



# SPRING MEETINGS 2023 CIVIL SOCIETY POLICY FORUM

APRIL 11-14, 2023

## DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023

### **Getting to Green Accountability – The important role of civil society**

Sponsors: Transparency and Accountability Initiative and the African Climate Foundation

Location: I 2-220

8:30am - 10:00am

Climate finance is scaling up at last, but too often determined in top-down fashion. How do we assure that communities have a say in what gets financed and in the oversight of projects? What does meaningful participation mean? Hear answers to these questions and more geared to assuring climate finance is well spent, reaching those on the frontlines of the climate emergency.

- Moderator: Eszter Filippinyi, Deputy Director, Transparency and Accountability Initiative
- Panelist 1: Saliem Fakir, Executive Director, African Climate Foundation
- Panelist 2: Sandra Guzmán Luna, Executive Director, Climate Finance Group for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Panelist 3: Aly Zulficar Rahim, Program Manager, Global Partnership for Social Accountability, World Bank

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## Meaningful civil society and community engagement in the Pandemic Fund

Sponsor: Pandemic Action Network

Location: I 2-250

The recent establishment of the Pandemic Fund is a unique opportunity to change the landscape for sustainable and long-term investment in pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response. But it can only drive needed and meaningful change at the country level with strong and active civil society and community engagement, leadership, and decision making. This session will unpack current opportunities for civil society to interact with the Pandemic Fund, as well as discuss what's needed to strengthen community engagement and leadership within the Fund—at the global, regional, and country levels.

- Moderator: Carolyn Reynolds, Co-Founder, Pandemic Action Network
- Panelist 1: Priya Basu, Executive Head, Pandemic Fund/World Bank
- Panelist 2: Elisha Dunn-Georgiou, President and Executive Director, Global Health Council; Pandemic Fund Board Member, Civil Society – Global North
- Panelist 3: Diah Saminarsih, Founder & CEO, Center for Indonesia's Strategic Development Initiatives (CISDI)
- Panelist 4: Rosemary Mburu, Executive Director, WACI Health

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## Achieving debt crisis resolution that delivers today and in the future

Sponsors: Latindadd, AFRODAD, Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development (APMDD), Jubilee USA, Eurodad, SLUG Norway, Arab Watch Coalition, SEATINI-Uganda, SID, ActionAid, and Christian Aid

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Rising debt burdens in low- and middle-income countries constrain their response to people's urgent needs in an adverse and uncertain context. This unfolding debt crisis poses risks to all regions in the Global South and ultimately constitutes a risk to global economic and financial stability.

- Moderator: Patricia Miranda, Global Advocacy Director, Latindadd
- Panelist 1: Mark Flanagan, Deputy Director, Strategy Policy and Review Department, IMF
- Panelist 2: Maia Colodenco, International Financial Architecture expert, former Head of the International Affairs Unit of Argentina's Ministry of Economy
- Panelist 3: Jason Braganza, Director, AFRODAD
- Panelist 4: Mae Buenaventura, Debt Senior Analyst, APMDD

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9:00am - 10:30am

11:00am - 12:30pm

### **Political-economic reforms in the extractive sector as a catalyst to sustainable development in Africa**

Sponsors: Women in Mining Nigeria and Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP)

Location: I 2-220

For years, Africa has been involved in resource extraction, with many countries continuing to discover new resources. Despite this, the continent has not seen significant socioeconomic development as a result. The panel will explore the political economy factors that hinder the impact of resource extraction on Africa's development.

- Moderator: Benjamin Boakye, Executive Director, ACEP
- Panelist 1: Hanna Angela Foster, Executive Director, African Centre for Democracy and Human Right Studies (ACDHR)
- Panelist 2: Cecilia Christiana Mattia, National Coordinator, National Advocacy Coalition on Extractives (NACE)
- Panelist 3: Engr (Dr) Janet Adeyemi, Executive Director, Women in Mining Nigeria
- Panelist 4: Auwal Ibrahim Musa, Executive Director, Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC)

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### **Remedy From those who need it: Communities respond to IFC-proposed remedial framework**

Sponsors: Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL), Recourse, Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense (AIDA), Bank Information Center (BIC), Arab Watch Coalition (AWC), Oxfam, Accountability Counsel, Inclusive Development International, NGO Forum on ADB, and Urgewald

Location: I 2-250

An essential corollary to MDBs' commitment to "do no harm" to people and the environment is that when MDB-financed projects result in harm, remedy must be ensured. At this session, communities and advocates will discuss IFC's draft Approach to Remedial Action, presenting what community-led, rights-based remedy frameworks should encompass.

- Moderator: Sarah Dorman, Staff Attorney, CIEL
- Panelist 1: Robi Chacha Mosenda, Policy Associate, Accountability Counsel
- Panelist 2: Fernanda Hopenhagen, Member, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights
- Panelist 3: Aaron Pedrosa, Attorney, Philippines Movement for Climate Justice
- Panelist 4: Piotr Mazurkiewicz, Principal Environmental Specialist, IFC

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11:30am - 1:00pm

### **The role of SDRs in the MENA region in times of debt and austerity**

Sponsors: Arab Watch Coalition, Friedrich ebert stiftung MENA, Oxfam, Arab NGO Network for Development, Center for Economic and Policy Research, Action Aid, and the Bretton Woods Project

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This session aims at understanding the technicalities of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) and discussing the role that can play in just development in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. The session will also address issues related to the potential of debt-free rechanneling of SDR and how that can contribute to structural reform of the economy in MENA. Speakers will also echo the main governance and transparency issues of SDRs within the region and highlight the impact of the debt crisis in MENA.

- Moderator: Imene Cherif, Regional Program Manager, Friedrich ebert stiftung MENA
- Panelist 1: Andres Arauz, Politician, Economist, and CEPR Research Fellow, Center for Economic and Policy Research
- Panelist 2: Ahmad Awad, President, Phenix Center for Economic and Informatics Studies
- Panelist 3: Omar Ghannam, Research Director, Social Justice Platform
- Panelist 4: Karim Trabelsi (Virtual), Economic Researcher and Economic and Social officer, Union Générale Tunisienne du Travail (UGTT)
- Panelist 5: Nathan Porter, Mission Chief of Pakistan, IMF

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1:00pm - 2:00pm

### **Networking and Lunch Break**

(Cafeteria options available in the I Building, MC Building, and IMF)



2:00pm - 3:30pm

### **Examining the World Bank president selection process in the light of the World Bank's Evolution Roadmap**

Sponsors: The Bretton Woods Project, African Sovereign Debt Justice Network, Heinrich Boell Foundation, Arab Watch Coalition, Third World Network, Right to Education Initiative, Latindadd, Gender Action, Protection International Mesoamérica, ActionAid International, Big Shift, Recourse, Accountability Research Center, Christian Aid, Urgewald, E3G, and Eurodad

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The selection of the next World Bank president provides a clear indication of what can be expected of the World Bank's Evolution Roadmap. The panel will discuss proposals for a truly merit-based, inclusive, and transparent process that ensures the best qualified person is selected to lead the institution's response to the polycrisis.

- Moderator: Luiz Vieira, Coordinator, Bretton Woods Project
- Panelist 1: Elaine Zuckerman, President, Gender Action
- Panelist 2: Ivahanna Larrosa, Latin America Coordinator, Coalition for Rights in Development

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### **Why Paris alignment must be part of the Evolution Roadmap and what this should look like**

Sponsors: Big Shift Global, Indus Consortium, Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PM CJ), PowerShift, Bretton Woods Project, CAN-I, Recourse, E3G, Trend Asia, Bank Information Center (BIC), Urgewald, NRDC, Arab Watch Coalition, and Christian Aid

Location: I 2-250

With increased scrutiny over the MDBs' ability to confront current intersecting crises, and the Evolution Roadmap and the Bank's Paris alignment methodologies on the agenda for the Spring Meetings, this panel will discuss why Paris alignment must be part of the Bank's Roadmap with perspectives from the Global South.

- Moderator: Jon Sward, Environment Programme Manager, Bretton Woods Project
- Panelist 1: Fiza Qureshi, Manager Program Implementation, Indus Consortium
- Panelist 2: Dean Bhebhe Bhekumuzi, Campaigns Lead, Power Shift
- Panelist 3: Aaron Pedrosa, Co-Chair, Energy Working Group and Head, Legal Team, Philippines Movement for Climate Justice
- Panelist 4: Stephane Guimbert, Director, Operations Policy & Country Services, World Bank

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## IMF's strategy on social spending facing austerity: New direction or band-aid?

Sponsors: Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (GCSPF), Bretton Woods Project, Human Rights Watch, International Trade Union Confederation, Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation, NGO Committee on Financing for Development, Oxfam International, Social Justice in Global Development, and Social Policy Initiative (South Africa)

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We are concerned that spending on social protection, health, and education are still not given sufficient priority in government budgets despite the IMF's new policy on social spending. How should IMF and other international agencies, labor movements, and CSOs work to enhance and protect national social spending programs?

- Moderator: Alex Campbell, Director, Washington Office, International Trade Union Confederation
- Panelist 1: Rodrigo Cerda, Chief, Expenditure Policy Division, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF
- Panelist 2: Shahrashoub Razavi, Director, Social Protection Department, International Labor Organization
- Panelist 3: Nabil Abdo, Senior Policy Advisor – International Financial Institutions, Oxfam International
- Panelist 4: Ahilan Kadirgamar, Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka

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## Protecting biodiversity in a biodiversity crisis

Sponsor: Friends of the Earth US and Bank Information Center

Location: I 2-250

The biodiversity crisis is increasingly seen as an existential threat en par with climate change. However, multilateral financiers have yet to fully develop robust biodiversity policies to deal with these inexorably linked global challenges. With 75% of the world's land mass significantly altered, it is more important than ever to protect critical ecosystems that are crucial for not only sustaining global ecosystem functions, but stopping climate change. This session will explore how financiers can develop stronger policies that are in response to the current biodiversity crisis and identify positive precedents that protect people and biodiversity. The session will highlight current innovations and future solutions, such as enabling stronger protections for rivers and forests, as well as the use of no-go areas in banks' exclusionary policies.

- Co-moderator: Ladd Connell, Bank Information Center
- Co-Moderator: Katharine Lu, Senior Manager, Friends of the Earth US
- Panelist 1: Eva Mayerhofer, Lead Biodiversity Specialist, European Investment Bank
- Panelist 2: Zenzi Suhadi, Executive Director, WALHI/Friends of the Earth Indonesia
- Panelist 3: Galina Angarova, Executive Director, Cultural Survival
- Panelist 4: Rebecca Ray, Senior Researcher, Boston University
- Panelist 5: Senior Representative from the Partnership on Biodiversity Finance, TBC

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## Meeting sustainability requirements across supply chains in emerging economies: The case for enhanced multistakeholder collaboration

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A new wave of well-intended mandatory human rights and environmental requirements for buying companies in the Global North risk putting many suppliers in emerging economies out of business resulting in reductions in exports and jobs. Research shows that many suppliers interacting with buying companies in the North through global supply chains are ill equipped to meet requirements of forthcoming legislative acts on sustainability. This session will provide for a frank discussion among key actors in sustainable trade (multilaterals, governments, buyers, industry associations) on improving measures on awareness-raising, capacity-building, and investment for suppliers in emerging economies to avert this worrying scenario.

- Moderator: Linda Kromjong, President, Amfori
- Panelist 1: Gunther Beger, Managing Director, Directorate of SDG Innovation and Economic Transformation, UNIDO
- Panelist 2: Jamil Zohaib, Division Manager Quality Assurance, Metro Pakistan
- Panelist 3: Miran Ali, Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association and Representative of Sustainable Textiles Asia Region Managing Director
- Panelist 4: Sabine Hertveldt, Better Work Program, IFC
- Panelist 5: Larissa Luy, Manager, CES, IFC

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### **IFI reform, Bridgetown & climate finance: Critical civil society perspectives**

Sponsors: Christian Aid, Climate Action Network (CAN), ActionAid, Third World Network (TWN), Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development (APMDD), Heinrich Boell Foundation, Bretton Woods Project, Eurodad, Latindadd, Stamp Out Poverty, and World Council of Churches (WCC)

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A number of proposals have recently been put forward for global financial architecture reform to deliver critical climate and development finance. But how far do they go in tackling structural challenges? Hear from critical civil society perspectives on current initiatives and recommendations on what truly transformative solutions look like.

- Moderator: Niranjali Amerasinghe, Executive Director, ActionAid USA
- Panelist 1: Joab Okanda, Pan Africa Senior Advocacy Advisor, Christian Aid
- Panelist 2: Liane Schalatek, Associate Director, Heinrich Böll Foundation
- Panelist 3: Bhumika Muchhala: Senior Advisor, Third World Network
- Panelist 4: Elena Loukoianova, Deputy Unit Chief, Climate Finance Policy Unit, IMF

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