

MENAFEM & PARTNERS AT THE IMF-WB ANNUAL MEETINGS 2025

CIVIL SOCIETY POLICY FORUM

WASHINGTON DC

13-17 OCTOBER

Join the October Global Week of Action!
13-18 October 2025

Day of Globally Coordinated Mobilizations
16 October 2025

Billions of people across all global regions are increasingly caught in the tightening grip of polycrisis, ever-growing in breadth and scale. The Global South is heavily weighed down by unprecedented public debt accumulation and servicing unsustainable and illegitimate debts. At the same time, Global South peoples are struggling to survive in a context of deepening economic devastation, inequality, impoverishment and deprivation.

This October, as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank hold business-as-usual Annual Meetings, let us seize the opportunity to advance our calls and demands for debt, climate and economic justice. These institutions and the richest countries that control and profit from them, continue to leave a trail of debt and destruction and block the path towards making the transformative changes we urgently need for a just, equitable and sustainable world.

Press on with bigger and bolder mobilizations to demand --

1 Cancel illegitimate and unsustainable debts!

Over 3.4 billion people today live in countries spending more on debt service than on education or health and whose economies are deformed by perpetual debt bondage. Part of these debts being claimed from the South are illegitimate – lacking in transparency and public consultations, violating human rights and exacerbating poverty and the climate crisis – and must be unconditionally and immediately cancelled.

We call for a UN Debt Convention to democratize debt governance, away from IMF-WB and other lender-dominated spaces.

2 Grants not loans, for Climate Finance! Stop fossil fuel lending!

The Global South, which least contributed to the climate crisis, bear the brunt of the harshest impacts of climate change. It is a gross injustice that International Financial Institutions persist in peddling more loans to the South to address climate vulnerabilities, for a crisis we did not cause. Global North governments should not channel the delivery of their Climate Finance obligations thru IFIs who in turn provide loans for climate programs.

3 End austerity, stop privatization of vital public services and reject false financial solutions!

Resist the IMF-World Bank's vigorous promotion of G7/G20 debt "solutions" which have failed to bring even minimal relief to borrowing countries. They also continue to prescribe anti-people measures – regressive taxes, budget cuts in essential social spending, privatization of health, water and sanitation, wage freezes, labor contractualization, etc. Debunk their claims!

4 Reparations and Just Transition Now!

We demand reparations for the neo-colonial plunder of the resources and wealth of the South that continues to this day, and for the economic maldevelopment arising from imposing neo-liberal, profit-driven policies and conditionalities. We further demand reparations from IFIs and rich Global North countries for the climate crisis that is hitting the Global South with increasing intensity. Enormous wealth has been accumulated at the expense of our people and planet. It is past time for a massive transfer of wealth and resources to pay reparations for historical injustice.

The need for transforming the current international economic and financial system and embarking on a process of Just Transition has never been more urgent as it is now. A Just Transition Agenda must be built from the ground up, ensuring that peoples' rights and welfare are not violated in the process and that costs and benefits are equitably shared. Reject the attempts of IFIs to appropriate and cash in on this process through their lending as well as their promotion of private sector investments!

Stop the harm! Cancel the Debt!
Reparations and Just Transition Now!



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TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER

09.00 - 10.30

Cross-institutional collaboration in times of multilateral fragmentation; challenges and opportunities in IMF-UN collaboration

As the IMF's impact assessment toolkit becomes better equipped to recognise and address the economic and social human rights impacts of macroeconomic policymaking, this session explores opportunities to strengthen this collaboration at the country level.

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09.30 - 13.30

CLOSED EVENT: The IFIs' evolving role in climate finance — from Sevilla to Belem and beyond

Advocacy on international architecture reform and climate justice must go hand in hand. This workshop will bring together civil society constituencies involved in different crucial institutions and policy processes on climate finance and economic architecture reform, to discuss both messaging and action on key current processes as well as a medium-term strategic approach that goes beyond "reacting" to events. Individual institutional contexts of the IFIs, UNFCCC, FFD and others are each intense and complex, requiring a high level of engagement, time, and expertise – this workshop therefore aims to bridge civil society communities to help each other make sense of the most important political developments, ongoing advocacy work, and long-term goals.

- **Moderator:** *Shereen Talaat, Director, MENAFem*

16.30 - 18.00

From Sevilla to the CSPF: Reimagining IMF Governance for a multilateralism fit for purpose

Amid global crises and shifting geopolitics, demands for just and coherent multilateralism are growing. This session builds on FfD4 outcomes to explore how UN-led processes, feminist and regional movements, and IMF/WBG reform reviews can embed rights-aligned, gender-responsive, climate-just principles into global economic governance, linking Sevilla to upcoming global summits.

- **Moderator:** Mahinour ElBadrawi, Global Partnerships Lead, Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR)
- **Panelist 1:** Emilia Reyes, Program Director, Equidad
- **Panelist 2:** *Shereen Talaat, Director, MENAFem*
- **Panelist 3:** Katie Tobin, Senior Manager, Programs, WEDO
- **Panelist 4:** Robert Powell, Special Representative to the UN, IMF

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WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER

11.00 - 12.30

IMF comprehensive surveillance review: looking back and forward

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IMF surveillance is a key input in the design of countries' macroeconomic policies. In an increasingly shock-prone world, civil society organisations have been working consistently to ensure surveillance is conducted supporting economic sustainability and incorporating latest evidence-based findings. The upcoming CSR must build up on this work and ensure that surveillance contributes towards more sustainable IMF policy advice.

- **Moderator:** Federico Sibaja, IMF Campaign Manager, Recourse
- **Panelist 1:** Nabil Abdo, Senior Policy Advisor Oxfam
- **Panelist 2:** Zain Moulvi, Research Director Alternative Law Collective
- **Panelist 3:** Tara Povey, Macroeconomics Project Lead, Bretton Woods Project
- **Panelist 4:** Rougui Dallo, Economic Research Officer, International Trade Union Confederation
- **Panelist 5:** Aleksandra Zdzienicka, Deputy Division Chief, SPR and Sarah Sanya, Deputy Division Chief, SPR (IMF)
- **Panelist 6:** Sarah Sanya, Deputy Division Chief, SPF (IMF)

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11.00 - 12.30

Extreme wealth – how much is too much? A new measure for better economies, democracies, and societies

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The World Bank's new goal to end high inequality requires better measurement of both income and wealth. Research suggests an "extreme wealth line," like the extreme poverty line that spurred global action, could be beneficial. Is such a line needed for the wealthy, and if so, where should it be drawn?

- **Moderator:** Chuck Collins, Senior Scholar, Institute for Policy Studies
- **Panelist 1:** Kate Donald, Head of Office, Oxfam International, Washington DC
- **Panelist 2:** Michael Krake, Executive Director, World Bank
- **Panelist 3:** Rebecca Gowland, Executive Director, Patriotic Millionaires International
- **Panelist 4:** Jayati Gosh, Professor of Economics and ICRICT Commissioner, The Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation (ICRICT)

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- **Moderator:** Daniel Willis, Finance Campaign Manager, Recourse
- **Panelist 1:** Karabo Mokgonyana, Senior Campaigns Associate, Power Shift Africa
- **Panelist 2:** Leandro Gomez, Investments and Rights Programme Coordinator, Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (FARN)
- **Panelist 3:** Vaishnavi Varadarajan, Program Coordinator, Asia Pacific, International Accountability Project
- **Panelist 4:** WBG Representative (TBC)

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16.00 - 17.30

How the IMF can support struggling countries better: Taking a look at the IMF's Review of Program Design and Conditionality

The IMF is reviewing its program design and conditionality at a critical moment. Multilateral institutions face rising challenges, and the Fund must adapt. This session brings the IMF and CSOs together to discuss reform priorities—centering inequality, avoiding austerity, and ensuring programs better support the global south.

- **Moderator:** Nabil Abdo, Senior Policy Advisor, Oxfam International
- **Panelist 1:** Julia Gerlo, Research officer FARN
- **Panelist 2:** Roos Saalbrink, ActionAid
- **Panelist 3:** Shereen Talaat, Director (MENAfem)
- **Panelist 4:** IMF Representative (TBC)

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FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER

11.00 - 12.30

How can DPFs promote equitable energy access and accomplish climate objectives?

Development Policy Finance (DPF) operations are key Bank tools for supporting climate mitigation and adaptation. This session will examine how they advance national climate goals, how their contributions are assessed and reported, and ways to improve them. Recent examples will highlight opportunities to strengthen climate integration and civil society participation in future operations.

- **Moderator:** TBC
- **Panelist 1:** Valerie Hickey, Global Director for Climate Change, WBG
- **Panelist 2:** Wilfried Kouame, Senior Economist for Gambia and Senegal, WBG
- **Panelist 3:** Jon Sward, Environment Project Manager, Bretton Woods Project
- **Panelist 4:** Nadishani Perera, Southern Asia Consultant, Partnership for Transparency Fund

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15.30 - 17.00

Scrutinizing the IMF role on debt issues

The IMF plays a decisive role in debt crises. Its advice, conditionalities, and debt sustainability analyses shape countries' prospects for recovery. Through policies like lending into arrears, it influences restructurings. Yet civil society critiques its creditor bias, disregarding human rights, gender justice, and climate justice in debt resolution.

- **Moderator:** Kjetil Abildsnes, Senior Policy Office, Eurodad
- **Panelist 1:** Marina Zucker-Marques, senior Academic Researcher Boston University
- **Panelist 2:** Shereen Talat Director, MENAFem
- **Panelist 3:** Mahinour ElBadrawi, Global Partnerships Lead CESR
- **Panelist 4:** Allison Holland, Assistant Director and Division Chief of the Debt Policy Division, IMF

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CLOSED EVENT: Rabat Roadmap Strategy Session

Busboys and Poets (14th
and V location), Langston
Room

A two-hour invite-only strategy session will engage civil society and thought leaders on the margins of the World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings 2025, to determine steps forward to advance the Rabat Roadmap in the context of advocacy for international financial architecture reform, debt, tax, and climate finance. Building on participants' reflections from FfD IV, COP30 prep, and the Annuals themselves (as well as a feminist FfD meeting scheduled for Tuesday the 14th), the discussion will focus on concrete steps forward that feminists and structural justice activists can take in the remainder of 2025 and beyond.

18.00 - 20.00

3rd Annual Feminist Gathering

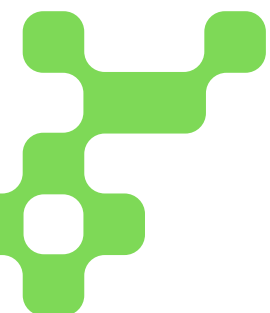
Resist & Revive: A Night of Feminist Beats, Art, and Radical Revelry Against the World Bank and IMF

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This third annual Feminist Gathering hosted by MENAFem and WEDO on the margins of the 2025 World Bank/IMF Annual meetings will offer space for creative expression and solidarity among feminists and allies. Together we will seek solidarity, healing, and inspiration, centering global South feminist stories of resistance and reflections on the impacts of colonial, neoliberal, patriarchal, extractive economic hegemony on their lives, work/activism, and contexts. An open mic portion of the event will follow a similar Nourishment and feminist joy and liberation will be offered through snacks, drinks, and dancing accompanied by DJ Basbousa.

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HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



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With:

Annalaura Sacco (IMF), Chiara Mariotti (UN OHCHR), Jordi Renart (UN World Food Program), Robert Powell (IMF), Santiago Rodriguez Goicoechea (UN Resident Coordinator's Office, Mozambique). Moderator: Emma Burgisser (Christian Aid).

Tuesday, October 14
9 AM

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MODERATOR

→ DANIEL WILLIS, Finance Campaign Manager, Recourse

SPEAKERS

- VAISHNAVI VARADARAJAN, Program Coordinator, Asia Pacific, International Accountability Project
- IFC Staff, TBC
- KARABO MOKGONYANA, Senior Campaigns Associate, Power Shift Africa
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Global Lead on Economic Justice and Public Services, ActionAid

SHEREEN TALAAT
Director and founder, Menafem

IMF STAFF
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Friday, October 17
3.30 PM

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Friday, 17 October from 6-8 PM
Busboys and Poets – Langston Room
2021 14th St NW, Washington DC

*Featuring open mic, DJ, drinks, snacks
& creative expression*

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