



*BWI AGM CSO Forum*

## **Can the IFIs support sustainable growth, reduce inequality and protect labor rights at the same time?**

Thursday October 12, 2017 – 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Room IMF HQ2 - 3B 838 B

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At the global level, it remains difficult to evaluate what effect the policies of the multilateral system have on the international dimension of inequality. This panel presents cutting-edge research on the global financial rule-making institutions and explores the nexus between labor policy and human rights, sustainable development and reducing inequality. The meeting will start with a 2017 Financial Impact Report, “Are the Multilateral Institutions Fighting Inequality?”, which looks at the impact made by the global financial rule-makers (United Nations, International Monetary Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, World Bank Group, Financial Stability Board and Group of 20). The analysis finds the roots of constructive policy research and trends in the work of both WBG and IMF as well as potential for positive synergy between human rights, labor rights, reducing inequality and promoting sustainable growth under the umbrella of the UN Sustainable Development Goal 10. The purpose of the presentations and discussions is to illuminate how the IFIs can achieve their own goals/mandates through labor policies that are consistent with human rights.

### **Chair:**

**Mr. Peter Bakvis** – Director, ITUC/Global Unions Washington Office

### **Speakers:**

**Ms. Sara Burke** – Senior Policy Analyst, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, New York Office  
*Introduction to the 2017 Financial Impact Report*

**Ms. Jo Marie Griesgraber** – Executive Director, New Rules for Global Finance  
*Presents findings from 2017 Financial Impact Report, focusing on the current state of IFI labor research, policy advice and on-the-ground implementation*

**Mr. Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky** – UN Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations  
*Presents his findings on IFI-sponsored labor market reforms in countries facing debt crises, and the impact on human rights*

**Mr. Karim Trabelsi** – Director of Policy, Tunisian General Workers Union (UGTT)  
*Presents perspectives on the experience of a country undergoing IFI-supported labor and social policy reforms*

**Mr. Jeffrey Franks** – Director, IMF Offices in Europe



*Provides the IMF's perspective on the institution's work as it affects inequality and labor rights*