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September 28-October 9, 2020



ANNUAL MEETINGS

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WEEK 1 September 28 – October 2, 2020

COVID-19 and Debt: Going Beyond Debt Suspension Towards a Systemic Response to Debt Crises

Monday, September 28, 2020

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

Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development (APMDD), Latinidad, Afrodad, Debt Justice Norway, Erlassjahr, Jubilee USA, Jubilee Debt Campaign, Eurodad, Oxfam, Christian Aid, Society for International Development (SID), Public Eye and Brot fuer die Welt

Session abstract: The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated existing debt vulnerabilities and triggered a new debt crisis. Despite the urgency of the situation, the multilateral response has been insufficient, and many challenges remain unaddressed. The session will discuss policy alternatives to address the debt problem in developing countries.

- **Moderator:** Iolanda Fresnillo, Senior Policy Officer, Eurodad
- **Panelist 1:** Yungong Theophilus Jong, Policy analyst, Afrodad
- **Panelist 2:** H.E. Aubrey Webson, Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda, AOSIS
- **Panelist 3:** Lidy Nacpil, Regional coordinator, APMDD
- **Panelist 4:** Jeronim Zettelmeyer, Deputy Director SPR, IMF

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Climate Change and the COVID-19 Recovery – The Role of the IMF in Building Back Better

Monday, September 28, 2020

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

Recourse, Oxfam, Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth, Earthlife Africa, Centre for Financial Accountability, Bretton Woods Project, E3G

Session abstract: The IMF is at the forefront of COVID-19 relief efforts and has a significant opportunity to utilize its outsized role to help governments transition away from fossil fuels towards more climate resilient economies. This event will identify IMF tools and mechanisms in geographies that are grappling with the twin climate and COVID-19 crises, and ways to operationalize and accelerate such climate mainstreaming.

- **Moderator:** Shona E. Riach (TBC), UK Executive Director, IMF
- **Panelist 1:** Nadia Daar, Washington DC Office Director, Oxfam
- **Panelist 2:** Nezir Sinani, Co-Director, Recourse
- **Panelist 3:** Tata Mustasya, Regional Climate and Energy Campaign Coordinator, Greenpeace, Indonesia
- **Panelist 4:** Kristina Kostial, Deputy Director, IMF

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Investing in our Future: Nurturing Human Capital in a COVID Complex World

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

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

Early Childhood Development Action Network (ECDAN), ChildFund International, Global Campaign for Education-US, Light for the World, PATH, Save the Children International, and UNICEF

Session abstract: Before COVID-19, 250 million children were at risk of not reaching their developmental potential. COVID-19 has disrupted services for the nurturing care of young children. Decades of progress are threatened. The developmental needs of ALL young children must remain a priority as we build back better, more equitable policies and systems.

- **Moderator:** Dr. Hana Brix, Manager, Human Capital Project, World Bank
- **Panelist 1:** The Honorable Ariela Luna (TBC), Minister of Development and Social Inclusion, Peru
- **Panelist 2:** Dr. Jere R. Behrman, Professor of Economics, University of Pennsylvania
- **Panelist 3:** Nafisa Baboo, Senior Director, Inclusive Education; Board Member, Light for the World; Global Campaign for Education
- **Panelist 4:** Kevin Watkins, Chief Executive, Save the Children UK

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Tracking the Trillions: Emergency funds, Corruption and Making the COVID-19 Recovery Work for All

Tuesday, September 28, 2020

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

Transparency International, Human Rights Watch and Global Witness

Session abstract: IMF and the WBG are playing a leading role in supporting governments' response to the economic impacts of COVID-19. Both institutions have recognized the risk that unaccountable government decision-making can divert resources from intended beneficiaries and have included anti-corruption measures as part of their financial response. However, questions remain: To what extent have priority vulnerabilities in each country context been addressed? What types of measures and monitoring are there to ensure anti-corruption safeguards are implemented and effective? This session will assess the overall picture of the IMF and WBG's COVID-19 response to date from an anti-corruption perspective, including forward-looking recommendations.

- **Moderator:** Simon Taylor, Director and Co-Founder, Global Witness
- **Panelist 1:** Max Heywood, Head of Policy and Advocacy, Transparency International
- **Panelist 2:** Sarah Saadoun, Business and Human Rights Researcher, Human Rights Watch
- **Panelist 3:** Rhoda Weeks Brown, General Counsel and Director of the IMF's Legal Department, IMF
- **Panelist 4:** TBC, WBG Representative

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Building a Fossil-Free and Just Recovery

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

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

Oil Change International, Big Shift Global, Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development, Recourse, Oxfam, ODI, and partners

Session abstract: As the climate crisis and inequality intensify in the wake of COVID-19, MDBs have a responsibility to provide recovery finance that is aligned with a 1.5°C future. This panel will discuss the latest research on shifting finance from oil, gas, and coal and scaling up debt-free finance for a green recovery.

- **Moderator:** Lidy Nacpil, Coordinator, Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development
- **Panelist 1:** Jason Farr, Associate Policy Advisor - Climate Change and Energy, Oxfam America
- **Panelist 2:** Kate Geary, Co-Director, Recourse
- **Panelist 3:** Andrew Scott, Senior Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute
- **Panelist 4:** TBC, WBG Representative

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Changing the Rules for a Just Recovery: Aligning IMF's Work with Fiscal Justice and Human Rights in LAC

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

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

Center for Economic and Social Rights, ACIJ, CELS, Dejusticia, Fundar, INESC, Fiscal Justice Network from LAC (24 members) and Latindadd

Session abstract: This session will explore the impact of IMF loan programs and policy advice on human rights, particularly on economic and social rights, by drawing on new evidence from recent fiscal consolidation episodes in Latin American countries in the context of COVID-19. It will provide recommendations on how to conduct human rights impact assessments of IMF's conditionalities, and address demands from fiscal justice organizations in the region.

- **Moderator:** Kate Donald, Director of Program, Center for Economic and Social Rights
- **Panelist 1:** Nathalie Beghin, Head of Policy, Instituto de Estudos Socio-Economicos (INESC), Brazil
- **Panelist 2:** Luna Miguens, Economic and Social Rights Coordinator, Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS), Argentina
- **Panelist 3:** Andrea Guillem, Gender and Social Rights Analyst, Centro de Derechos Económicos y Sociales (CDES), Ecuador
- **Panelist 4:** Afonso Bevilaqua (TBC), Executive Director Board, International Monetary Fund

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Energy Access for a Just Recovery in Africa

Thursday, October 1, 2020

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

Swedish Society for Nature Conservation, Big Shift Global, Tearfund, Recourse, BIC, SSNC, the African Coalition for Sustainable Energy and Access

Session abstract: This event will discuss energy access issues as a key aspect for a just recovery, present the latest research and country case studies on WBG energy support in Africa, research on designing smart subsidies, and measures that the WBG can take to improve energy access.

- **Moderator:** Koen Davidse, Executive Director for the Netherlands, World Bank
- **Panelist 1:** Ladd Connell, Environment Director, Bank Information Center
- **Panelist 2:** Augustine NJamshi, Coordinator, The African Coalition for Sustainable Energy and Access
- **Panelist 3:** Stephen Nash, Researcher, Kuungana Advisory
- **Panelist 4:** Dana Resankova, Global Lead for Energy Access, World Bank Group

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Building a Feminist Recovery for All: Gender Transformative Policies are More Urgent than Ever

Thursday, October 1, 2020

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

ActionAid UK, ActionAid, Fight Inequality Alliance, IWRAP Asia Pacific, BWP, Kvinna till Kvinna, Gender Action, Oxfam

Session abstract: While the IMF and WBG's COVID-19 response financing has increased countries' fiscal space for responding to the crisis, their call for increased investment in public services seems temporary. Long term, gender transformative approaches to macroeconomic policies that recognize and redistribute women's disproportionate burden of unpaid care work are urgently needed.

- **Moderator:** Wangari Kinoti, International Policy Advisor, Women's Rights, ActionAid
- **Panelist 1:** Louise Levonian (TBC), Executive Director for Canada, Ireland and the Caribbean, IMF
- **Panelist 2:** Amani Rizq, Senior Program Officer, Kvinna till Kvinna
- **Panelist 3:** Elaine Zuckerman, President, Gender Action
- **Panelist 4:** Estefania Vela, Executive Director, Intersecta

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Fiscal Space for Universal Health and Social Protection Post COVID-19 Pandemic: How to Prevent Austerity

Friday, October 2, 2020

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

Global Social Justice Program at the Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Columbia University; WEMOS, BWP, ActionAid, ITUC, CSBAG, EURODAD, Bread for the World

Session abstract: In 2020 governments financed emergency care and urgent support to cope with COVID-19. While this short-term expending was necessary, countries must also continue to invest in long-term universal health, social protection systems/floors and other SDGs. The session will explore all the equitable options available to countries to expand fiscal space.

- **Moderator:** Emma Burgisser, Gender Project Manager, Bretton Woods Project
- **Panelist 1:** Isabel Ortiz, Director, Global Social Justice Initiative for Policy Dialogue
- **Panelist 2:** David Archer, Head of Participation and Public Services, ActionAid
- **Panelist 3:** Myria Koutsoumpa, Global Health Advocate, WEMOS
- **Panelist 4:** David Coady (if possible), Division Chief, IMF Expenditure Division, IMF

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WEEK 2 October 5 – October 9, 2020

The Role of IFIs in a World of Intersecting Conflicts and Crises

Monday, October 5, 2020

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

Arab NGO Network for Development, Syrian Center for Policy Research, Center for Economic and Social Rights, Oxfam, Social Watch, Third World Network, Global Policy Forum, Arab Watch Coalition, Society for International Development (SID), Phenix Center for Economic and Informatics Studies, Lebanese Crisis Observatory

Session abstract: This session will assess IMF policies in contexts of crises and conflicts, mainly in the Arab region, by examining the link between existing policies, their impact on inequality, and how they lead to conflicts, as well as recommendations on policies that can support peace.

- **Moderator:** Nizar Hassan, Senior Program and Research Officer, ANND
- **Panelist 1:** Rabie Nasr, co-founder, Syrian Center for Policy Research
- **Panelist 2:** Shaddin Alhajahmad, Senior Economic Justice Policy Officer, Oxfam
- **Panelist 3:** Mahinour El Badraoui, Center for Economic and Social Rights
- **Panelist 4:** Jihad Azour (TBC), Director of the Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF

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World Bank Group's 'Maximizing Finance for Development' in Times of COVID-19

Monday, October 5, 2020

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

Eurodad, Nawi – Afrifem Macroeconomics Collective, Global Social Justice Program, LATINDADD, ITUC, Bretton Woods Project, FEMNET, AFRODAD, SID, Oxfam International, Heinrich Boell Foundation

Session abstract: The COVID-19 pandemic has buoyed calls for de-risking private finance to ensure that cash-strapped developing countries finance recovery plans. This session explores the implications of the WBG promotion of private finance-led recoveries for gender equality and sustainable development, and the lessons from the pandemic for harnessing private finance for development.

- **Moderator:** Stefano Prato, Director, Society for International Development
- **Panelist 1:** Daniela Gabor, Associate Professor in Economics, University of the West of England
- **Panelist 2:** María José Romero, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Eurodad
- **Panelist 3:** Crystal Simeoni, Director, Nawi – Afrifem Macroeconomics Collective
- **Panelist 4:** Richard Montgomery (TBC), Executive Director, UK, World Bank
- **Discussant:** Jennifer del Rosario-Malonzo, Deputy Director, IBON International

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Climate Risk, Conflict and Environmental Degradation: Joining Up to Better Respond

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

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

International Committee of the Red Cross

Session abstract: Armed conflicts profoundly disrupt the foundations of societies, reducing their capacity to adapt to a changing climate and to limit environmental degradation. As a consequence, climate shocks and environmental degradation exacerbate the vulnerability of communities who have to find ways of coping through adapting ways of life, livelihood or, ultimately, moving to other locations. This conversation will bring together experts from Mali, Iraq, the Central African Republic, the ICRC and the World Bank to discuss how risks materialize in people's lives and explore avenues to strengthen people's resilience to growing risks.

- **Moderator:** Arame Tall, Sr. Adaptation and Resilience Specialist, Climate Change Group, World Bank
- **Panelist 1:** Catherine-Lune Greyson, Policy Advisor, ICRC
- **Panelist 2:** Nadheer About Faaza, Head of Environment, Energy, and Climate Change Pillar, UNDP - Iraq
- **Panelist 3:** Gildas Tola Kogadou, National Climate Coordinator, Coordination Nationale Climat – Central African Republic
- **Panelist 4:** Ibrahim Togola, Director, Mali Folke Centre

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The Common Good in Post-Crisis Reconstruction: National Development Banks and State-Owned Enterprises

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

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

International Trade Union Confederation, European Network on Debt and Development, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung New York Office, Society for International Development

Session abstract: What is the role for public institutions with policy mandates in a recovery that addresses poverty, employment, sustainable development, and the real economy? Do these tools ‘crowd out’ private activity and distort markets, or drive innovation and diversification? This panel debates approach of the international financial institutions (IFIs) in the context of COVID-19 and the Finance in Common summit.

- **Panelist 1:** Stephany Griffith-Jones, Financial Markets Program Director, Initiative for Policy Dialogue
- **Panelist 2:** Simone Gasperin, Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose
- **Panelist 3:** TBD, World Bank
- **Panelist 4:** TBD, International Monetary Fund

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Risks of Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) in the Pandemic Response in Africa

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

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

Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC), Ghana Integrity Initiative (GII)

Session abstract: The session will discuss the illicit financial flows in the context of the socio-economic responses to the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa. Governments, civil society, private sector and international partners need to discuss protocols to ensure an inclusive post-pandemic response to prevent channeling recovery assistance out of Africa through criminal proceeds.

- **Moderator:** Mr. Vaclav Prusa, Program Manager Anti-corruption, The Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Center (CISLAC), Nigeria
- **Panelist 1:** Mr. Charles Ayamdo, Director, Anti-Corruption, Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ), Ghana
- **Panelist 2:** Jay Purcell, Financial Sector Expert, Legal Department, IMF
- **Panelist 3:** Mr. Guglielmo Castaldo, Program Officer, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Dakar
- **Panelist 4:** Ms. Emilia Berazategui, Global Advocacy Coordinator, Transparency International

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Are the World Bank Group's Accountability Systems Working for Communities?

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

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

Center for International Environmental Law, Bank Information Center, Accountability Counsel

Session abstract: Conversation on the effectiveness of WBG's accountability systems for project-affected communities, in light of recent policy reforms and challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Focusing on WBG's commitment to do no harm, we will present and discuss recommendations for ensuring development institutions are accountable to the people they most impact.

- **Moderator:** Jolie Schwarz, Bank Information Center, Policy Director
- **Panelist 1:** Matthias Meis, World Bank Board of Directors, Senior Advisor
- **Panelist 2:** Nessim Ahmad, International Finance Corporation, Senior Director Environment and Social Policy and Risk
- **Panelist 3:** Carla García Zendejas, Center for International Environmental Law, Program Director with CSO representative from the Global South
- **Panelist 4:** Imrana Jalal, World Bank Inspection Panel, Chair, Inspection Panel

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Investing in Social Protection to Mitigate the Effects of the Coronavirus Pandemic

Thursday, October 8, 2020

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

Centre for Budget and Tax Policy, African Institute for Health and Development (AIHD)

Session abstract: The coronavirus pandemic has not only exasperated the vulnerability of populations in developing countries, but also pointed to the opportunities for more inclusive and sustainable growth. Social Protection has proved the most effective tool in building resilience of populations against shocks such as the coronavirus pandemic.

- **Moderator/Panelist 4:** Kiconco Katabaazi Patrick, Executive Director, Centre for Budget and Tax Policy (CBTP)
- **Panelist 1:** Clara Mira, Country Representative-Uganda, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- **Panelist 2:** Dr Mary Amuyunzu-Nyamongo, Founding Director and Chairperson Board, African Institute for Health and Development (AIHD)
- **Panelist 3:** David Lambert Tumwesigye, Social Policy Officer-Social Protection, World Food Program

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World Bank Funding and Freedom of the Press

Thursday, October 8, 2020

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

Freedom House, IFEX, Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), Article19

Session abstract: Journalists worldwide are facing increasing restrictions and reprisals for reporting on the COVID-19 emergency responses that the World Bank is supporting, what does this mean to the World Bank's commitment to stakeholder engagement and public participation?

- **Moderator:** Courtney Radsch, Advocacy Director, Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ)
- **Panelist 1:** Vusumuzi Sifile, Executive Director, Panos Institute Southern Africa
- **Panelist 2:** Oscar Martinez, Journalist, El Faro
- **Panelist 3:** Baris Altintas, Journalist, President MLSA, The Media and Law Studies Association
- **Panelist 4:** Leopoldo Maldonado, Director, Article 19 Mexico & Central America
- **Panelist 5:** Maria Ressa, Chief Executive Officer, Rappler

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5 years with the Global Financing Facility (GFF): Challenges and Lessons Learned

Friday, October 9, 2020

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

Center for Health Human Rights & Development (CEHURD), Malawi Health Equity Network (MHEN), Wemos

Session abstract: The GFF celebrated its 5th birthday. Civil society has been monitoring the GFF globally and nationally. Since the replenishment, a lot has happened in the GFF landscape; including COVID-19. It is time to recollect new information and evaluate critically if civil society's concerns have been able to change the GFF's procedure.

- **Moderator:** Myria Koutsoumpa, Global Health Advocate, Wemos
- **Panelist 1:** Moses Mulumba, Executive Director, CEHURD
- **Panelist 2:** George Jobe, Executive Director, MHEN
- **Panelist 3:** TBC, TBC, GFF Secretariat

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