



# SPRING MEETINGS 2023 CIVIL SOCIETY POLICY FORUM

APRIL 11-14, 2023

DAY 1: TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023

9:00am -  
10:30am

## **World Bank Group Orientation**

Location: I 2 -220

An overview of the World Bank and IFC, followed by question and answers with World Bank's new Managing Director of Operations, Anna Bjerde

11:30am - 1:00pm

## How to strengthen the IMF's anti-money laundering/combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) engagement with its member countries to achieve real change?

Sponsors: Tax Justice Network, Financial Transparency Coalition, Latin American Network for Economic and Social Justice (Latindadd), and Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA)

Location: IMF HQ2-03B-768B

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Beneficial ownership transparency is a fundamental tool to fight money laundering, corruption, and tax evasion. However, enforcement, compliance, and verification continue to be a global challenge. In this context, the IMF engagement with its member countries on AML/CFT could be enhanced further to enact real change.

- Moderator: Max Heywood, Head of Policy, Elucidate
- Panelist 1: Marcus Pleyer, former FATF President/Deputy Director General in Germany's Federal Ministry of Finance
- Panelist 2: Yan Liu, Deputy General Counsel, IMF
- Panelist 3: Andres Knobel, Beneficial Ownership Lead Researcher, Tax Justice Network

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12:00pm - 2:00pm

## Board and CSO's Roundtable Discussion

Location: MC C2-350

Refreshments served from 12:00-12:30, discussion from 12:30-2:00

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2:00pm - 3:30pm

### **MDB-supported private sector livestock operations: Can they address food insecurity, climate change, and the SDGs?**

Sponsors: Stop Financing Factory Farming Steering Committee and allies

Location: I 2 -250

Panelists will discuss the potential for IFC's performance standards and industry-specific strategies to ensure alignment of private sector livestock investments with global climate agreements and the SDGs. Panelists will also discuss MDBs' support for agricultural systems that promote climate mitigation and resiliency, involve support for smallholders, and enhance food security.

- Moderator: TBC
- Panelist 3: Carolina Galvani, Executive Director, Sinergia Animal
- Panelist 4: IFC TBC

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### **Creating a Collaborative Roadmap for Digitization: Closing the digital divide to address the SDGs**

Sponsors: TechSoup and Connect Humanity

Location: I 2-220

The UN declared access to information and the internet a human right. Yet new data shows it's too expensive to access the internet, many people lack reliable skills to participate, and many do not feel safe participating in the public forum offered by the internet. This means that the most vulnerable community members get excluded from civic discourse, jobs, and the ability to connect virtually with other civil society leaders. Panelists will highlight solutions and invite participants to share their own actions toward overcoming the digital divide. They will call for participation in the movement to overcome the digital divide and investment in digital transformation for the sector, backed by research from Connect Humanity, TechSoup Global Network partners, and the World Bank.

- Moderator: TBC
- Panelist 1: Chris Worman, Co-Founder and Chief Partnerships Officer, Connect Humanity
- Panelist 2: Catalina Escobar Bravo, Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer, MAKAIA
- Panelist 3: Shruti Ramaswami, Vice President, Strategy and Strategic Relationships, TechSoup
- Panelist 4: Casey Torgusson, Senior Digital Development Specialist, World Bank

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## Debt sustainability and the cost of climate inaction

Sponsors: Boston University Global Development Policy (GDP) Center, Climate and Community Project (CCP), Debt Justice, Global Alliance for a Green New Deal, Heinrich Boell Foundation, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), Latindadd, SOAS Centre for Sustainable Finance, and World Resources Institute (WRI)

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2:30pm - 4:00pm

IMF research emphasizes the costs of delaying investment in climate resilience, but growing debt burdens, particularly in climate-vulnerable countries facing extreme climate impacts, makes this investment increasingly inaccessible. This panel examines the IMF's role in adapting debt sustainability assessments to reflect the cost of inaction and incorporate equity considerations.

- Moderator: Maureen Heydt, Assistant Director, Communications, BU Global Development Policy Center
- Panelist 1: Lars Jensen, Senior Economist, Global Policy Unit, UNDP
- Panelist 2: Carola Mejia, Climate Finance Analyst, Latindadd
- Panelist 3: Ulrich Volz, Director, Centre for Sustainable Finance, SOAS
- Panelist 4: Manrique Saenz, Deputy Division Chief, Strategy Policy and Review Department, IMF

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4:30pm - 6:00pm

### **Updating the World Bank's Gender Strategy: The Critical Role for Social Protection**

Sponsors: Center for Global Development and WeProsper

Location: I 2-250

We are at a pivotal moment as the WBG is updating their [2016-2023 Gender Strategy](#) amidst numerous crises and setbacks to gender equality. Gender-responsive social protection will be critical to preventing further setbacks and advancing gender equality during these crises. In this session, the WBG will share their vision for the [Gender Strategy Update](#) and the goals they set out to achieve by 2030. This will be followed by a panel discussion bringing together social protection experts from the WBG and civil society, to develop priority areas of action and strategic approaches for centering social protection in the update

- Moderator: Eeshani Kandpal, Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development (CGD)
- Opening remarks: Laura Rawlings, Lead Economist, Gender Group, World Bank
- Panelist 1: Michal Rutkowski, Global Director for Social Protection and Jobs, World Bank
- Panelist 2: Shalini Roy, Research Fellow, Poverty, Health, and Nutrition Division, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- Panelist 3: Kathryn Falb, Senior Researcher, International Rescue Committee (IRC)

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### **Ensuring the World Bank Group's 'evolution' delivers for people and planet: Reframing development impact indicators**

Sponsors: IBON International, Eurodad, Heinrich Boell Foundation, Bretton Woods Project, Coalition for Human Rights in Development, Arab Watch Coalition

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The World Bank Group's Evolution Roadmap provides an opportunity to ensure reforms go beyond a mere reframing of existing approaches. This panel will provide space for discussing the Bank Group's development indicators to evaluate their development impact and model and to ensure its activities support demonstrable, ecologically sustainable, and human rights-consistent outcomes in the Global South.

- Moderator: Luiz Viera, Coordinator, Bretton Woods Project
- Panelist 1: C.P Chandrasekhar, Senior Research Fellow, Political Economy Research Institute, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Panelist 2: Jax Bongon, Policy officer Climate Justice programme, IBON International
- Panelist 3: Farwa Sial, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, Eurodad
- Panelist 4: World Bank representative, TBC
- Panelist 5: Community representative, TBC

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## Financial flows, capital controls, and development impacts in the Global South

Sponsors: Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA), African Forum and Network on Debt and Development (AFRODAD), Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI)-Uganda, and the Bretton Woods Project

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This session considers the risks and costs of financial liberalization. Despite the IMF updating its Institutional View on capital flow management, countries in the Global South have not been adequately protected from the negative impacts of capital outflows over the last few years, or the long-term impacts of profit extraction.

- Moderator: Luiz Vieira, Project Coordinator, Bretton Woods Project
- Panelist 1: Dr Kevin Gallagher, Professor of Global Development Policy, Boston University
- Panelist 2: Chenai Mukumba, Ag. Executive Director, TJNA
- Panelist 3: Jane S. Nalunga, Executive Director, SEATINI-Uganda
- Panelist 4: Gurnain K. Pasricha, Senior Financial Sector Expert, IMF

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5:00pm - 6:30pm