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Day 3 – Thursday, October 6, 2016

Women's Leadership in Development in Africa

9:00 – 10:30 am

Room: I2-210

Sponsor: Africa Leadership Development Initiative

Panellists:

- Hon. Mrs Malado Kaba, Minister of Finance, Republic of Guinea
- Mrs. Ndimyake Mwakalyelye, Journalist, Voice of America, USA
- Professor Nemata Blyden, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, USA
- Mrs. Rahama Wright, CEO, Shea Yeleen, USA
- Mrs. Yasmin Belo-Osagie, Co-Founder, She Leads Africa, Nigeria

This session will bring together decision-makers, entrepreneurs, development experts, academics, members of the civil society from Africa and elsewhere to reflect on the roles women play in Africa and how their dreams, passions, energies and leadership skills should be best harnessed to foster inclusive growth and power Africa into a brighter, more prosperous, peaceful future in a more decisive manner, beneficial for all and inclusive of all – the women, the youth, the institutions, etc. As Africa embarks on a fundamental socio-economic transformation, this session is the right opportunity to bring together world leaders and members of the civil society and help them exchange ideas and strategies on the best ways to enhance the critical roles women play in development.

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Poverty Simulation

9:00 – 10:30 am

Room: I2-220

Sponsor: Junior Chamber International (JCI)

No Panellists – this is an interactive simulation experience

The poverty simulation is a unique experience that can educate everyone from policy makers to business owners to everyday citizens and provide an eye-opening experience about the day-to-day realities of life in poverty and how this challenge directly correlates to peace in society. During the simulation, participants role-play the lives of low-income families, from single parents caring for their children to senior citizens trying to maintain self-sufficiency on social security. The task of each family is to meet their basic needs while interacting with community resources that can help them get out of poverty or leave families living in poverty. The session concludes with a debrief that focuses on how participants can utilize this experience to craft grassroots and policy solutions that help achieve the eradication of poverty.

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Entrepreneurship Revolution in Africa and Latin America: Lessons and Similarities

9:00 – 10:30 am

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Sponsors: Young Americas Business Trust (YABT) & African Immigrant Organization

Panellists:

- Hermine Zossoungbo, Founder, African Immigrant Organization (Moderator)
- Antonio Laredo, Co-founder, Eminlaga
- Mariana Garcia, Co-founder, MIINGO
- Rahama Wright, CEO of Shea Yeleen
- Erastus Mong'are, Executive Director, Start Up Africa
- Dr. Robin Sanders, FEEEDS

Africa and Latin America are usually treated as different regions, yet we see that there are many similarities. Their economic environments are mired with significant uncertainties, their economies are exposed to a number of shocks and risks. At stake is the furthering of economic gains especially for African and Latin American youth. The session will consist of a round of interventions from our speakers and an open seat style dialogue to build the ideal entrepreneurship ecosystem. We will also explore similarities between both regions such as the importance of remittances as a source of financing a sustainable career path.

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The Reform of the IMF-WB Debt Sustainability Framework: Fit for the 2030 Development Agenda

9:00 – 10:30 am

Room: IMF HQ2 03B-838

Sponsor: European Network on Debt and Development (Eurodad)

Panellists:

- Bodo Ellmers, Eurodad (Moderator)
- Jürgen Kaiser, Erlassjahr
- Patricia Miranda, Jubileo Bolivia
- Tirivangani Mutazu, Afrodad
- IMF speaker (to be determined)

While recent years have seen a number of advances in both institutional and market-oriented elements of sovereign-debt restructuring process, ongoing and emerging debt-related financial vulnerabilities and crises in a range of countries highlight the continued need for urgent, additional efforts to make our rescheduling and restructuring processes more effective and efficient. This session aims to identify possible next steps in continued reform of sovereign debt and financial crisis response mechanisms and enhance momentum on this critical policy issue.

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Development Policy Financing: Opportunities for Low-Carbon, Pro-Poor Outcomes

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

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Sponsor: 11.11.11

Panellists:

- Korinna Horta, Urgewald (Moderator)
- Harlem Mariño, Derecho Ambiente y Recursos Naturales-Peru
- Heike Mainhardt, Bank Information Center (BIC)
- Melanie Robinson, Executive Director, UK (TBC)
- Hassan Zaman, Director of Policy and Quality department of OPCS, World Bank

This session will examine development policy financing (DPF) as a tool for scaling-up positive environmental and social impact amidst the global climate crisis. It will feature case study findings from recent operations that represent challenges to the achievement of World Bank climate and forest commitments and to the current model of assessing DPF for social and environmental risk. The session will also provide space for discussion of policy recommendations based on lessons learned from the recent safeguards review to ensure that DPF supports low-carbon, pro-poor outcomes.

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Empowering Youth: Work Readiness and Skills Training for the 21st Century

11:00 – 12:30 pm
Room: I2-220

Sponsors: Junior Achievement Americas; OISCA Japan; Somos El Presente; & International Youth Foundation

Panellists:

- Leo Martellotto, President, Junior Achievement Americas
- Lara Henneman, Manager, Corporate Programs, International Youth Foundation
- Watanabe Tadashi, Director-General, OISCA

This session will discuss practical experiences of on-the-job training in order to highlight the importance of capacity building to advance sustainable development goals. Attendees will be given the opportunity to understand the need to incorporate soft skills training into workforce development programs and to measure these skills in appropriate ways. It is the session's intention to highlight the importance of including youth as partners for sustainable development while showcasing good practices that are currently being employed by our speakers. The session will also collaboratively explore and define challenges and how we can best move forward together to ensure today's vulnerable youth are prepared for the Fourth Industrial Revolution and can bridge the skills gap.

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Combatting Corruption in Closing Spaces: Implications for Governance

11:00 – 12:30 pm
Room: I2-250

Sponsor: Freedom House

Panellists:

- Dr. Robert Herman, Vice President for Emergency Assistance Programs and Multilateral Initiatives, Freedom House (Moderator)
- Dr. Courtney C. Radsch, Advocacy Director, Committee to Protect Journalists
- Ray Choto, Former Chief Investigative Reporter for The Standard, A Sunday weekly-based in Harare, Zimbabwe
- Yoseph Badwaza, Former Secretary General of Ethiopian Human Rights Council

In November 2015, 65 thought leaders and policymakers from around the world confronted simulated crises, flash points and trade-offs that disrupted global food security between 2020 and 2030 in an exercise called Food Chain Reaction. This session features insights from event organizers, players and game designers on the development of the exercise, its key findings, and policy recommendations drawn from the event.

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Infrastructure and Public-Private Partnerships: The IMF's Role

11:00 – 12:30 pm
Room: IMF HQ2 03B-838

Sponsors: Center of Concern & Heinrich Boell Foundation

Panellists:

- Aldo Caliari, Center of Concern (Moderator)
- Isabel Rial, International Monetary Fund
- Mathieu Vervynckt, Eurodad
- Laurence Carter, World Bank
- Patricia Miranda, Latin American Network on Debt, Development and Rights (LATINDADD)

Civil society organizations have repeatedly expressed concern at the lack of evidence substantiating the growing support for PPPs. A number of such concerns refer to issues that fall under the IMF's purview, such as their impacts on fiscal resources and tax policy, financial volatility, budget transparency and debt sustainability. This session will provide an opportunity for an exchange of views on positions regarding aspects of PPPs that belong in the IMF's mandate.

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Roundtable Discussion on the New GBV Task Force

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Room: I2-210

Sponsor: Joy for Children Uganda

Panellists:

- Moses Ntenga, Joy for Children (Moderator)
- Maninder S. Gill, Director Social Development, World Bank
- Lyric Thompson, Sr. Policy Manager, International Center Research on Women (ICRW)
- Mary Ellsberg, Director, Global Women's Institute, George Washington University
- Anne-Marie Urban, Lead Specialist in Social Development, Inter-American Development bank
- Jennifer McCleary - Sills, ICRW
- Ellen Chigwanda, Country Office Gender Focal Point, CARE Zimbabwe

Global civil society has eagerly welcomed the creation of a new GBV Task Force under the auspices of the World Bank Group; the Task Force is seen as a powerful forum to bring about profound development outcomes and deliver promises to the most vulnerable populations, including young women and girls. This session will be used to generate ever-wider global support to this newly established Task Force. It will serve as an open forum for ideas, thoughts, opinions and recommendations on WB policies and procedures that might effectively focus a GBV lens within the design, implementation and management of WB-financed projects.

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Religion and Sustainable Development: Evidence for the Capacities, Activities, and Contributions of Faith Groups Towards Achieving the SDGs

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Room: I2-220

Sponsor: Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities

Panellists:

- Adam Taylor, Lead, World Bank Faith Initiative (Moderator)
- Jean Duff Coordinator Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities
- Jill Olivier, University of Cape Town
- Sally Smith, UNAIDS
- Vinya Aryatne. Sarvodaya Movement, Sri Lanka
- Archbishop Bernard Nhatari, Burundi

This interactive session will review current evidence of the capacities, activities, and contributions of faith-based and religious organizations in combating extreme poverty. Emphasis will be placed on surfacing mechanisms for building effective cross-sector partnerships towards ending extreme poverty and achieving the SDGs.

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Equity, Inclusion and Education: Examining Evidence on Low-Fee Private Schools

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Room: I2-250

Sponsor: Global Campaign for Education

Panellists:

- Jennifer Rigg, Executive Director, Global Campaign for Education (Moderator)
- Tanvir Muntasim, International Policy Manager-Education, ActionAid
- Senior Director, Education Global Practice, World Bank Group (TBD)
- Senior Director, Education, International Finance Corporation (TBD)
- Salima Namusobya, Executive Director, Initiative for Social and Economic Rights (*joining remotely*)

- Wilson Sossion, General Secretary, Kenya National Union of Teachers (*joining remotely*)

The UN Human Rights Council has urged states to “regulate education providers and invest in public education”, yet donors, including the World Bank Group, are supporting low-fee, for-profit private schools. This session will launch a new report from the Global Campaign for Education examining the evidence around low-fee private schools and discuss research from Education International on the privatization of education. Please join the dialogue between civil society, the World Bank Group, and interested participants as to whether such schools are an effective means for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through education.

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Stopping Vulture Funds Through National Anti-Vulture Laws

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Sponsors: CNCD & 11.11.11

Panellists:

- Korinna Horta, Urgewald (Moderator)
- Harlem Mariño, DAR- Derecho Ambiente y Recursos Naturales-Peru)
- Heike Mainhardt (BIC)
- Salma Hussein, Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights
- Melanie Robinson, Executive Director, UK (TBC)
- World Bank Representative, OPCS (TBC)

This panel would explore the issue of vulture funds from various angles and, in so doing, raise awareness on the issue amongst the CSO community, and also incite IFIs, including the WB and IMF, to take on their own responsibilities on this issue. With the collapse in oil and other commodities prices, and general worldwide economic weakness and instability, many countries, including from the global South, are faced again by the risk of unsustainable levels of public debt. VF will therefore be a problem in the future, if they are not already. The panel will also possible solutions, including national legislations, such as the recent Belgian law, currently challenged by vulture funds before the Belgian Constitutional Court.

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Three Steps to Closing the Gender Digital Divide

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Room: I2-210

Sponsors: IREX, Alliance for Affordable Internet, & World Bank Jobs Group

Panellists:

- Samhir Vasdez, Digital Development Advisor, IREX (Moderator)
- Sonia Jorge, Executive Director, Alliance for Affordable Internet
- Sheila Scott, Gender Advisor, IREX

In this interactive discussion session, participants will learn to deconstruct the oft-cited development challenge of a numeric digital divide in which fewer females are online and develop a nuanced understanding of the three key barriers that underpin that growing divide: access, skills and perceived benefit.

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Adaptive Learning and Management in Practice – What Are We Learning?

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Room: I2-220

Sponsor: Global Integrity

Panellists:

- Alan Hudson, Executive Director, Global Integrity (Moderator)

- Gertrude Mugizi, Head of Regional Learning, Public Service Accountability Monitor
- Dennis Whittle - Director and Co-Founder Feedback Labs
- Maria Gonzalez de Aziz - Co-Chairman and Founder, Global Delivery Initiative
- Dante de los Angeles, Director, Partnership for Transparency Fund

Participants will gain insights about why adaptive learning and its close cousin, adaptive management, are thought to better address persistent governance and implementation challenges and how they can be tangibly put into practice. Specifically, participants will learn about four different initiatives and will discuss and reflect on their own experiences.

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Evaluating Citizen Engagement in World Bank Operations

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Room: I2-250

Sponsor: Independent Evaluation Group (IEG), World Bank

Panellists:

- Marie Gaarder, Manager, Independent Evaluation Group (Moderator)
- Elena Bardasi, Senior Economist, Independent Evaluation Group
- Jeff Hall, Executive Director, Bank Information Center
- Rasmus Heltberg, Lead Evaluation Officer, Independent Evaluation Group
- Jeffrey M. Thindwa, Program Manager, Global Partnership for Social Accountability
- Cissy Nabazinga Kagaba, Executive Director, Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda (ACCU)

The session will open with introductory remarks by the Independent Evaluation Group and an overview of the World Bank Group's strategy for citizen engagement. Two CSOs will then share their experiences, challenges and expectations, in engaging governments and development institutions like the World Bank Group. The session will conclude with an open discussion and Q&A session, featuring senior leaders from civil society and the World Bank Group.

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The Role of IFIs in Assessing the Impact of Tax Incentives and Tax Competition on Inequality

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Room: IMF HQ2 03B-838

Sponsor: Christian Aid

Panellists:

- Matti Kohonen, Christian Aid (Moderator)
- Sara Jespersen, OXFAM IBIS

The link between tax incentives and tax competition and growing inequality in developing countries has been recognized by the IMF in its research work, while greater revenue mobilization is important for implementing SDGs and Addis Ababa Action Agenda. Gaps still exist in following-up these commitments in practical country advice work. This panel discussion will present specific case-study evidence from civil society, exploring the link between tax incentives, reduced revenue mobilization and inequality as (civil society research and case-study work). Tax capacity building efforts will be addressed, as will the topic of whether tax incentives are effective in attracting investment.

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