

# MENAFEM & PARTNERS AT THE IMF-WB ANNUAL MEETINGS 2025

CIVIL SOCIETY POLICY FORUM

WASHINGTON DC

13 -17 OCTOBER

**14 OCTOBER**

09.30 - 13.30

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

Heinrich Boell Foundation

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

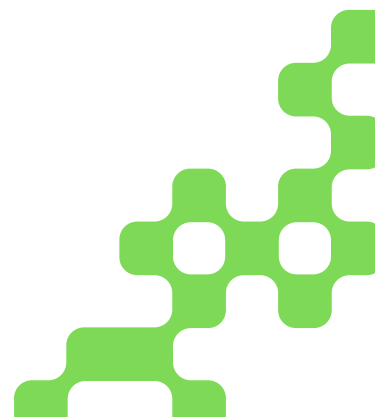
**From Seville to the CSPF: Reimagining IMF Governance for a  
multilateralism fit for purpose**

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

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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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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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## MDBs and the just transition: opportunities and principles for a just role in transition minerals

In the last three years, MDBs invested in 46 projects linked to transition minerals. This session analyzes the role of MDBs in transition minerals; the WBG's engagement with impacted communities; challenges and opportunities to foster constructive and inclusive dialogue around priorities and principles for a just role for MDBs in transition minerals.

- **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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## IMF comprehensive surveillance review: looking back and forward

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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## 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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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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## **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.

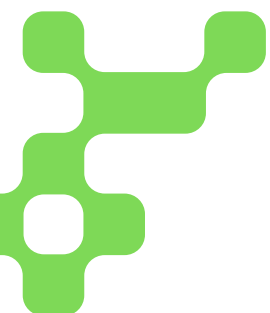
18.00 - 20.00

## **Feminist Gathering**

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and V location), Langston  
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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.

# HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



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Moderator:  
**NABIL ABDO**  
Senior Policy Advisor, Oxfam International

Speakers:  
**JULIA GERLO**  
Research Officer, Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (FARN)

**ROOS SAALBRINK**  
Global Lead on Economic Justice and Public Services, ActionAid

**SHEREEN TALAAT**  
Director and founder, Menafem

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