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Day 2 - Wednesday, April 18, 2018

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<p>10:30 am – 11:00 am</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>			
<p>11:00 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p>I 2-210 Filling the LGBTI Data Gap: Insights from Research in Thailand and Western Balkans</p> <p>LGBTI Equal Rights Association for Western Balkans and Turkey – ERA with Bank Information Center Europe, The Human Rights Campaign, The Council for Global Equality, World Bank GSURR SOGI, Knowledge Silo Buster, The National LGBT Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>I 2-220 Sustainable Financing for Nutrition: Perspectives from High-Burden Countries</p> <p>Save the Children</p>	<p>I 2-250 Open, Transparent and Inclusive: How Information Disclosure Can Lead to Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement</p> <p>Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)</p>	<p>IMF HQ2 03B-838B Civil Society Fighting Inequality on Both Sides of Fiscal Policy for Progressive Taxation and Spending</p> <p>Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group with Oxfam</p>

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2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<p>I 2-210 Unleashing the Potential of Women in Agriculture and Aquaculture to Build Sustainable and Resilient Communities</p> <p>Association for Community Empowerment Solutions (ACESWorld) & Triumphant Hand of Mercy Initiative (THOMI Africa)</p>	<p>I 2-220 IFIs' Procurement Rules as Drivers of Anti-Corruption Compliance Among SMEs Around the World</p> <p>Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)</p>	<p>I 2-250 Strengthening Climate Finance in a New Era of Transparency, Accountability, Efficiency and Inclusiveness</p> <p>The Stakeholder Advisory on Climate Finance (SAN)</p>	<p>IMF HQ2 03B-838B Developing an IMF institutional View on Social Protection: A Consultation with Civil Society</p> <p>International Monetary Fund (IMF)</p>
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Coffee Break			
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<p>I 2-210 Can the Bank Improve Energy Access for the Poor? The Importance of Transparency and Action in Meeting the SDG7</p> <p>Swedish Society for Nature Conservation & Tearfund with Oxfam, Sierra Club, BIC Europe, Cafod, ACCESS coalition, Oil Change International, Christian Aid, Big Shift Global</p>	<p>I 2-220 Digital Protectionism and Cross Border Data Flow: The Role of Civil Society and Netizens in Shaping Digital Trade Agreements</p> <p>Public Knowledge with Internet Governance Project, Georgia Tech</p>	<p>I 2-250 Rethinking Civil Society Roles in Helping Achieve Good Governance Targets in SDG16</p> <p>Partnership for Transparency Fund with Global Integrity</p>	<p>IMF HQ2 03B-838B Financing Universal Social Protection to Promote Inclusive Development and Reduce Inequality</p> <p>Church of Sweden, on behalf of Global Coalition of Social Protection Floors and ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together), NGO Committee on Financing for Development, International Labour Organization (ILO)</p>

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6:00 pm –
8:00 pm

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CSO Networking Reception

Session Descriptions

Day 2 - Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Transport Projects for Development: Addressing Social Impacts

9:00 am – 10:30 am
Room I 2-210

Sponsor: Bank Information Center with Sociedad y Discapacidad

Panellists:

- Elana Berger (Executive Director, Bank Information Center) (Moderator)
- Silvana Queija (Executive Director, Sociedad y Discapacidad)
- Mario Paniagua (Advisor, Indigenous Peoples, Fundación Tierra)
- José Luis Irigoyen (Senior Director, Transport and Digital Development Global Practice, World Bank)

This panel will cover common social risks and impacts in transport projects for development and discuss specific examples of issues affecting persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples. It will include recommendations for development finance institutions to address these risks and impacts and ensure that transportation systems are accessible and inclusive.

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Big Shift: How Can the Development Banks Align with the Paris Climate Agreement?

9:00 am – 10:30 am
Room I 2-220

Sponsor: E3G with Bank Information Center Europe, Christian Aid, Ugrewald

Panellists:

- Jason Allford (Australian Executive Director, World Bank) (Moderator)
- Helena Wright (Senior Policy Advisor, E3G)
- Nezir Sinani (Director, Bank Information Centre Europe)
- John Roome (Senior Director, Climate Change Global Practice, World Bank)
- Juan Pablo Bonilla (Manager of the Climate Change and Sustainable Development Sector, Inter-American Development Bank)

Multilateral Development Banks have a vital role in supporting member countries to meet the agreed goals under the Paris Agreement on climate change. How can they align their activities and shift investment from fossil fuels to clean energy? This event will present the latest research and case studies.

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Developing Leadership Capacity to Achieve SDG 4: Creating Impact in and Beyond the Classroom in the Americas

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Room I 2-250

Sponsor: Basic Education Coalition

Panellists:

- Dan Stoner (Co-Chair, Basic Education Coalition) (Moderator)
- Erik Ramirez (Chief Executive Officer, Enseña por México)
- Tomás Vergara (Chief Program Officer, Enseña Chile)
- Luis Benveniste (Director, Education Global Practice, World Bank)

CSOs, like Enseña por México and Enseña Chile, have proven that focusing on building participant leadership capacity to lead inside and outside of the classroom can develop the talent necessary for short-term impact on students and medium-term impact on the leadership within the system, accelerating progress towards SDG 4.

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Economies in Transition: Inequality and IMF policies in the Arab Region

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Room IMF HQ2 03B-838B

Sponsor: Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND)

Panellists:

- Mahinour El-Badrawi (Researcher, Center of Economic and Social Rights - Egypt) (Moderator)
- Salma Hussein (Researcher, Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights)
- Ahmad Awad (Executive Director, Phoenix Center - Jordan)
- Björn Rother (Advisor and Mission Chief for Tunisia, International Monetary Fund, Middle East and Central Asia Department)

Arab economies have implemented fiscal and monetary policies having the sole aim of decreasing public deficit. Many of these were suggested by IFIs without considering their impact on inequality. A paradigm shift is crucial where social protection, growth and reducing inequalities are perceived as complements and not a trade-off.

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Filling the LGBTI Data Gap: Insights from Research in Thailand and Western Balkans

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Room I 2-210

Sponsor: ERA - LGBTI Equal Rights Association for Western Balkans and Turkey with Bank Information Center Europe, The Human Rights Campaign, The Council for Global Equality, World Bank GSURR SOGI, Knowledge Silo Buster, The National LGBT Chamber of Commerce

Panellists:

- David Kinder (UK Alternate Executive Director, World Bank) (Moderator)

- Clifton Cortez (Advisor, Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice, World Bank)
- Dragana Todorović (Executive Director, ERA - LGBTI Equal Rights Association for Western Balkans and Turkey)
- Nebojša Kaluđerović (Ambassador of Montenegro to USA)
- Gabriel Alves de Faria (Founder and Director, Not Only Voices)

The global knowledge gap on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people makes it difficult to design inclusive programs and policies. WBG teams have collected much needed data on the experiences of LGBTI people in Thailand and Western Balkans. Their work shows that filling the LGBTI data gap is possible.

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Sustainable Financing for Nutrition: Perspectives from High-Burden Countries

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Sponsor: Save The Children

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Panellists:

- Gwen Hines (Executive Director, Global Programs, Save the Children UK) (Moderator)
- Hon. Zainab Ahmed (Minister of State, Ministry of Budget and National Planning, Government of Nigeria)
- Ramatu Budah-Aliyu (Advocacy Advisor, Child Development Grant Program, Save the Children Nigeria)
- Andrea Menefee (Nutrition Advisor, Maternal Child Cash Transfer Program, Save the Children's Department of Global Health)
- Luc Laviolette (Lead Health Specialist and Lead of Country Programs, Global Financing Facility, World Bank)

The current nutrition financing paradigm is unable to provide the funding needed to deliver on SDG2. This session examines what is required to achieve the 2030 goal, showcases nutrition work in high burden countries, and lays out key new principles for sustainable nutrition financing.

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Open, Transparent and Inclusive: How Information Disclosure Can Lead to Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Sponsor: Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) with International Accountability Project

Room I 2-250

Panellists:

- Carla Garcia Zendejas (Director, People, Land & Resources Program, Center for International Environmental Law)
- Mariana González Armijo (Senior Researcher, Fundar, Centro de Análisis e Investigación, Mexico)
- Vanessa Peter (Policy Researcher, Information and Resource Centre for the Deprived Urban Communities, India)
- Preksha Krishna Kumar (Programs Specialist, International Accountability Project)
- Kelsey Alford-Jones (Senior Campaigner, Center for International Environmental Law)

This session will explore the links between information disclosure and stakeholder engagement. It will show how project-affected parties from several regions engaged in development projects. By examining how transparency, openness and inclusiveness are fundamental to meaningful engagement it will provide lessons and insight on good practice at DFIs.

Civil Society Fighting Inequality on Both Sides of Fiscal Policy for Progressive Taxation and Spending

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Room IMF HQ2 03B-838B

Sponsor: Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group with Oxfam

Panellists:

- Nathan Coplin (Policy Advisor, Accountable Development Finance, Oxfam America) (Moderator)
- Julius Mukunda (Executive Director, Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group)
- Duong Thi Viet Anh (Managing Director, Center for Development and Integration)
- Victoria Perry (Assistant Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund)
- George Kennedy (Executive Director, Niger Delta Budget Monitoring Group)
- Moses Kagwa (Director Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda)

When citizens actively participate in the implementation of DRM and PFM reforms, especially budgets, there is increased opportunity for ensuring raising and spending of revenues progressively. This session will be sharing how DRM and PFM reforms and practices can be used to reduce poverty and inequality.

Unleashing the Potential of Women in Agriculture and Aquaculture to Build Sustainable and Resilient Communities

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Room I 2-210

Sponsor: Association for Community Empowerment Solutions (ACESWorld) & Triumphant Hand of Mercy Initiative (THOMI Africa)

Panellists:

- Linda Jackson (President and Chief Executive Officer, Association for Community Empowerment Solutions) (Moderator)
- Dorcas Tshuma (Program Director, Triumphant Hand of Mercy Initiative) (Moderator)
- Sithembiso Nyoni (Minister of Women and Youth Affairs, Zimbabwe)
- Kanchan Amatya (Sustainable Fish Farming Initiative)
- Mvuselelo Huni (Chief Executive Officer, The Organization of Rural Associations for Progress)
- Emily Bove (Executive Director, Women Thrive Alliance)
- Melissa Williams (Senior Rural Development Specialist, World Bank)

The session aims to stimulate discussion on the potential of women in agriculture and aquaculture to build sustainable and resilient communities. Social entrepreneurs from Nepal, South Africa and Zimbabwe will discuss evidence based best practices and models in creating climate-resilient community led solutions.

IFIs' Procurement Rules as Drivers of Anti-Corruption Compliance Among SMEs Around the World

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Room I 2-220

Sponsor: Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

Panellists:

- John Morrell (Regional Director for Asia, Center for International Private Enterprise) (Moderator)
- Georg Neumann (Senior Communications Manager, Open Contracting Partnership)
- Nate Herman (Senior Vice President, Supply Chain, American Apparel & Footwear Association)
- Lisa Miller (Senior Integrity Compliance Officer, Integrity Vice Presidency, World Bank)
- Diomedes Berroa (Lead Specialist, Governance – Procurement, World Bank)

A better understanding of how to successfully engage with the World Bank and other IFIs, will give SMEs around the world an incentive to raise their governance and integrity standards, thereby contributing to a larger shift to more transparent, fair and inclusive local markets and governance.

Strengthening Climate Finance in a New Era of Transparency, Accountability, Efficiency and Inclusiveness

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Room I 2-250

Sponsor: The Stakeholder Advisory on Climate Finance (SAN)

Opening Remarks:

- Saba Loftus (Director of Special Projects, Monitoring and Evaluation, Global Policy Forum, Belgium) (Moderator)
- Hartwig Schafer (Vice President for Global Themes, World Bank)
- Naoko Ishii (Global Environment Facility CEO and Chairperson, World Bank Group)

Speakers:

- Niranjali Amerasinghe (Senior Associate in the Finance Center, World Resources Institute)
- Mikko Ollikainen (Manager, Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat)
- Ms. Liane Schalatek (Associate Director, Heinrich Boell Foundation US)

Panelists:

- Jan Willem van den Wall Bake (Head of Division, International Financial Institutions - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands) TBC
- Jean-Paul Brice Affana (Policy Advisor, Germanwatch and Adaptation Fund)
- Archana Godbole (Director, Applied Environmental Research Foundation)

The participation of non-state actors is vital for effectively catalyzing and scaling up investments for renewable energy, clean technology, sustainable forests and climate resilient projects. This session will showcase mechanisms and approaches for enhancing inclusive participation, accountability, and transparency in climate finance decision-making that is important to climate outcomes. It will also solicit participant views, thoughts and perspectives on how the SAN can consolidate and nurture innovative partnerships.

Developing an IMF institutional View on Social Protection: A Consultation with Civil Society

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Room IMF HQ2 03B-838B

Sponsor: International Monetary Fund

Panellists:

- Nicolas Mombrial (Senior Communications Officer, IMF) (Moderator)
- David Coady (Division Chief, Expenditure Policy, IMF Fiscal Affairs Department)
- Zuzana Murgasova (Assistant Director, IMF Strategy, Policy and Review Department)
- Miriam Brett (International Finance Project Manager, Bretton Woods Project)

The Independent Evaluation Office of the IMF published in the summer of 2017 a report on the IMF and social protection. The report indicates that the Fund has made progress in advancing its engagement on social protection issues, while noting that there is room to do better. One of the key recommendations for the IMF was to establish a new strategic framework on the Fund's engagement on this issue. This town hall type session will provide an opportunity for CSOs to hear about the process towards developing this new framework and for the Fund to consult with CSOs on their views on this issue.

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Can the Bank Improve Energy Access for the Poor? The Importance of Transparency and Action in Meeting the SDG7

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Room I 2-210

Sponsor: Swedish Society for Nature Conservation & Tearfund with Oxfam, Sierra Club, Bank Information Center Europe, Cafod, ACCESS coalition, Oil Change International, Christian Aid, Big Shift Global

Panellists:

- Sasanka Thilakasiri (Senior Policy Advisor for Climate Change and Energy, Oxfam America) (Moderator)
- Dana Rysankova (Senior Energy Specialist, Energy & Extractives Global Practice, World Bank)
- David Kinder (UK Alternate Executive Director, World Bank)
- Alex Doukas (Program Director, Oil Change International)
- Anna Östergren (Senior Policy Advisor, Swedish Society for Nature Conservation)

This session will look at how the WBG approach is helping countries improve their performance to achieve universal energy access by 2030. We will discuss challenges and opportunities in regard to tracking and reporting, and to give priority to clean energy and energy access demands from countries in WBG's operations and lending.

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Digital Protectionism and Cross Border Data flow: The Role of Civil Society and Netizens in Shaping Digital Trade Agreements

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Room I 2-220

Sponsor: Public Knowledge with Internet Governance Project, Georgia Tech

Panellists:

- Milton Mueller (Co-founder and Director, Internet Governance Project, Georgia Tech) (Moderator)

- Gus Rossi (Director of Global Policy, Public Knowledge)
- Susan Ariel Aaronson (Research Professor, George Washington University and Senior Fellow, International Governance Innovation)
- Deborah Brown (Global Policy Advocacy Lead, Association for Progressive Communications)
- Roberto Dos Reis Alvarez (Executive Director, Global Federation of Competitiveness Councils)

In this session we discuss the implications of digital protectionisms and the need for civil society organizations and netizens to pay attention to regional and global processes that affect digital trade.

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Rethinking Civil Society Roles in Helping Achieve Good Governance Targets in SDG16

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Sponsor: Partnership for Transparency Fund with Global Integrity

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Panellists:

- Daniel Ritchie (Fundraising and Donor Relations, Partnership for Transparency Fund) (Moderator)
- Vinay Bhargava (Project Manager, Partnership for Transparency Fund)
- Michael Moses (Director of Learning & Programs, Global Integrity)
- Asmeen Khan (Practice Manager, Strategy and Operations, Governance Global Practice, World Bank)

SDG#16 calls for promoting good governance through combined efforts of governments, civil society, private sector and donors. In this context, this session will discuss: (a) evidence on the effectiveness of civil society approaches; and (b) how civil society organizations' engagement around governance and development challenges can be strengthened by support for the use of data crafting effective solutions; and (c) the implications of this for the World Bank's evolving agenda on open government and citizen engagement

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Financing Universal Social Protection to Promote Inclusive Development and Reduce Inequality

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Sponsor: Church of Sweden, on behalf of Global Coalition of Social Protection Floors and ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together), NGO Committee on Financing for Development, International Labour Organization (ILO)

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Panellists:

- Peter Bakvis (Director, International Trade Union Confederation/Global Unions/Global Coalition on Social Protection Floors) (Moderator)
- Isabel Ortiz (Director of Social Protection, International Labour Organization)
- Stephen Kidd (CEO/Senior Social Policy Specialist, Development Pathways)
- Carolina Dantas (Social Protection Advisor, Trade Union Confederation of the Americas)
- Anush Bezhanyan (Practice Manager, Social Protection and Labor Global Practice, World Bank)
- David Coady (Division Chief Expenditure Policy, IMF Fiscal Affairs Department)

Given the sphere of influence of the IMF and World Bank on shaping the lived experience of social protection in nation states throughout the world, this event wishes to offer insights into how international financial institutions and other global initiatives can support universal social protection floors.

