



# CGD Annual Meetings Events 2025

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## Evaluating AI: What's New and Why the Development Sector Should Care

Tuesday, October 14 • 9:30-10:30 AM ET • At CGD and Online

This panel will explore AI-specific practices from the tech sector that offer fresh ways to assess the performance of development interventions, and why they matter for policymakers and practitioners. Featuring **Rebecca Sharp**, IDinsight; **Temina Madon**, Agency Fund; **Gabriel Demombynes**, World Bank; and **Mohammed Husain**, OpenAI. Moderated by **Markus Goldstein**; CGD. Opening remarks by **Han Sheng Chia**, CGD.

## Scaling Evidence-Based Policy Innovation

Wednesday, October 15 • 10:00-11:30 AM ET • At CGD and Online

Co-hosted by the University of Chicago Development Innovation Lab and CGD, this session brings together researchers and policymakers to examine lessons from research-policy collaborations that have improved millions of lives. Keynote speech by **Michael Kremer**, Nobel laureate and University of Chicago. Panel featuring **Jose Carlos Chavez Cuentas**, Ministry of Economy and Finance Lab, Peru; **Muhamad Chatib Basri**, Harvard Center for International Development, former Ministry of Finance of Indonesia, and former the Indonesian Investment Coordinating Board; **Rema Hanna**, Harvard University; and **Sasha Gallant**, Project Resource Optimization, former USAID. Moderated by **Amanda Glassman**, Inter-American Development Bank. Opening remarks by **Rachel Glennerster**, CGD.

## The International Financial Institutions in a Post-ODA World

Wednesday, October 15 • 12:45-1:30 PM ET • At CGD and Online

Join CGD for a high-level discussion with senior officials representing diverse IFI shareholding perspectives on the future of global finance in a post-ODA world. Featuring **Rania Al-Mashat**, Ministry of Planning, Economic Development and International Cooperation, Egypt; **Bertrand Dumont**, French Treasury; and **Axel van Trotsenburg**, World Bank. Moderated by **Masood Ahmed**, CGD.

## Country Platforms that Perform: Delivering on Development Effectiveness

Wednesday, October 15 • 3:00-4:00 PM ET • At CGD and Online

As interest in country platforms grows, can they meet high expectations to let countries “do more with less” or are they overhyped? Building on a forthcoming CGD paper, senior leaders from governments and partners will discuss how to execute effectively on country platforms. Featuring **Alexia Latortue**, CGD and former US Treasury; **Rania Al-Mashat**, Ministry of Planning, Economic Development and International Cooperation, Egypt; **Ani Dasgupta**, World Resources Institute; and **Ivan Oliveira**, Ministry of Finance, Brazil. Moderated by **Nancy Lee**, CGD.

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## Sustainable Solutions to the Global Health Financing Crisis

Thursday, October 16 • 9:30-10:45 AM ET • At CGD and Online

This event brings together leading experts and policymakers to explore feasible solutions to the current global health financing crisis. The discussion will center on how major global health and development institutions, and their funders, can allocate resources more strategically and effectively. Featuring **Hitoshi Hirata**, Japan International Cooperation Agency; **Mamta Murthi**, World Bank; **Sania Nishtar**, Gavi; and **John-Arne Røttingen**, Wellcome Trust. Moderated by **Rachel Glennerster**, CGD.

## Building a Climate Coalition: Carbon Pricing, Trade, and What's at Stake for LMICs

Thursday, October 16 • 1:00-2:00 PM ET • At CGD and Online

Drawing on the Global Climate Policy Project's flagship report, this event will explore how a coalition could cut global emissions at scale, support development, raise nearly \$200 billion in annual revenues, and create a more level playing field for industries. Featuring **Jennifer Winter**, University of Calgary and Environment and Climate Change Canada; **Athiphat Muthitacharoen**, Chulalongkorn University; and **Ian Mitchell**, CGD. Moderated by **Catherine Wolfram**, MIT Sloan School of Management. Opening remarks by **Rachel Glennerster**, CGD.

## Development Cooperation Amid Upheaval: Can We Build a More Equitable System?

Thursday, October 16 • 5:00-6:15 PM ET • At CGD and Online

This high-level dialogue will explore essential questions such as: what principles should guide ODA allocation decisions across countries and sectors? How do different stakeholders define a mutually beneficial partnership? How should ODA mix with other financing flows, such as private capital? And what role do multilateral development banks play in this landscape, especially as providers of long-term concessional resources at scale to foster long-term partnerships with the poorest countries? Featuring **Alexia Latortue**, CGD and former US Treasury; **Heidy Rombouts**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Belgium; **Seynabou Sakho**, World Bank; and **Samaila Zubairu**, Africa Finance Corporation. Moderated by **Clemence Landers**, CGD.

## The Big Returns to Early Investments in Foundational Literacy and Numeracy

Friday, October 17 • 10:30–11:30 AM ET • At CGD and Online

This event will bring together researchers and development partners to present new, compelling evidence of the high returns to early investments in foundational skills, together with a discussion of the implications for policy and for global partners. Featuring **Jishnu Das**, Georgetown University; **Lee Crawford**, CGD; **Jo Bourne**, Global Partnership for Education; and **Jennifer Swift-Morgan**, Prevail Fund. Moderated by **David Evans**, CGD.