



SPRING MEETINGS 2023 CIVIL SOCIETY POLICY FORUM

APRIL 11-14, 2023

DAY 4: FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023

Financing just energy transitions: The importance of ensuring civic space in addressing the climate crisis

Sponsors: International Rivers, CIEL, Bank Information Center (BIC), Recourse, 88 Project, Rivers without Boundaries, and the NGO Forum on ADB

Location: I 2-250

Civil society plays a critical role in ensuring that energy transition plans are just and effective in addressing the climate crisis, yet this role is undermined by shrinking civic space. This session will explore trends and cases of threats to climate leaders and offer recommendations on how development partners can ensure civic space and safeguard civil society voices.

8:30am - 10:00am

- Panelist 1: David Hunter, American University Washington College of Law
- Panelist 2: Bruce Shoemaker, Researcher and Author
- Panelist 3: Lidy Nacpil, Asia Pacific Movement on Debt and Development (TBC)
- Panelist 4: TrendAsia Indonesia representative (TBC)
- Panelist 5: Josh Klemm, International Rivers
- Panelist 6: World Bank TBC

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8:30am - 10:00am

Lack of inclusion: How LGBTQI+ people are impacted by World Bank Projects

Sponsors: Outright International, BIC, Council for Global Equality (CGE), AMATE El Salvador, ERA – LGBTI Equal Rights Association for the Western Balkans and Turkey, and Recourse

Location: I 2-220

Our research has shown that LGBTQI+ people are often left out of World Bank-funded projects. The panel will highlight how Bank projects impact LGBTQI+ people, what the Bank is doing on inclusion within its human development projects, and share recommendations for how the Bank can address LGBTQI+ people's needs.

- Moderator: Adriana D. Kugler, United States Executive Director, World Bank
- Panelist 1: Ester Flores, Secretarix General, AMATE El Salvador
- Panelist 2: Juan Pablo Uribe, Global Director for Health, Nutrition & Population and the Global Financing Facility, World Bank
- Panelist 3: Francesco Tornieri, Principal Social Development Specialist (Gender and Development), Asian Development Bank
- Panelist 4: Rachel Burton, Social Inclusion Director, Bank Information Center
- Panelist 5: Anvar Latipov, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity CSO Coalition

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11:00am - 12:30pm

Roadmap to a new social contract? The World Bank and labor in 2023

Sponsor: International Trade Union Confederation

Location: I 2-250

Transformational investments are needed to meet the challenges our countries face, but sustainable and equitable development requires decent work. This session will open a discussion between global labor leaders, World Bank experts, and attendees about workers and labor policy at this key juncture, and opportunities for collaboration or tension.

- Moderator: Alex Campbell, Director, ITUC/Global Unions Washington Office
- Panelist 1: Candace Archer, Policy Director, AFL-CIO
- Panelist 2: Toni Moore, President, Barbados Workers' Union
- Panelist 3: Francis Kim Upgi, Director, Economic & Social Policy, ITUC Asia-Pacific
- Panelist 4: Federica Saliola, Manager, Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice, World Bank

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The Critical Role of Community-Led Monitoring to Ensure SRMNCAH+N Equity and Accountability

Sponsors: CITAMPLUS, Action Partnership, Global Civil Society Coordinating Group for the Global Financing Facility (GFF) (CSCG) and PAI/GFF CSO Hub NGO Host.

Location: I 2-220

The World Bank is making considerable investments in health – especially SRMNCAH+N- but progress remains unacceptably slow in many countries. Meaningful engagement of communities is critical to unlocking progress and driving accountability. Panelists will discuss how community monitoring – led by civil society- and youth-led organizations (CSOs/YLOs) - identifies real-world gaps in health service equity, quality, and access, and generates locally-relevant solutions. CSOs/YLOs also play a critical role in mobilizing domestic resources, and tracking and ensuring accountability for budget allocations over time. The World Bank and other donors must take to concrete steps ensure that community monitoring and civic engagement are institutionalized as a core element of strong and inclusive health systems.

- Moderator: Xochitl Sanchez, Interim Secretariat Director, Action Partnership
- Panelist 1: Dr Rosemary R. Mwanza-Banda, Director Quality Assurance/Improvement, Ministry of Health, Zambia
- Panelist 2: Cindy Maimbolwa, Policy and Advocacy Officer, CITAM Plus, Zambia
- Panelist 3: Christina Chilimba, Co-Chair, RMNCAH-N Youth Coalition, Malawi
- Panelist 4: Jackie Katana, Executive Chairperson, Management and Advisory Board Faith for Family Health Initiative (3FHi), Uganda
- Panelist 5: Maty Dia, Civil Society Engagement Specialist, GFF

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12:00pm - 1:30pm

Uses and impacts of SDRs in developing countries: Advancing climate action and the 2030 Agenda

Sponsors: Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR), Latindadd, and AFRODAD

Location: IMF HQ2-03B-768B



The 2021 Special Drawing Rights (SDR) allocation provided swift, indispensable crisis relief for developing countries. This panel will explore the impacts and uses of this issuance and the potential role of a new issuance in enabling countries to weather the continued crisis, take climate action, and realize the 2030 Development Agenda.

- Moderator: Alexander Main, Director of International Policy, CEPR
- Panelist 1: Richard Kozul-Wright, Director of the Global and Development Strategies Division, UNCTAD
- Panelist 2: Avinash Persaud, Emeritus Professor, Gresham College (UK)
- Panelist 3: Patricia Miranda, Advocacy Coordinator, Latindadd
- Panelist 4: Lara Merling, Senior Policy Advisor, Boston University's Global Development Policy Center
- Panelist 5: Andrea Gamba, Deputy Division Chief (IMF)

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12:30pm - 2:00pm

Networking and Lunch Break

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

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Development finance goes digital – Moving towards responsible digital rights conduct

Sponsors: Business & Human Rights Resource Centre and Collaboration on International ICT Policy for East and Southern Africa (CIPESA)

Location: I 2-220

Development finance is increasing in areas that encompass significant impacts on digital rights, such as projects related to digital infrastructure and digital innovation to support digital transformations in various markets. To date, such financing decision making does not include specific safeguards for digital rights. As DFIs are expanding their support to the digital economy, they are being confronted with connected human rights risks and impacts embedded in policies and practices of public and private sector clients. While DFIs have adopted environmental and social policies to identify and address environmental and social impacts, most policies require updating for the digital age.

- Moderator: Macalister Darrow, Washington Representative, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Panelist 1: Ashnah Kalemera, Programme Manager, CIPESA
- Panelist 2: Gayatri Khandhadai, Head of Technology and Human Rights, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre
- Panelist 3: Isabel Ebert, Lecturer & Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Business Ethics, University of St. Gallen
- Panelist 4: World Bank, TBC

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2:
15pm - 3:
30pm

Time to get Macro? Gendered effects of World Bank macroeconomic policy amidst IFI reform

Sponsors: Gender Action and the Bretton Woods Project

Location: I 2-250

Amidst calls for reform, and while the World Bank shapes its 'Gender Strategy Update,' civil society groups are calling for the Bank to assess gendered effects of its macroeconomic policy. Topics like privatization, conditionalities of Development Policy Finance loans, austerity, and the 'gender blind' Environmental and Social Framework will be explored.

- Moderator: TBC
- Panelist 1: Elaine Zuckerman, President, Gender Action
- Panelist 2: Sonia Phalatse, Economic Justice Lead, FEMNET
- Panelist 3: TBC
- Panelist 4: TBC

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2:30pm - 4:00pm

How can the Global South achieve climate justice under debt burden and austerity?

Sponsors: Association LaSiesta Pour la Protection de l'Environnement, Arab Watch Coalition, IBON International, Action Aid, Urgewald, Big shift campaign, Gender action, Friedrich ebert stiftung MENA, Bretton Woods Project, and Center for Economic and Policy Research

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Middle- and low-income countries in the Global South are the countries most impacted by climate change in the world. This session aims at opening the debate on the climate crisis and access to energy in MENA, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Asia, and highlight the impact of debt and austerity policies on the population from those regions.

- Moderator: Shereen Talaat, Co-Executive director, Arab Watch Coalition
- Panelist 1: Jax Bongon, Climate Justice Policy Officer, IBON International
- Panelist 2: Nadia Hmaity, President, Association LaSiesta Pour la Protection de l'Environnement
- Panelist 3: John Nkaw (probably virtually), Country Director, Action Aid Ghana
- Panelist 4: Ivana Vasić-Lalović, Research Associate on the international team, Center for Economic and Policy Research
- Panelist 5: Mark Joseph Flanagan, Deputy Director, Strategy Policy and Review Department, IMF

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5:00pm - 6:30pm

Voices of the Global South: Challenges in taxation

Sponsors: The Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation (ICRICT), Oxfam, Global Initiative for Economic, Social & Cultural Rights (GI-ESCR), Latindadd, and Red Justicia Fiscal América Latina

Location: IMF HQ2-03B-768B



The COVID-19 pandemic, the energy and cost of living crisis, the environmental catastrophes. The world is on the brink of a polycrises. Countries around the world, and in particular developing countries, urgently need revenues to mitigate the rise of poverty and inequality. Progressive taxation and the reform of international corporate taxation are golden opportunities to expand fiscal space while reducing inequality.

- Moderator: Patricia Arce, EFE News Agency (TBC)
- Panelist 1: Jose Antonio Ocampo, Minister of Finance, Colombia
- Panelist 2: Guilherme Mello, Secretary of Economic Policy, Brazil
- Panelist 3: Jayati Gosh, ICRICT Commissioner
- Panelist 4: Vitor Gaspar, Director, Fiscal Affairs Department (FAD)

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