurodad, Afrodad, Oxfam International, Bretton Woods Project, SEATINI, ACET

Location: WB | [2-250](#)

Session Abstract: IDA21 happens in a polycrisis context and within the framework of the WBG Evolution Roadmap. While most discussions will focus on its finance, this session will discuss the policy framework to deliver socioeconomic transformation. This implies examining IDA's experience and addressing the structural causes of why developing countries are stuck in recurrent borrowing.

- **Moderator:** Jason Braganza, Executive Director, AFRODAD
- **Panelist 1:** Jane Nalunga, Executive Director, SEATINI
- **Panelist 2:** Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi, Executive Vice President, Africa Center for Economic Transformation
- **Panelist 3:** Fati N'zi-Hassane, Director of Oxfam in Africa
- **Panelist 4:** Andrew Dabalen, Africa Region Chief Economist, World Bank

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16:00-17:30 (DC Time)

Navigating the Intertwined Debt and Climate Crises: Unveiling and Assessing Solutions

Organizers: Action Aid International; AfSDJN; AfriCatalyst; AFRODAD; ANND; APMDD; Bretton Woods Project; Caribbean Policy Development Centre; Center for Economic and Policy Research; Center for Human Rights and Climate Change Research; Climate Action Network International; Christian Aid; Debt for Climate; Debt for Climate South Africa; Debt Justice Norway; DRGR; Demand Climate Justice; ESCR-net; Eurodad; Institute For Economic Justice; Initiative for Social and Economic Rights; Latindadd; MENAFem Movement; Partners in Health; Recourse; SEATINI Uganda; Third World Network; WEDO

Location: IMF HQ2-03B-768B

Interpretation: French and Spanish

Session Abstract: In this session, we will explore some of the solutions being proposed to address the debt-climate change trap that many Global South countries are facing, including Climate Resilient Debt Clauses and debt for climate/nature swaps, and interrogate what impact, if any, they are likely to have for Global South countries.

- **Moderator:** Shereen Talaat, Director, MENAFem Movement
- **Panelist 1:** Jwala Rambarran, Senior Policy Advisor at the Caribbean Policy Development Centre
- **Panelist 2:** Adrian Chikowore, Institute for Economic Justice, Researcher
- **Panelist 3:** Marina Zucker-Marques, Senior Academic Researcher for the Global Economic Governance Initiative at the Boston University Global Development Policy Center
- **Panelist 4:** Marcos de Chamon, Deputy Division Chief, IMF

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Adequate Disclosure, Public Review, and Consultation for Environmental and Social Impacts Before WBG Financing Decisions

Organizers: Senik Centre Asia, Accountability Counsel, Inclusive Development International, PMCJ, CIEL, MENAFem Movement, Recourse, Bank Climate Advocates

Location: WB | [2-220](#)

Session Abstract: Opportunity for public review before project approval is vital for environmental impact assessments. However, the World Bank falls short of its public review, disclosure, and consultation requirements that apply before project financing. Frontline communities and civil society will share evidence of how WBG is failing to meet its obligations, causing avoidable harm.

- **Moderator:** Aubrey Manahan, Campaigner for CIEL's People, Land & Resources Program, CIEL
- **Panelist 1:** Jason Weiner, Executive Director & Legal Director, Bank Climate Advocates
- **Panelist 2:** Gregory Berry, Policy Associate, Accountability Counsel
- **Panelist 3:** Suzan Nada, Labor Rights Lawyer, MENAFem Movement
- **Panelist 4:** Aaron Pedrosa, Head of Legal Team, Philippine Movement for Climate Justice and/or Andri Prasetyo, Senior Researcher Senik Centre Asia

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16:30-18:00 (DC Time)

Energizing Change: Assessing Local Impacts of WBG's Energy Transition Projects in Latin America

Organizers: FARN, BIC, Coalition for Human Rights in Development, AIDA, Sustentarse, CIEL, DAR, GT Infraestructura

Location: WB | [2-250](#)

Session Abstract: Climate action demands WBG and other MDBs to intensify their efforts to promote a just energy transition by promoting access and democratization, while safeguarding the rights of project-affected communities and biodiversity. Panelists will delve into the observed impacts of energy transition financing in Latin America and Caribbean, offering valuable insights, experiences, and actionable recommendations.

- **Moderator:** Carolina Juaneda, Latin America Program Manager, BIC
- **Panelist 1:** Leandro Gomez, Coordinator of Investment and Human Rights Program, FARN
- **Panelist 2:** Maia Seeger, Executive Director, Sustentarse

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