

February 2015 High-level Meetings
ITUC/Global Unions, IMF and World Bank
10-11-12 February 2015
IFC Auditorium, 2121 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC

Languages: English, French, Spanish, Arabic

Note on speaking times: *In order to permit ample time for discussion, speakers are requested to limit their presentations to 10 minutes and discussants to 5 minutes*

DRAFT Programme (16-01-15)

TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2015

8:45 *Coffee, light breakfast available*

9:00 - 10:45 **Preparatory meeting of trade union delegation** (union participants only)

Speakers: Sharan Burrow, Peter Bakvis (ITUC/Global Unions)

10:45 - 11:00 **Break**

11:00 - 12:30 **Mandate & work plan of World Bank Group's "Jobs Cross Cutting Solution Area"**

- Sub-theme: Strategies regarding informal economy employment

Speakers: Nigel Twose, David Robalino (World Bank)

Discussants: Maung Maung (CTUM-Myanmar); Paola Aliaga (CATP-Peru); Plamen Dimitrov (CITUB-Bulgaria); Mody Guiro (CNTS-Senegal)

12:30 - 13:45 **Lunch**

13:45 - 15:15 **World Bank Group's strategies for private investment in health and education**

Speakers: Claudia Costin, Tim Evans TBC (World Bank); Elena Sterling TBC (IFC)

Discussants: Fred van Leeuwen (Education International); TBC (Public Services International); Kofi Asamoah (TUC-Ghana)

15:15 - 16:15 **Update on World Bank's environmental and social safeguards review**

- Sub-theme: Contract workers and labour in supply chains

Speakers: Stefan Koeberle, Mark King (TBC), World Bank

Discussants: Maria Hanzevacki (NHS-Croatia); Peter Werikhe (NOTU-Uganda)

16:15 - 16:30 **Break**

16:30 - 17:30 **Update on changes to World Bank's Doing Business report**

Speaker: Kaushik Basu (TBC), World Bank

Discussant: Sulistri Afrileston (KSBSI-Indonesia); Peter Bakvis (ITUC/Global Unions)

18:00 - 19:00 **Reception offered by AFL-CIO (815 16th Street NW)**

WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2015

8:45 *Coffee, light breakfast available*

9:00 - 9:15 **Introduction with Min Zhu (IMF) and Sharan Burrow (ITUC)**

9:15 - 10:45 **Presentation on World Economic Outlook**

- Sub-theme: G20 economic growth modelling

Speaker: Olivier Blanchard (IMF)

Discussants: William Spriggs (AFL-CIO-United States), Rosa Pavanelli (PSI), John Evans (TUAC), Hilma Mote (ITUC-Africa)

10:45 - 11:00 **Break**

11:00 - 12:15 **Job creation and growth**

- Sub-theme: Youth unemployment

Speakers: Cathy Pattillo, Angana Banerji (IMF)

Discussants: Hassine Abassi (UGTT-Tunisia), Binda Pandey (GEFONT-Nepal), Fabio Arias Giraldo (CUT-Colombia)

12:15 - 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 - 14:45 **IMF's approach on labour market issues**

Speakers: Praksh Loungani, Helge Berger (IMF)

Discussants: Yannis Panayopoulos (GSEE-Greece), Carlos Silva (UGT-Portugal)

14:45 - 15:00 **Break**

15:00 - 16:30 **Implementation of social protection floors**

Speakers: Arup Banerji TBC (World Bank), Axel Bertuch-Samuels (IMF), Vinicius Pinheiro (ILO)

Discussants: Siham Ahmed (TUCT-Tanzania), João Felicio (CUT-Brazil; ITUC), Bogdan Hossu (Cartel Alfa-Romania)

16:30 - 18:00 **Joint IMF and World Bank Executive Directors' meeting with international trade union delegation**

18:00 - 19:00 ***Reception offered by the IMF and the World Bank***

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2015

8:45 *Coffee, light breakfast available*

9:00 - 10:30 **IMF and World Bank work on addressing income and wealth inequality**

Speakers: Ben Clements (IMF), Samuel Freije Rodriguez (World Bank)

Discussants: Omar Faruk Osman (FESTU-Somalia), Sovatha Neang (CLC-Cambodia), Hugo Yasky (CTA-Argentina)

10:30 - 12:00 **IMF and World Bank's work on climate change, mitigation and transition strategies**

- Sub-theme: Energy pricing and subsidies

Speaker: Rachel Kyte (World Bank), Ian Parry (IMF)

Discussants: Sharan Burrow (ITUC), Hassan Yussuff (CLC-Canada), Moursy Salah Issa (EDLC-Egypt)

12:00 - 12:30 **Summary and conclusions of meeting**

Speakers: Nigel Twose (World Bank), Gerry Rice (IMF), Sharan Burrow (ITUC)

12:30-14:00 ***Lunch***

14:00 – 15:00 **Meeting with Managing Director of the IMF**

Speaker: Madame Christine Lagarde

16:00 - 17:00 **Meeting with President of the World Bank Group**

Speaker: Dr. Jim Yong Kim