



CGD Spring Meetings Events 2025

Updated April 21, 5:28 PM

Industrial Policies for the Developing World: What Can Developing Countries Do Themselves?

Tuesday, April 22 • 9:30–11:00 AM ET • At CGD and Online

How should LMICs design and target their own industrial policies to boost growth in a worsening global environment? What lessons from the East Asian growth miracles are still relevant today? Featuring **Nancy Birdsall**, CGD; **Otaviano Canuto**, Policy Center for the New South; **Laura Carvalho**, Open Society Foundations; **Arvind Subramanian**, Peterson Institute for International Economics and CGD; and **Tristan Reed**, World Bank. Moderated by **Nancy Lee**, CGD.

Empowering Asia and the Pacific's Economic Future: A Fireside Chat with Asian Development Bank President Kanda

Tuesday, April 22 • 11:30 AM–12:30PM ET • At CGD and Online

Masato Kanda assumed office as the Asian Development Bank's 11th President in February 2025. This fireside chat will feature him in conversation with CGD President **Rachel Glennerster**.

How Should Africa Navigate the New Development and Climate Finance Landscape?

Tuesday, April 22 • 1:30–3:00 PM ET • At CGD and Online

Join CGD and Africatalyst for a discussion on the new development landscape, how African leaders can react, and moving away from aid dependency. Featuring the Governor of the Central Bank of Zambia **Denny H. Kalyalya** in conversation with **Daouda Sembene**, Africatalyst and CGD; then **Abdoul Salam Bello**, UN-OHRLS; **Abdourahmane Cissé**, Lazard and former Government of Côte d'Ivoire; and **Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi**, ACET. Moderated by **Karen Mathiasen**, CGD.

Doing More with Less: Rethinking European Development Cooperation in a New Age

Wednesday, April 23 • 9:15–10:15 AM ET • At CGD and Online

This event will address win-win cooperation in a fragmented global landscape, and how European governments can maximize the impact of concessional resources. Featuring **Nick Dyer**, FCDO; **Antón Leis García**, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation; **Heidy Rombouts**, Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation; and **Mikaela Gavas**, CGD. Moderated by **Masood Ahmed**, CGD.

A Fireside Chat with Pakistan Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb

Wednesday, April 23 • 11:15 AM–12:00 PM ET • At CGD and Online

CGD is pleased to welcome **Muhammad Aurangzeb**, Finance Minister of Pakistan, for a fireside chat with CGD President Emeritus **Masood Ahmed** to share perspectives on opportunities and challenges in the current environment.

Continued on back →

How Do Multilateral Funds Survive the Donor Retreat?

Wednesday, April 23 • 2:00–3:00 PM ET • At CGD and Online

Join us to spark debate on the state of the concessional finance landscape, drawing on recent CGD research. Featuring **Federica Diamanti**, International Fund for Agricultural Development; **David Kinder**, Gavi; **Bella Tonkonogy**, Climate Policy Initiative; and **Valarie Dabady**, African Development Bank. Opening remarks by **Clemence Landers**, CGD. Moderated by **Janeen Madan Keller**, CGD.

US Foreign Assistance: Lessons Learned and Future Priorities

Thursday, April 24 • 9:00–10:30 AM ET • At CGD and Online

This timely conversation brings together experts with diverse perspectives to explore lessons learned from decades of global development initiatives and foreign assistance programs. Featuring **Cindy Huang**, CGD and former USAID; **Gyude Moore**, CGD and former Government of Liberia; **James Richardson**, The Pompeo Foundation and former US Department of State. Moderated by **Erin Collinson**, CGD. Opening remarks by **Rachel Glennerster**, CGD.

A New Era of International Partnerships: A Fireside Chat with European Commissioner Jozef Sikela

Thursday, April 24 • 11:15 AM–12:00 PM ET • At CGD and Online

Join us for a fireside conversation with the new European Commissioner for International Partnerships **Jozef Sikela** to discuss his vision and priorities for the EU's international presence, in conversation with **Mikaela Gavas**, CGD.

Climate Adaptation Finance: Targeting the Most Vulnerable

Thursday, April 24 • 3:00–4:30 PM ET • At CGD and Online

This event goes beyond the adaptation financing shortfall to explore better targeting for MDB adaptation finance, boosting investments in vulnerable countries, and more. Featuring **Agnes Dasewicz**, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet; **Carter Brandon**, World Resources Institute; **Hilen Meirovich**, IDB Invest; **Lindsey Jones**, World Bank. Moderated by **Nancy Lee**, CGD.

Increasing Financing for the Early Years: Returns for Children, Women, and Economies

Friday, April 25 • 2:00–4:30 PM ET • At CGD and Online

This high-level discussion, in partnership with Theirworld, will discuss new evidence on the benefits of early care and education and chart a new agenda for increased investment in these crucial years. Featuring Morocco's Finance Minister **Nadia Fettah** in conversation with **Sarah Brown**, Theirworld; then **Diana Rodriguez Franco**, IDB; **Luis Benveniste**, World Bank; and **Melinda Bohannon**, FCDO. Opening remarks by **Rachel Glennerster**, CGD.



Visit CGDev.org/spring-meetings to learn more and register.